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A LETTER FROM TIM HARMER

Resurrection!

Easter Day this year comes a little early on 4th April as the world-wide Christian church celebrates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter is the most important celebration for the Christian faith as it is the core event for the formation of our doctrine and therefore our teaching about God.

Jesus is God, one person of what we describe as the Trinity of divine persons, the community of love that is God. But he was sent to live with us as a fully human being, leaving his divinity behind. He showed us how to live as human beings reliant only upon God's love. He was condemned to death because he proclaimed who he was, despite the miracles and healings that he had initiated among the people. He was murdered unjustly under the cloak of judicial justification. But by the power of God's love he rose from the dead three days later. Through that victory over death he has made available to all of us a life with God on a new earth where there is no death, pain or suffering, a life in the full knowledge and presence of God's love. The alternative? Life without God for eternity.

So what happens when we die? This is what the author Helen Parry wrote in a circular published by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity recently: "Considerable confusion surrounds the Christian concept of eternal life. This goes right back to the culture prevalent at the time of the early church. It is commonly thought that Christians believe in the 'immortality of the soul'. This was, of course, a Greek concept, put forward for example by Plato in his Dialogue *Phaedo*, in which he contrasts the pre-existent immortal soul with the corruptible human body. It is probable that Hellenistic converts held this dualistic belief."

The Apostle Paul, however, does not accept this theory. "The perishable", he wrote (1 Corinthians 15:53), "must *clothe itself* with (or *put on*) the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality".

No, the Bible teaches not the immortality of the soul, but the resurrection of the body. As long as we think of an immaterial, spiritual 'heaven', we find it hard to conceive of what Tom Wright, in his masterly book *Surprised by Hope*, describes as "a new mode of physicality". But if, along with the apostle Paul, we conceive of Christ's return as inaugurating not only a new heaven but a new earth, this physicality makes perfectly good sense.

Wright points out that the contrasting adjectives in verse 44 are misleadingly translated as 'natural' or 'physical', and 'spiritual'. Rather, he says, the contrast is between the present body, which is "animated" by the normal human soul, and the future body, which is animated by "God's breath of new life".

This understanding astonishingly liberates us from two of our great dilemmas about the future life. First, shall we be able to recognise each other? And second, will all my present physical characteristics, many of which seem to me unattractive, be there for all to see throughout eternity? Jesus is described as "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (15:20). So as we look at his resurrection body we get a glimpse of what it may be

like for us: the individual essence of each of us “in beauty glorified”, recognisable yet transformed.

I found this explanation clear and helpful and I hope you do too.

Happy Easter

Tim Harmer

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptism at St. Mary’s, Crosthwaite on 14th March of
Maisie Elizabeth Thompson



Funeral & Burial at St Paul’s, Witherslack on 1st March of
James Wilkinson (92)

EMMAUS

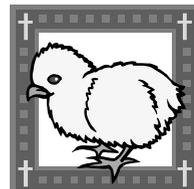
There will be a short four-week course, designed as a follow-up to Alpha, held at Sunnybank, Underbarrow, the home of Tim & June Harmer, starting at the end of April. You don’t have to have attended Alpha to be able to come. Anyone who is interested will be most welcome.

The course uses material from a national church course entitled ‘**Emmaus – The Way of Faith**’. The course will run on **Mondays at 7.30pm** starting on **26th April** but missing the following Monday as it is a bank holiday. The details are as follows:

Monday 26th April	Learning to Pray
Monday 10th May	Reading the Bible
Monday 17th May	Belonging to the Church
Monday 24th May	Sharing Holy Communion

Holy Days in April

- 10 William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761 - Lesser Festival
- 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012 - Lesser Festival
- 21 Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109 - Lesser Festival
- 23 **George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304 - Festival**
- 25 **Mark the Evangelist - Festival**
- 29 Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380 - Lesser Festival



Easter Holiday Club

Fancy a morning of craft, fun and chocolate?

Why not come to our Easter Holiday Club on **Tuesday 6th April** (the day after Easter Monday)? It is for children and young people aged 3—12 years and is from 10am to 12noon at St. Mary's Church, Crosthwaite.

We will be making a variety of Easter-themed crafts including Easter puppets, Easter bags, cute chick cushions, funny masks, Easter bookmarks, the usual chocolate-related activities and much, much more! There will be a break for drinks and hot cross buns halfway through and a special all-together time featuring "The Animals' Easter" Puppet Show at 11.40am for which your parents are also welcome to join us.

Pre-school children need to bring a parent or guardian to help them. School-age children (or those starting in Reception in September 2010) do not need to be accompanied by an adult.

The cost of this exciting morning is £1.50 per child (payable on the day). Please wear clothes suitable for painting, working with chocolate and generally making a mess in!

We need to know if you are coming as places are limited and we will have preparations to make. Please collect a consent form from any of the churches in the two valleys team or contact Michelle Woodcock at The Vicarage, Crosthwaite, to book a place, before Wednesday 31st March if possible. Once you have returned your consent form or have spoken to Michelle your place at Holiday Club will be reserved and all you have to do is turn up on the day!

It's going to be great fun and you might even find a few Easter eggs along the way! Hope to see you there.....

Michelle Woodcock 015395 68276

PATHFINDERS

We are helping at The Easter Holiday Club on 6th April and all Pathfinders are invited back for lunch at The Vicarage afterwards. Pathfinders continues as normal in May with our monthly evening meeting and hot dinner. More details of dates next time.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (AGMs) are soon to take place. These provide a useful forum for reviewing the past twelve months' activities in our parishes and looking ahead to the coming year.

All parishioners are welcome to attend, and those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to participate in discussion and in the elections of Officers, PCC members and sidesmen. (If you would like to add your name to the Electoral Roll, please see your individual Electoral Roll Officer).

Do spare an hour and come along; this is an excellent opportunity for you to feel part of what is going on in the life of your church and to think about the way ahead.

Note that this year we are holding all our Annual Meetings on a Sunday... we will begin with a very short (20 minute) Act of Worship and then the APCM will immediately follow with a cup of tea/coffee to enjoy at the same time. Here are the dates of the respective meetings:

- Cartmel Fell: Sunday 25th April 9.30am in the Church
- Helsington: Sunday 25th April 9.30am in the Church
- Witherslack: Sunday 25th April 6.30pm in the Church
- Winster: 2nd May 11.00am in the Church.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Holy Communion (CW) at St. Paul's, Witherslack
7.30pm Holy Communion (CW) at All Saints, Underbarrow

Good Friday 10.00am Litany and Ante-Communion at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell
2.00pm Good Friday Meditation at St. John's, Helsington
2.00pm Good Friday Meditation at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite

Holy Saturday 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite (see next page)

Easter Day 9.30am Easter Communion (BCP) at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell
9.30am Easter Communion (CW) in St. Paul's, Witherslack
9.30am Easter Communion at St. John's, Helsington
9.30am Easter Communion at All Saints, Underbarrow
11.00am Easter Communion (CW) at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite
11.00am Easter Communion (BCP) at Holy Trinity, Winster

Easter Tuesday 6th April: Children's 'Easter Holiday Club' & Puppet Theatre
10.00am-12.00pm in Crosthwaite church.

EASTER VIGIL – HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT

Do consider coming along to our Easter Vigil to be held at 8.00pm on Holy Saturday 3rd April (the day before Easter) in St. Mary's, Crosthwaite. This is a wonderfully atmospheric service as we sit in the darkness, lit only by candlelight, and listen to some of the most well-known stories from the Old Testament. This year the theme is to be 'Women in Salvation'. Gradually the sense of Easter and resurrection approaching grows stronger and the service climaxes with the lighting of the Easter Fire, outside the church, from which the Easter Candle is lit and processed back into the church. This all sets us up for the Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Day.

This special service is hosted by Crosthwaite but designed for residents of all our villages to attend. Why not come along and make Easter that bit more special this year?

DAMSON DAY SERVICE

11.00am Sunday 18th April in the marquee at Low Farm

On Sunday 18th April (the day after Damson Day) we will be holding a special 'Damson Day Songs of Praise' Service at 11.00am on the site of Damson Day itself, in one of the marquees. This will include topical hymns and readings and have a real 'damson flavour'. Our Two Valleys Puppet Theatre Project will also be presenting 'The Animals' Easter' Puppet show for the first time in public—not to be missed! Do come along if you can. Car parking will be clearly indicated.

WESTMORLAND DAMSON ASSOCIATION

We have been advised by the Manufacturer of our Lyth Valley Damson Jam that due to reducing their output they are no longer in a position to continue making our Jam. Up to now the Jam has been made outside the county and it is felt that it would be more appropriate if we could have the Jam made in the Lyth or Winstar Valleys.

If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested, or is interested themselves, in considering making Jam for us would they contact the Association.

We are also considering other products for which we can use our damsons; for instance Bottled Damsons or Bottled and Frozen Stoned & Pulped Damsons.

We would appreciate our members' thoughts on this. Contact John Holmes 015395 68599; email cjh@coyote-software.com.

WESTMORLAND DAMSON ASSOCIATION
DAMSON DAY

Saturday April 17th Low Farm, Lyth Valley

10.30am to 4.30pm

Admission: Adults £5.00, Children (under 16) £2.00

Family Ticket (2 adults 2 children under 16) £12.00

Babies/children in pushchairs –Free

Car Parking Free

***NOTICES FOR
INDIVIDUAL PARISHES***

CARTMEL FELL

VISIT OF BISHOP JAMES

We are delighted that Bishop James has agreed to be with us for our Thanksgiving Service for the roof appeal. This will take place on **Sunday 18th April** at 3pm, followed by refreshments.

It is hoped that the many people who have been involved with the roof appeal and the work will join us. We are so indebted to them all for their help and support and this will be an opportunity to say thankyou. Please come and join us in this celebration.

FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be two bluebell walks (one short, one longer) on **Saturday 8th May** at 2pm. Refreshments will be available and there will be a short service in church at 5pm.

**ST ANTHONY'S ROTAS
COFFEE**

11th Anne Ratcliffe

25th Vanda Lambton

FLOWERS

Easter—Everyone

Marion Clark; Jane Eccles

CROSTHWAITE

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GARDEN RAMBLE

Sunday and Monday, 30/31 May 2010

We're now into March and by the time you read this there will be only two months until the garden ramble. After a grim winter, we're starting to see some decent weather, albeit with frosty nights and mornings, but at least there are now blue skies and sunshine.

Hopefully, by now, gardeners will have remembered where to find their gardens. Spring is a time of optimism for all gardeners, and our estates WILL be perfect by the end of May! It's time to clear away the ravages of last year's successes and failures and prepare for this year's magnificent displays of horticultural excellence.

We still need more help to run the event:

we need stewards in gardens, car parking assistants and masses of help in distributing the loaves and fishes to the five thousand. The more folk we have to help the easier it will be. If you can join us give me, John Handley, a call on 015395 68297 or e-mail john@handleyfamily.co.uk.

All proceeds from the Garden Ramble will go to the following charities:

First Responders

Great North Air Ambulance

North West Air Ambulance.

CROSTHWAITE FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 7th August 2010

Schedules are now available at Crosthwaite Exchange and from Bowland Bridge Post Office. Vonnie Sharpe will be holding some flower-arranging classes again, prior to the show, which will be open to anybody. More details later.

THE EXCHANGE— DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Crosthwaite Exchange has been busy organising its future events and would like you to put the following dates in your diary:

Spring bedding plants, bulbs and shrubs – 21st April

Great Poetry Reading Day – 28th April

Summer bedding plants and hanging baskets – 19th May

Strawberry Tea – July 14th

We look forward to welcoming you to one or all of these great events!

CROSTHWAITE AND LYTH WI

Come and join us at our **OPEN MEETING** on **Wednesday 21st April** at 8pm.

Speaker Susannah Bleakley will tell us about her work with the Morecambe Bay Partnership, which aims to improve the environment around Morecambe Bay.

Admission £2, including light refreshments

All welcome – even men!

EASTER LILIES

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

Vonnie (52005) or Eileen (68565).

Volunteers are required to assist Vonnie and Eileen to decorate the Church on Saturday 3rd April at 1.30pm. Please contact either.

ST MARY'S ROTAS

COFFEE

11th Geraldine Wilson & Caroline Holmes

18th Damson Service at Low Farm:

Vonnie Sharp & Caroline Holmes

25th Lorraine Brierley & Gillian Smith

FLOWERS

4th Easter Day; Vonnie Sharp, Eileen Alston & Volunteers

11th From Easter Sunday

18th Damson Service, no flowers

25th from wedding on 24th

CROSTHWAITE HELPLINE

Please contact:

Geraldine & Arthur Wilson on 68836

HELINGTON

REMEMBERING RAYMOND CLARKE

It is a great sadness to record the death of Raymond Clarke on March 4th 2010. He and Ruth lived at Thurston, Brigsteer, until the Autumn of 2009, when they moved to Kendal. They were active members of the URC church in Windermere, but still found time to support, in many ways, St. John's Helington and village events. Others will write of Raymond's distinctive contribution to our national life. We remember him as a beloved musician, playing the organ at Helington, when he was free to do so, and supporting Ruth in the memorable services they gave us on Good Fridays. He was

courtly and kind, always interested and interesting – a true gentleman. We offer Ruth and the family our deepest sympathy.

SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on April 10th at Lyth View, Brigsteer, 10.30-12noon. Please phone Mike and Jackie Fleetwood for details.

HELSEINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Helsington Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 starting at 7.30pm in Underbarrow Village Hall. Parish Council meetings are open and the public and press are cordially invited.

UNDERBARROW

UNDERBARROW & BRADLEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Underbarrow Institute on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm. At this meeting, Smithymire will be let. All are welcome to attend and there is an opportunity for public participation. Details will appear on the Parish Noticeboard or contact the Chairman, Andrew Simpson (015395 68746) or the Clerk, Kevin Price (01539 821596).

UNDERBARROW HELPLINE

Please contact:

Frank Hodson on 01539 728280

Mabel Evans on 015395 68481

Tom Handley on 01539 724013

UNDERBARROW MARROW DAY CANCER CHARITIES

Friday 9th April at 7.30 pm in Underbarrow Institute

Auction of Promises (Auctioneer Colin Tomlinson)

Tickets £5 to include glass of bubbly & canapés
Licensed Bar

Promises include:

A day's pheasant shooting

Hanging basket

Logs & many more

A portrait of your house

Golf Lesson

Also cheque presentations on the night to Marie Curie & Macmillan Nurses
Tickets available from any committee member or telephone Irene Matthews on 015395 68495.

UNDERBARROW WI

COFFEE MORNING, PLANT SALE and CAKE STALL

Wednesday 21st April 10am to 12noon

at Chapel Spring Cottage (near Underbarrow Church).

Admission £1 to include coffee and home-made biscuits.

ALL WELCOME

WINSTER

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

Please Note that there will NOT be an 11.00am service at Winster on Sunday 18th April as instead we are all invited to the special 'Damson Day Songs of Praise Service' at 11.00am at Low Farm in the Lyth Valley (the site of Damson Day). See the note on Page 7 for more details.

BOOK & PLANTS SALE DAY

Easter Saturday, 3rd April and
Sat 24th April, 10.30am–4.30pm in the Old School House

Easter Saturday is our traditional start of the monthly Book and Plant days in the Old School House next to the Church. Coffee and cakes plus other refreshments will be available all day in addition to books, plants and other items for sale. Last year was a huge success, helped by the delightful weather we experienced each Saturday during a year of what seemed to be unremitting rain. We cannot guarantee the weather will be so kind to us again this year but you are assured of a warm welcome in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Cakes, plants and books are always welcome in addition to help on the day.

Please remember also that the usual pattern of the last Saturday day in the month means that we shall be open again on Saturday 24th April and each success month until the end of November.

Look forward to seeing you on 3rd and/or 24th April. For further information contact Margaret or Yvonne tel. 015934 42325 / 42945.

P.S. Any knives, forks or teaspoons which are surplus to your needs would also be very welcome.

OPEN GARDEN FOR WINSTER CHURCH

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs K Scowcroft, their gardens at Rosthwaite Farm will be open on **Sat 17th July 2010** to support Holy Trinity Church, Winster and St Martin's, Bowness. Please make a note in your diary; further details will be published nearer the time. For further information contact Yvonne Bradbury 015394 42945.

CEILIDH

Come and enjoy a lively evening at a ceilidh on **Friday 23rd April** in Winster Village Hall at 7.30pm. Live music by Cornerstone, back by popular demand. Light refreshments, raffle. BYO drink (plastic glasses only please). Tickets £7 (015394 42325). Space is limited so book early!

HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS

4th Easter—everyone welcome
11th Lily Holme
18th & 25th Yvonne Bradbury

WITHERSLACK

www.witherslack.org

SUNDAY CLUB does not meet this month as it is Easter Day. But do come along to our Easter Holiday Club on Tuesday 6th April at St. Mary's Crosthwaite a few days later for lots of fun, craft, and to see "The Animals' Easter" - our NEW Puppet Theatre Production. (See page 5 for details). Sunday Club resumes on the first Sunday in May.

BOON DAYS for St. PAUL'S

Yes – it's that time again! There will be two boon days for our Church's 'Spring Clean': **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th April**, 9.30am until 5.00 pm.

There will be a list in the porch of suggested tasks for you to choose and sign up for.

Please indicate on the list when your task is completed. If you sign up for a particular task, this can be done on other days if you wish. Coffee and tea making facilities will be available on the Friday and Saturday. Please come, even for a short time, with cleaning materials to help keep our Church beautiful.

BARWICK HALL

The Trustees of the Barwick Educational Foundation are most grateful to the Neighbourhood Forum for awarding £600 for the kitchen, for both building work and a warm water supply, and to the Parish Council for £200 for the installation of electricity in the new toilet block.

WITHERSLACK SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Don't be shy, come along and have a go! A warm welcome is extended to all, bowl-

ers 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.

TEA & CHAT

The next Tea & Chat will be on **Tuesday 6th April** in the Barwick Hall, 2-3.30pm. Easter eggs and cake. Just for fun wear an Easter Bonnet!

ST PAUL'S ROTAS SIDESMEN & READERS

4th Anne Duffin; Hilda Jarvis
11th Danny Jackson; Clarence Bratherton
18th Richard Coates & Steve Hodgson;
Trevor Farrer
25th Val Pattison (both roles)

FLOWERS

Mrs D Ainsworth & Mrs S Bradley

Mariposa

*I was strong once. Proud.
Now my knees buckle.
My neck is pierced with blades.
I hear their muffled cries
Baying for my end.*

*Can you see them, Mariposa,
Sitting light as stardust
Upon his fluttering cape?*

‘Hope’

(‘Mariposa’ is Spanish for butterfly and also a term used in bull-fighting.)

SPRING NEWS FROM CROSTHWAITE SCHOOL

There is always a sense of optimism at the end of the spring term as the evenings are lighter and the weather is often better. This term is no exception. We have had some lovely dry and sunny weather in recent weeks, which has meant the children have had plenty of opportunity to enjoy the fabulous new playground erected by Sovereign. We are indebted to local company Terra Firma for making the ground safe for the installation. The children will be raising money during next term by holding a summer fair to raise money towards the cost of Terra Firma's work, with a contribution also from Frocs (Friends of Crosthwaite School).

The spring weather has meant greater use of the outdoor classroom by the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage class. This week they have been hunting for evidence of dinosaurs. Mrs Porter has also begun her gardening club with an enthusiastic band of

keen gardeners armed with spades, seeds and Wellington boots. We have also been blessed with a large amount of gardening equipment from Morrison's in response to the huge collection of tokens that the school and the local community collected. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and we would now like to ask you all to help with our collection of Tesco tokens and Flora vouchers which has now begun.

There is something of a magical air in school at present, with the whole school exploring the theme of imaginary worlds. World Book Day was spent in costume as our favourite book characters in the Key Stage 1 class, with some inventive work carried out exploring and presenting information about them, while the juniors took fantasy as their theme and made stories to tell others which included a variety of fantasy characters and animals. Dragons are now flying through the classroom as we embark on writing a mythical adventure story.

The term ends with a celebration of Easter to be held in St Mary's church. Mrs Woodcock is hard at work preparing a collection of Easter songs, and the children are working on preparing scenes of the Easter story. Egg rolling takes place on the last day of term, and prizes will be awarded for the best decorated egg. This will be judged by our new cook, Angela, and our new secretary, Mrs Ayres. They joined us this term after we sadly said farewell to Lynne, our cook of three years, and Mrs Stott, our much loved secretary of 19 years. We wish both of them all the best for the future.

A FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is my last edition as Editor, and I would like to thank everyone for supporting the magazine, and for not getting too cross on the few occasions I've missed something out by mistake! As usual, the April edition is crammed full of events, so one or two more general notices have had to wait until May. I would like to wish the new Editorial Team (more about this next month) and the magazine every success for the future.



BRIGSTEER

At the next meeting, on April 8th at 7.30pm in Levens Village Hall, Andrew Lowe will talk on 'Power from the Fells – Water-powered Industry in the Lake District'. This should be of great interest to many, and we welcome any guests.

CARTMEL FELL

At the March meeting members were treated to a humorous 'virtual' day trip to Morecambe with the Rev Carol Marsden. Carol gave an entertaining potted history of Crested China using just a small part of her extensive collection, transporting us back to the era of day trips and the role of china souvenirs from the past. Stirred by an excellent delivery and family stories, members' memories gave way to peels of laughter. A truly fun evening! The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th April at 7.30pm in Cartmel Fell Parish Hall: 'Sizergh Castle – History and Conservation' by Dick White. For further information contact Anne Ratcliffe, 015395 52107.

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH

A brave but wounded Penni Blair welcomed lots of members to the February meeting. Mary Harkness was thanked for organising an excellent Christmas lunch and, with Denise Park, for spending many hours helping the National Parks to re-write their housing policy which the Secretary of State will soon have the opportunity to consider. They were both warmly applauded for their efforts. Tony Marshall from The Howe then gave us a delightful audio-visual journey through the Outer Hebrides in June. While the rain fell in England they had three weeks of unbroken sunshine, fabulous beaches, swathes of wild flowers, a huge variety of birds, amazing scenery and no midges. He was thanked by Jean Cheesman.

UNDERBARROW

Diane Janes, our February guest speaker, was one with a difference both in personality and subject chosen. 'Florrie's story' launched us into tracing, along with Diane, an ancestral path slowly revealing members of Florrie's family. Florrie became Diane's mother in law in 1974 and soon after Diane realised that Florrie knew nothing at all about her own background. Being interested in research Diane began drawing what information she could from this lady with a most infectious laugh. The First World War gave her a starting point as her husband's father was at the Somme on the first day of the battle, and his name, David Maxfield, is on the famous memorial along with 63,000 others who fell. Tracking back through Parish records which began in 1537 she discovered a Thomas Maxfield who was a bishop, martyred in the 1600s. She then found out about the burning of Maxfield Village Store. Her enthusiasm drew further information from Florrie who

unexpectedly had found herself, through a marriage, reunited with a sister she hadn't seen for 67 years. Like a ball of string a family history unravelled, and we all enjoyed a charming presentation. The competition featured old necklaces, and the winner was one brought by Diana O'Brien.

WITHERSLACK

The March meeting was well attended and we entered in style through the new front door (at the back!). It was chaired by Ann Walshaw who welcomed a new member. The dinner at Woodlands Hotel had been much enjoyed by 18 members. Possible venues for the Lyth Valley Group outing were discussed, and also our own summer trip. The Spring Group Meeting is to be at Underbarrow on April 27th.

Witherslack is hosting the Federation Walks on May 8th and helpers were recruited for catering. The walk leaders are already in training.

There is to be a Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall on April 10th. Goods for sale are to be at the hall on the Friday evening before.

The speaker was John Sainsbury, who is shortly heading to the Congo with a group of local people to help the charity 'Heal Africa'. One of the group, who is a nurse, also spoke. It was interesting to hear in more detail what they hope to achieve on their short visit. They will be based at a hospital where the main work is repairing severely damaged women who have been raped. These patients often require several operations and can spend a long time in hospital. They may have families to be supported too. The funds needed have been raised and the team, though somewhat nervous, are keen to get going.

Next meeting: April 13th 'Kendal Castle Dabblers'. 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

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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

Chi Kung (beginners)

Wednesdays 4-5pm

Tai Chi

Thursdays 4-5pm

CROSTHWAITE MEMORIAL HALL

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

Art Club

Mondays 1.45pm now on its summer break

Rainbows

Mondays 4.30pm-5.30pm from 12th

Playgroup

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30-11.30am from 13th

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)

WI

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

(1.30pm in Nov, Dec, Jan & Feb)

WINSTER

Book & Plant days

Easter Saturday 4th April; thereafter 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