



BINSEY LINK

The magazine that reaches out to everyone in our communities

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Serving and informing the Mission Community of:
Allhallows, Bassenthwaite, Boltons, Embleton, Ireby, Isel, Plumbland, Setmurthy,
Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

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SMALL STEPS

After a six-month absence it is great to be able to produce this edition of the Binsey Link and welcome the return of some of the activity of life.

We have recently finished a fortnight's holiday, which we enjoyed from home, enabling us to walk more of the fells that we love and know so well. It may not be everyone's idea of enjoyment to spend your holiday walking up and down fells, but we find it both relaxing and inspiring, despite the physical effort involved.

One of the most memorable fell walks this year was walking up Kirk Fell and then up onto Great Gable from Wasdale. Alfred Wainwright describes walking straight up Kirk Fell from Wasdale Head as the straightest and most direct ascent in the Lake District. He also describes it as the steepest – *'a relentless and unremitting treadmill, a turf-clutching crawl, not a walk.'*

It is certainly a challenging ascent because of its steepness and there are only three places where the ground is sufficiently less steep for you to comfortably stop for a rest. However, because you are required to walk at a very steady pace it does mean you can appreciate the view more and enjoy the majestic scenery of Wasdale, Wastwater and the Scafells. In that way, we enjoyed it and would not agree with Wainwright's opinion as we would be happy to do the same walk again.

The walk up the very steep front face of Kirk Fell requires small steps to be made rather than large ones, and perhaps that is a helpful thought for us now as we begin carefully the process of moving back into some normality of life. We can only take small and careful steps making sure we follow all the instructions and restrictions, so that we do everything possible to keep ourselves and others safe. In the same way, anyone who ventures out on the fells should be properly equipped and prepared, aware of the dangers and risks, and able to use a map and compass.

The summit of Kirk Fell is only a mile and a quarter from Wasdale Head, but it took us nearly 2 hours to make the ascent of 2,330 feet, which is not fast going and certainly very slow if you were walking on the flat. However, whether we feel that we have the proverbial mountain to climb or something much flatter, none of us can move too quickly now. Instead, we must show patience and care in all that we do, and like, on our walk-up Kirk Fell, there will be moments when everything comes to a stop for a little while. Yet it is encouraging that we are now moving forward and trust that one day life will become more straightforward again.

We give thanks for the small steps we are now making and more importantly for the many ways in which our village communities continue to show their love, care and support for one another.

With my prayers and best wishes,
Stephen

Revd. Stephen Banks



Foreground: Kirk Fell. Background: Great Gable

Monthly Letter



Revd. Peter Gilroy

There is a bridge in Honduras that has the distinction of going no-where (picture below). In the ongoing pandemic, we may feel a bit like this, surrounded by uncertainty and not sure what is next!

The Choluteca Bridge, also known as the Bridge of Rising Sun, was hit by hurricane Mitch in 1998, which diverted the river, leaving the bridge intact but stranded, the very year it was to be opened.



The lockdown has brought many things our way, affecting us all differently across every community. From those who are ill or caring for others, our heroic NHS but especially those we have lost. We even may be amongst those who are really struggling, whether it is pressure on finances and relationships, or the isolation and uncertainty. Of course, there are good things and good people going the extra mile and inventing new ways to care, work, and adapt to the 'new normal.'

The Choluteca Bridge was strong, well anchored, and still standing. But it was suddenly in the wrong place. Of course, a good bridge needs to have such qualities and be in the right place to do its job. Building our lives on solid ground, on secure foundations, is critical in our lives.

Jesus' parable of the 'house built on rock' springs to my mind. Here is what he said: *"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."* Matt 7:24-25. [NIV].

Recent psychological research shows that the things we think will make us happy do not. Our intuitions are wrong; money, possessions, perfect circumstances, appearance, will not do it in the long run.

Researchers have looked at what happy people do: they invest in good relationships, they are grateful, helpful, keep a positive outlook, savour life, are spiritual, aim at life goals, and keep physically active. (cf. Dr's Seligman, Lyubomirski, Gilbert, et al).

These are things we can all build on despite storms and pandemics. Connection with others (online or phone, spatially distant to 2m!), thankfulness, kindness, prayer/spirituality, exercise, purpose, making the best of things, such efforts are not beyond each one of us.

Are we building on a bridge to nowhere or to somewhere?

Covid-19 has taken us by surprise, just as the storm moved the river. Perhaps now is a good time to look at where our lives have been taking us to and take the opportunity to consider what we might change for the better.

The Choluteca bridge has since been reconnected to the highway. May we all find the strength to do the same with our lives and families.

Every blessing,
Revd. Peter

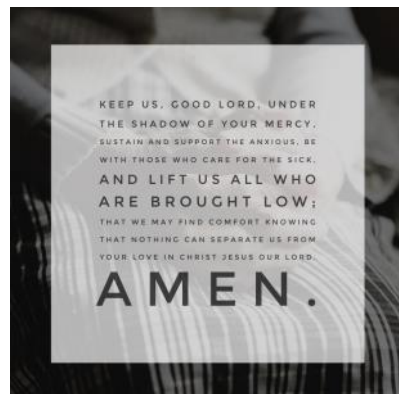
Services

In the Binsey Team, we are very pleased that we can start holding Sunday Services in church again, but we are not able to work to a regular pattern at present.

All the current rules and restrictions that govern services held in church are followed, which means everyone has to wear a face mask and maintain a social distance of 2 metres from each other, unless they are from the same household. Currently, we are not allowed to sing in church, but at some services the organist will play during the service.

When a service is scheduled to be held, the church must be locked for 3 days before the service takes place and for 3 days after the service, to remove any risk. This means that our churches will be locked at times, although more of them are now open to receive visitors and for private prayer.

Sunday services will be advertised via church noticeboards or you can contact the Team Rector, Revd Stephen Banks, or one of the churchwardens (contact details can be found at the back of the Binsey Link).



Prayer Breakfast

The Prayer Breakfast is not possible at present and sadly, the future of this event is not certain.

BLESSING
Weddings
LIGHT
PRAYER FA

Choose any one of our Churches for YOUR special day!

Congratulations if you have just got engaged and are thinking about getting married in one of the Binsey Mission Community churches.

If you currently live anywhere within the Binsey Mission Community area, then you can get married in our churches. If you live elsewhere, but have a family connection to a church, or want to come and worship regularly in our churches, then we'd love to help you.

Due to current guidelines, weddings are slightly different to what we are used to but are now able to happen. The numbers attending weddings are currently restricted to a maximum of up to 30 people, this number includes everyone present. Many of our church buildings are not

big, meaning 30 cannot be guaranteed alongside the current social distancing guidelines.

If you would like to enquire about what is currently possible or book a wedding, please contact our Team Rector, Revd. Stephen Banks on 016973 71541 for a friendly chat. He will be able to talk you through what is possible and what are the current differences.

We would love to welcome you into our church and help you make your life-long commitment to each other before God.

Please note that we are not currently taking any new bookings for St. Bega, Bassenthwaite due to its size, location, and to ensure the safety of all volunteers under the current climate.

St James, Uldale is also not currently available because of major restoration work.

Keep in touch with us on **facebook**

See what's happening in your area and the wider Christian community. Visit **facebook.com/binseyministry** or search for **Binsey Ministry**.

From the Registers and Baptism

BAPTISMS

Aurora Jean Mostyn was baptised at St Michael and All Angels, Torpenhow, on 23rd February 2020.

Edward David Gill was baptised at St John, Bassenthwaite, on 8th March 2020.

Seth Gorman was baptised at St Margaret, Wythop, on 15th March 2020.

Arya Marie Burns was baptised at All Saints, Boltongate, on 15th March 2020

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Sally Graham and Duncan Cuthell took place at St Michael and All Angels, Torpenhow, on 7th March 2020.

The wedding of Sarah Ainsworth and Aaron MacDonald took place at St Michael and All Angels, Torpenhow, on 18th July 2020.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Margaret Redmond, from Uldale, took place at All Saints, Boltongate, on 17th February 2020.

The funeral of Ernest Thompson, formerly of Plumbland, took place at St Cuthbert, Plumbland, on 21st February 2020.

The funeral of Willa Johnston, from Uldale, took place at St James, Ireby, on 24th February 2020.

The burial of Margaret Jane (known as Jane) Miller, from High Aketon, took place at St Cuthbert, Plumbland, 24th February 2020.

The funeral of Keith Fisher, from Setmurthy, took place at St Barnabas, Setmurthy, on 28th February 2020.

The funeral of John George Richardson, from Bewaldeth, took place at St Michael and All Angels, Torpenhow, on 3rd March 2020.

The funeral of Florence Clark, from Blindcrake, took place at St Michael and All Angels, Isel, on 23rd March 2020.

The funeral of Thomas Michael (known as Mike) Scott, from Bassenthwaite, took place at St John, Bassenthwaite on 9th April 2020.

The funeral of Joseph Graham, from Wythop, took place at St Margaret, Wythop on 15th April 2020.

The funeral of Linda Wilkinson, formerly of Redmain, took place at Carlisle Crematorium on 30th April 2020.

The funeral of Martyn John Mawson, from Bassenthwaite, took place at St John, Bassenthwaite on 15th May 2020.

The funeral of Joan Smithson, from Ireby, took place at All Saints, Boltongate, on 5th June 2020.

The funeral of Patricia Mary Hill, formally of Cockermouth, took place at St Margaret, Wythop on 25th June 2020.

The funeral of Mary Harris, from Plumbland, took place at St Cuthbert, Plumbland, 23rd July 2020.

The funeral of Joyce Pearson, from Parsonby, took place at St Cuthbert, Plumbland, 4th August 2020.

The funeral of Margaret Elizabeth Fisher, from Fletchertown, took place at All Saints, Allhallows, 7th August 2020.

The funeral of Gretna Agnes Edwards, from Mealsgate, took place at All Saints, Allhallows, 11th August 2020.

The funeral of Caroline Poyntz-Wright, formally of High Bewaldeth, took place at St Barnabas, Setmurthy, on 17th August 2020.

Baptism in the Binsey Team Mission Community

We are really pleased when parents approach us about Baptism (also known as Christening) for their child.

It's a very important step, both for parents and the child. Infant Baptism involves parents and godparents making a public commitment about their own Christian faith and the church. They are making a commitment to pray for their child, so that as they grow, with their help, and ours, they may be able to live out in practice the Christian life.

To enable parents to do this we ask that you come and join us in worship at any of our team churches at some point in the two months BEFORE the date of the baptism. After an enquiry is made, a home visit will be arranged to discuss things informally, to see what level of preparation might be appropriate and answer any questions.

Baptisms are subject to the same restrictions as any church service; masks must be worn and no more than 30 people may be present at any one service. Please note that not all of our buildings can accommodate 30 people under the current social distancing guidelines.

For an informal chat about infant baptism, please contact the Team Rector, Revd.

Stephen Banks on 016973 71541 or the Team Vicar, Revd. Peter Gilroy on 016973 71430.

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Around The Parishes

Allhallows

All Saints Church, Allhallows:

Annual Open Day and Gift Day on Saturday 5th September from 10am to 5pm.

Our Church will be open and we welcome you to have a moment of silent prayer and reflection. Church council members are extremely grateful for your kind support in the upkeep of our beautiful Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of those who have recently been bereaved.

Remembering especially;
Denis Dickins, of Watch Hill,
Greta Edwards of Mealsgate,
Margaret Fisher of Fletchertown,
John Atkinson of Fletchertown.

Boltons

After delivering the Binsey Link in the village for many years, Eva and Jimmy Wilson are no longer able to carry on due to health and age issues. They are willing to put the magazines in a box outside their gate for people to collect their own.

Or, if someone is willing to volunteer to deliver them in the village, please call Eva on 016973 43608. Thank you.

We hope to open the church for services and private prayer soon.

Bassenthwaite

Bassenthwaite Parish Room

The parish room has now re-opened. Due to Covid-19 and adherence to government guidance, there are some restrictions and procedures in place, but bookings are being taken.

For further details, please call Louise on 07786 434411.

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Thursdays from 10.30am – 12noon

In Bassenthwaite Parish Room

Limited to 12 people

In person & online classes available

£7 per person or £5 online.

Contact Tray Hughes on 07810 166262 or
trayyoga@gmail.com

Embleton

St Cuthbert's

Hello, it is good to be back! So many good wishes have been in the air in recent months; from banging drums and clapping for carers, to those of you who joined in our prayer flag project. Thank you for all the good things that have happened since we were last in touch. Like everywhere else we have been slowly moving towards coming out of our shells, although not without some difficulties. Recently, church has been open for individual prayer, subject to cleaning and provision for social distancing and by the time you read this we should have begun services too. We have missed key social events and fundraising which is understandable, but worrying for the future. Sadly, we have decided to cancel the joint valley harvest social and beetle drive this year, but we are going ahead with the planned harvest market and gift day on 19th and 20th September. This is a joint event with Dewode

and will be held outside with all necessary precautions for our safety. We are planning several stalls with refreshments in a large tent rather than inside. Let us hope for a fine weekend and a good crack! If you have a good harvest, interesting stuff to sell or even a burning urge to organise an activity, please call Jean 76184 or Pauline 76716 to organise. If you have a gazebo, we could borrow to cover a stall, we would be very grateful.

Embleton continued...

Cuthbert's Harvest Market

19th & 20th September

St Cuthbert's Church

10am to 4pm

Stalls, produce, crafts and a good cause!

Harvest service and gift day will follow at
5pm on Sunday.



Dates for your diary:

DCC meeting: 8th September at 7pm.

Joint event with Dewode - Cuthbert's Harvest Market, 19th & 20th September.

20th September, St Cuthbert's Harvest Service and Gift Day at 5pm.

Activities: Sadly, our art and craft groups are unable to meet because of coronavirus restrictions.

Ragbags: Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags, and belts; all welcome. Items can be left at the back at St Cuthbert's **OR** in the collection bin at Ling Crest, Wythop Mill. All money raised goes to Dewode.

Any items or comments for the next edition, please send to Jean at jeanmaca@aol.com or 017687 76184 by 7th September please.

Embleton & District Village Hall Notice Board

Hi everyone, I am writing this at the beginning of August, and we are hoping to open on Monday 31st August. We have tried to make the hall as COVID secure as possible by putting sanitizer units in the entrance of the hall and in the kitchen. As we are unable to have a one-way system, due to the proximity of the road, we are asking people to keep to the left in corridors and be courteous to each other. The soft furnishings will be sprayed with a sanitizer but, if people prefer, there will be plastic sheets to put on the chairs. The toilets will be one in one out and all group leaders must have names and contact details of those attending. There will be a notice with all instructions at the door.

I have not given a list of activities for the month as I am unable to say when the different activities will start, it very much depends on the activity and how easy it is to social distance. I will be contacting all group leaders shortly to get an idea of when or if they are coming back. Obviously, should the situation deteriorate we will have to follow government guidance which could mean the hall closing at short notice. Hopefully, things may get back to normal soon but in the meantime keep safe. Chris.

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby.

A frequently asked question during the past few months has been about the bell. The bell is back in Ireby and was recently re-hung. It was ready to return to the village just as lockdown occurred in March and the foundry was closed. The downside has been that we have had to pay for the scaffolding longer than we anticipated. However, we are looking forward to hearing the bell once again.

The Globe Hall, Ireby

The Trustees of the Globe Hall are pleased to announce that we are planning to reopen the hall on 1st September. In line with government guidance on Covid-19, we are developing a new hire agreement to ensure a safe environment for all hall users. There will also be some changes in the facilities available.

Anyone wishing to see the new hire agreement, or enquire about a booking can contact: Val Grayson on valsuegrays@gmail.com or David Rooney on david.rooney@btopenworld.com.

IREBY CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

All being well, we will be holding the Christmas fair in the Globe Hall from 4-6pm, before the light switch on.

At present, I am taking bookings for stalls at £5 each or free for charities.

Please contact Emma on 71796 if interested in holding a stall.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, we cannot guarantee the fair will go ahead, this notice is just to reserve stalls for now.

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BLINDCRAKE NEWS:

Blindcrake Village Hall is undergoing refurbishment (anyone who has gone past the hall in July and August will know the builders have been in, scaffolding has made an appearance and a skip is parked nearby). We therefore are not planning any events, for the time being.

We are working towards making the hall COVID secure after the building work is completed and look forward to welcoming people back into the building as and when guidance allows, from mid-September, when it's anticipated the works will be complete. More information about a reopening will be posted on parish noticeboards.

Groups that normally meet in the hall have been using Zoom to get together remotely, to discuss things, e.g. the Parish Council, whose next meeting is on 21st September. Anyone wanting to join in can email the new Parish Clerk, David McGuffie at blindcrakeparishclerk@gmail.com.

If you have a question, please send an email to Blindcrake Village Hall's email - villagehall@blindcrake.org.uk and we'll do our best to find the answers for you.

Plumbland

Greetings and best wishes to all our friends and parishioners, after such a long time we pray that all of you have kept safe and well.

Due to the closing of the church, we have obviously been unable to carry out our usual services, but things are changing and slowly coming back together again with remaining restrictions relative to social distancing and the wearing of face masks still in force.

We here at St. Cuthbert wish to welcome you back. We have held our first service back since lockdown began and hope that this will become a regular occurrence. No singing allowed yet though! We also hope to open the church for private prayer as much as possible. We continue to pray for you all and you stay in our thoughts. Should you have an enquiry or question about anything related to St Cuthbert, please do not hesitate to contact either of the Church Wardens or the Church Secretary. Contact details are at the back of the Binsey Link.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you all soon

Plumbland Youth Club

Due to COVID-19 outbreak, Youth Club meetings have been cancelled from the beginning of April, our last meeting being a very enjoyable trip to AMF Bowling in Carlisle, this was on Friday 6th March 2020.

The committee is hoping to restart Youth Club at the end of September and for our first session we are splitting the age groups into two sessions. The first session would be held on Friday 25th September for ages 8-12 and a second session on Friday 2nd October for ages 11-15+; the crossover of ages is so that those members that have just started secondary school can decide which session they would like to attend. Each session will begin at 6pm and finish at 8pm. Please note: Members can only attend one session, due to numbers.

To ascertain the demand, please can I ask those members that wish to attend Youth Club book their chosen session

by 18th September by texting Sharon on 07783 830015 or emailing sharonlstephenson@btinternet.com.

All Youth Club members must be eight years old to attend for insurance purposes and supervision. Entry is still £1 and a tuck shop is available.

Due to COVID-19, things can change from day to day, but we would like to try and plan some activities for members in as safe an environment as possible. The committee have met and completed a risk assessment which will be available for anyone wishing to view this.

Updates will follow on our Facebook page.

Committee: Chairman: Mrs R Williamson, Secretary: Mrs S Stephenson, Treasurer: Mrs K Norman

Plumbland Community Group

YOUTH CLUB



Friday, 25th September 2020,
ages 8-12 years

Friday, 2nd October 2020,
ages 11-15+ years

From 6pm to 8pm

Plumbland Village Hall

£1 per Young Adult

Tuck Shop Available (Low Prices)
Come along & have some fun!



Setmurthy

Setmurthy Church

Services: At present it is not possible to establish a monthly rota so our church wardens will try to keep our congregation informed of any services in St Barnabas and when the church is open for private prayer.

We also hope to continue to forward services prepared by our clergy for use at home. We are grateful to Stephen and the clergy team for the services they have emailed on a weekly basis throughout this difficult time.

Parish Hall AGM on Mon 2nd November.

Setmurthy Craft Group

Unfortunately, no craft classes can be arranged yet, but as soon as it is safe to meet up, we will do so.

Parish Hall

The refurbishment of the Parish Hall has nearly been completed after months of unavoidable inactivity and we look forward to a range of events in the autumn.

To book the hall please contact Mrs Edith Wise on 017687 76381.

Torpenhow

TORPENHOW

The **COFFEE MORNING and BOOK SWOP** starts again on Saturday 5th September between 10am and midday in Torpenhow Village Hall. All welcome to share coffee and cake and chat as well as choosing some new reading material.

Torpenhow Village Hall is pleased to welcome back the regular classes and clubs listed below.

All will start in the first two weeks of this month.

Monday, 8 to 10pm, Indoor Bowls, ring Geoff and Avis on 71579 for more details.

Wednesday, 6 to 7pm, Kettlercise, ring Anne Marie on 07929 253822 for more details.

Thursday, 1.30 to 3.30pm, Craft Group, ring Gwen on 71514 for more details.

Friday 10 to 11.30am, Yoga, ring Fiona on 07729 331422 for more details.

We are hoping to start **BROWNIES** again on Tuesday evenings soon and would like to welcome back our existing Brownies and any girls (aged 7 to 9) who would like to join in the fun too. Just ring Gwen on 016973 71514 to register your interest. We would also like to hear from anyone over 18 who would like to help at our meetings.

BOTHEL



Bothel Village Hall is reopening on 1st September.

Bothel Village Hall (BVHall) management group welcome our hirers to the new normal following Covid-19.

To safeguard users and help with government guidelines we are providing several documents to reassure and

support all hirers.

Most importantly:- **You must not enter if you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms.**

On entry to the hall, wipe surfaces before your group enters. Push pads, door handles, toilet seats and anything that will be used by your group.

Record group details for **Track and Trace**. Name, contact, date, time.

On leaving, hirer or lead user to wipe all surfaces that your group have used.

Bothel Village Hall provide all hygiene and cleaning materials including bins and black bags for disposal of wipes, tissues etc. in the refuse bins outside.

Recommended:

Maintain air circulation by opening windows and doors. - Please check that they are closed on leaving.

One person per toilet; one in ladies, one in gents, one in disabled room.

Where possible use a one-way system.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone who uses this hall safe, Bothel Village Hall Management Group.

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY

Friday 25th September in Bothel Village Hall.

10am - 1pm

This will be a rather different occasion from the usual one as we have changed the venue and extended the time to avoid overcrowding.

We have lots of guidelines to follow to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone

Coffee, home-made scones and biscuits will be served, and takeaways will be available if you prefer not to sit indoors, but please bring your own containers.

Please wear face masks, except when eating and drinking.

There will be a produce and cake stall (no bric a brac or books) and a raffle. All are welcome and Jenny and team look forward to seeing you.

Uldale

Uldale Lunch Club will recommence on Thursday 3rd September at 12 midday. Obviously, the numbers will need to be less to allow for safe social distancing. We do not need masks as we will be eating. Booking is essential by the previous Tuesday, directly with Mark or Julie on 016973 71369 or email mark@maestearooms.co.uk. We are grateful to Mark for offering the lunch despite all the difficulties and precautions he will have to take.

Food Bank - maybe we could just buy an extra item or two when we are shopping, and put them in the bins that most of the stores have provided? There will certainly be people in need because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of jobs and income.

Uldale Foundation Governors Educational Grants 2020

Applications are welcome for the coming school academic year.

Individual grants are awarded to those who are resident in Uldale parish, are aged between 16 and 22 and are in education. Up to three grants can be made to individuals. Any other grants may be awarded at the discretion of the committee.

If you wish to apply, please do so in writing to:-

Uldale Foundation Governors, c/o Mrs Marion Pattinson,
Uldale Hall, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA.

For further details please call 016973 71287.

Applications need to be made by the end of October 2020.

Wythop

What strange times! We have all appreciated the services emailed to us every week by Stephen and Clare, but it is not the same as being in church and meeting as a congregation.

We were delighted to have the Archdeacon to preside at our first service in church on 2nd August. We also held our annual outdoor service at Kelsick Old Church on 15th August and it didn't rain!!

For the time being, we are opening the church for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. If there is a service in church on a Sunday, we will close the church immediately after the service.

We are all looking forward to having regular services again with refreshments and chat afterwards!

Women's Institute News

Bassenthwaite W.I.

On 5th August, despite a very wet weather forecast, 14 members met up for a socially distanced walk. Half the group did a circular walk from the village and the others did an 'out and back'. Luckily, the weather was not as bad as forecast and although our waterproofs were needed, we didn't get as wet as expected! It was good to be able to meet in person again although telephone calls, what's app and zoom keep you in touch, it's not the same as a good

chat, albeit at an appropriate distance.

More members joined us at the Sun Inn, which opened specially to provide us a tasty lunch. Thank you to Sue for organising it all and our thanks to Lisa and Paul at the pub for looking after us so well.

We are planning a socially distanced picnic later in the summer when we will bring our own chairs plus food and drink, so we are looking forward to meeting up again.

School News

Boltons

Last term was different to any other we have had in school, but, for those of us who returned to school in June, we enjoyed being back with our friends and seeing our teachers again. Even though we were not able to be in our usual classes, we all enjoyed learning in our different classes with different people from other year groups and getting to know each other more.

In the last week of the term, we had a sports afternoon, where all the children from each bubble took part in different events and it was nice to cheer each other on, even from a distance.

Our new adventure playground has been built this term

too, and we have really enjoyed watching it getting built and seeing the progress of each section going up. We all can't wait to play on it in the new term!

This term will certainly be a bit different to what we are used to, but we are all looking forward to being back in our classrooms and seeing our school family again.

School News continued...

Plumbland

We re-opened school on 2nd June to reception, year one and year six, as well as the children of key workers. Altogether we had twenty-four children who attended, and they quickly settled into the new routines and regulations which have been imposed in order for us to operate safely. The children who returned have been amazing and full of positivity and enthusiasm. Children who weren't able to return have been working hard on their home learning tasks and we need to say a huge thank you to our parents who have done an amazing job home

tutoring their children. We are also parents ourselves and appreciate how difficult a job this is.

We held an outdoor picnic and leaver's service for our fabulous year 6 children, and we will miss them lots. Goodbye to Jessica, Jazmin, Jamie, Alice, Chloe, Max and Dayne, we wish you well in your journey at secondary school.

We are looking forward to opening to all pupils in September and would like to wish all of you and your families well at this difficult time.

Mrs McKie

Parish Council Information

Blennerhasset and Torpenhow Parish Council

Summary of the virtual meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

As the Annual Meeting scheduled for 13th May had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid 19) in accordance with regulations, the appointment of Chair (Councillor A. Little) will remain until May 2021. Matters discussed included: **Planning:** Applications received: None. Decisions: Old Cobblers Shop, Blennerhasset - Installation of 2 roof windows to rear elevations – GRANTED. **Footway Lighting** - The Borough Council had provided details of the approximate energy costs for footway lighting in the parish. With 17 lights in Blennerhasset, 13 in Torpenhow and 2 at Whitrigg, the approximate energy cost will be £1254.28 per annum. The Borough Council has agreed to maintain, repair and own the lights with just the electrical costs being transferred to the parish council with effect from April 2021. The Parish Council has the option to have the lights removed. Due to Covid 19 restrictions the parish council is unable to hold a public meeting to consult residents on the Borough Council's proposals as the costs will result in an approximate increase in the parish precept of over 10%.

Annual Audit - the internal audit had been carried out with no issues identified, the period for the exercise of public rights will commence on 3rd August and will end on 11th September. Any elector wishing to inspect the accounts should contact the Clerk.

The next meeting will be held on 8th September at 7.30pm.

Anyone wishing to join the meeting should contact the Clerk 48 hours before the meeting.

Janice Rae, Parish Clerk, 33 Scholars Green, Wigton, CA7 9QW

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Boltons Parish Council

Report on the Ordinary Bi-Monthly Meeting held virtually on Zoom on Tuesday 21st July 2020.

A request for assistance from Citizens Advice Allerdale was considered and a £150 donation was agreed, this will

enable the group to continue their valuable work.

Location plans of the footway lights in the parish were received from Allerdale. Bolton Low Houses was not 100% correct and needs updating.

Robert Fielding from Boltongate was welcomed and co-opted onto the council.

The parish council are looking to appoint a parishioner to represent them as a Northern Fells Group Trustee, if this is something you would be interested in please contact the Clerk for further information.

Other items discussed included: highway issues, fibre broadband, the missing Head End Information boards. Full copies of the minutes & agendas are available from the Clerk, Elizabeth Clark on

016973 45665, boltonspc@aol.com or see

www.boltonsparishcouncil.wordpress.com.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm. ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Bothel and Threapland Parish Council

Summary of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at the Village Hall, Bothel

As the Annual Meeting scheduled for 12th May had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid 19) in accordance with the Regulations the appointments of Chair (Councillor N. Todhunter) and Vice Chair (Councillor R. Teasdale) will remain until May 2021. The Chairman recorded his thanks to residents who had aided the vulnerable in the parish in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Matters discussed included: **Planning:** Applications received: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeal under Section 78 Site at Skiddaw View Caravan Park, Bothel - Proposal for 18 holiday lodges and associated access road. Appeal Ref: APP/G0908/W/20/3248232. Barn south of Walmer House - concreting of hardstanding to front and side of existing barn.

Overgates Mealsgate - Creation of new replacement access and track and fence.

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Footway Lighting: The Borough Council had provided details of the approximate energy costs for footway lighting in the Parish. With 21 lights in Bothel and 5 in Threapland the approximate energy cost will be £938.90 per annum. The Borough Council had agreed to maintain, repair and own the lights with just the electrical costs being transferred to the Parish Council with effect from April 2021. The Parish Council has the option to have the lights removed. Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Parish Council is unable to hold a public meeting at the present time to consult residents on the Borough Council's proposals

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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Embleton and District Parish Council

A66 QUESTIONNAIRE

This seems a very long time ago, but 61 questionnaires were returned, which amounted to an excellent 25% return. Thank you all very much for not just completing the questionnaires but also for doing so in such a thoughtful, measured, and constructive manner. We analysed your responses which, shorn of the detail, amounted to heartfelt requests to make the A66 safer for all users along with several well-reasoned suggestions as to how this might be achieved. The analytical process coincided with lockdown, so it was only in early August that Highways England have been able to request our analysis and it has been forwarded to them and acknowledged.

PLAY AREA ANNUAL INSPECTION & COVID-19 OPENING

At the annual inspection in May the Inspector was pleased to give our play area a 'Low Risk' rating, so no worrying medium risk issues, but he did feel that he needed to mention the weeds! They have since been removed by Rob Coles, who keeps a watchful eye on the play area, so a big thank you to Rob. The play area is open under Covid-19 regulations which are clearly posted at the entrance and it's good to see it in use again.

FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for opinions concerning the provision of footway lighting in our parishes. However, it was noted at the July meeting of the parish council that there has been some dialogue at ABC that this issue might be being reconsidered, so we shall keep you informed of any future developments.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TO RICK PETECKI

At the end of the July meeting we said goodbye to Rick Petecki, who announced his resignation from the council. Rick joined the parish council in 2008 and served as

Chairman for six years, stepping down in May 2016. We should like to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of service and the valuable link that he provided between the Council and both the Cumbria and National Local Government Associations. We are sure that the absence of council mailings won't find Rick short of things to do and we wish him well with his future plans.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7pm in a Virtual Meeting Room. Details are on the website and they will also appear on the agenda for that meeting, which will be posted on the Parish noticeboards.

For further information, please contact our Clerk, Becx Carter, embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com or 077866 78283.

Ireby and Uldale Parish Council

Summary of the Virtual Meeting held on 7th July 2020. As the Annual Meeting scheduled for 5th May had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (Covid 19) in accordance with the Regulations the appointments of Chair (Councillor G. Moore) and Vice Chair (Councillor K. Bridges) will remain until May 2021.

Matters Discussed included: Planning - Applications received: Pyerigg, Aughertree - Demolish existing out buildings and build extension to adjoining house. Allerdale BC – Schighalion, Ireby - Demolish existing conservatory and outbuildings and build new extension.

Annual Audit - The internal audit had been carried out with no issues identified. Period of Exercise of Public Rights – Due to the coronavirus pandemic the period for the exercise of public rights will now commence on 20th July and will end on 28th August. Anyone wishing to inspect the parish councils accounts should contact the Clerk. **Footway lighting:** CALC had requested legal advice as to whether the Borough Council can legally enforce the transfer of responsibility for the footway lights in the parish. The advice had concluded that parishes will either contribute or the Borough Council will stop power to the footway lights. The annual cost for the lights in the parish will be £1369.33 plus VAT. The charges will be effective from April 2021. The parish council has the option to have the lights removed. Members discussed the inventory of lights supplied by the Borough Council and pointed out that there are discrepancies and a further survey should be carried out by the Borough Council.

Next Meeting: 1st September. Anyone wishing to attend the virtual meeting please register their interest with the Clerk 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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Boltons, Ireby & Uldale

Our opening service should have been held on 2nd September at St James', Uldale, but this will not be possible. So, we thought it would be good if we could have a time when we all thought of each other and the fellowship of the MU.

We suggest therefore that everyone reads through pages 9 to 15 of the Diocesan News instead. It would be great if



we could all do it at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd September. If that's not possible for you, just have quiet time with the knowledge that everyone has read the same passages.

General

Caldbeck Surgery - Flu Vaccination 2020

This year the flu vaccination programme needs to be run differently to previous years. We can't rely on vaccinating people when they happen to be in the surgery for another matter, and we don't have space for safe queueing on our site. We've decided that to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible, we need to run our flu clinics off-site where we can have queues under cover and socially-distanced.

We normally vaccinate the over 65s and those who have a condition that puts them more at-risk from flu. This year we also have those who have been officially advised to shield due to Covid-19, and the prospect (not yet confirmed by the NHS) of adding the 50-64 year olds to those eligible.

Our plan is to run flu-specific clinics at Caldbeck village hall, spread over 6 weeks (since our vaccine is delivered in tranches over this period).

We will prioritise as follows:

1. Those who are officially shielding i.e. have received a shielding advice letter from NHS England, including their household-members who are on the 'at-risk' list,
2. Those who are at-risk and those who are over 65 (the normal flu groups),
3. Those who are 50-64 (should this cohort become included).

You will receive either an SMS text or a letter inviting you to a specific date and either an AM or a PM clinic, please attend at this time and date if at all possible. The dates that the clinics will be running are shown below, if you are unable to attend at your designated time please ring us to arrange an alternative date, *after the date you were invited*. Please be aware you may need to wait longer. If you attend earlier, we may not have enough vaccine and will have to turn you away. In particular, if you have not been officially advised to shield, *do not attend on the shielding days*. Keeping this group of patients separate from others is of vital importance to their safety.

Please do not attend if you have not received a letter or SMS text invite. If you believe you are in an eligible group and have not been invited by 30th September, please call us. We have just enough vaccine to cover our priority populations as above (pending NHS vaccine supply for the 50-64s), and we will not be able to vaccinate anyone who is ineligible (and who would therefore pay for vaccination) until we are certain that the priority groups have all been vaccinated.

Dates for flu clinics are as follows:

Weds 7 Oct - Shielding only
Thurs 8 Oct - Shielding only
Tues 13 Oct - Over 65s/ at-risk
Weds 14 Oct - Over 65s/ at-risk
Thurs 15 Oct - Over 65s/ at-risk
Tues 27 Oct - Over 65s/ at-risk
Weds 28 Oct - Over 65s/ at-risk
Thurs 29 Oct - Over 65s/ at-risk
Tues 10 Nov - Over 65s/ at-risk
Weds 11 Nov - Over 65s/ at-risk
Thurs 12 Nov - Over 65s/ at-risk

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Please note that we will be using the hall side doors for entry and exit only, as the front steps aren't suitable for limited-mobility access. To preserve safe queueing and social distance, all entry will be via the right-hand door, and all exit via the left-hand door. Dates for 50-64 year-olds will be provided in due course once we have NHS confirmation of eligibility and additional vaccine stock has been provided.

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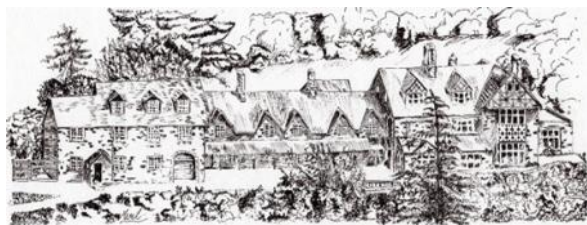


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