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REMEMBRANCE

It is said that the famous notes of Beethoven's 5th Symphony, 'da da, da, dahhhr!' represent fate [or death!], knocking on the door. I love the music, but not the concept it seems to represent!

How should we remember those who've died and the various losses we've faced in our lives due to the pandemic, and in two World Wars?

Which gives rise to an equally important question - what should we live for?



We're nearing the season of Remembrance and Memorial Services, or we would have been, had it not been for the pandemic. It is fitting that we remember the great losses of the World Wars, as well as recent grief over COVID-19 and other bereavements. If we've lost anyone, the pain is real and should be expressed. We also need to be aware of the various losses we have grappled with due to the pandemic - plans, routines, and contact with others. It has stressed and distressed us all.

Death is not a cheerful thing to think about. However, we hear the awful news of more victims of the virus in every news cycle. COVID-19 reminds us that death is not far off, although it is not an easy topic, it's worth contemplating. But we must respond, too. We're alive! And our deceased loved ones would want us to live well.

Our churches are not able to hold Memorial Services this year due to the restrictions. However, it is our hope that we can gather to pay our respect to the war dead in some of our churches on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.

As Christians, the Good News about Jesus is built upon the reality that Jesus came, lived among people, and was crucified to pay for all sin. But it did not end there - he rose again. Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."* John, 11:25-26.

Practically, what can we do to lift our spirits and acknowledge grief? Here are a few suggestions:

- Live life well and to the full. Do the things you enjoy like hobbies or find new ones;
- Do the little things that keep us going - daily routines, savour simple pleasures;
- Take time to reflect. Maybe light a candle to remember someone you miss;
- Address problems and stresses before they explode;
- Pray and recall those things you have overcome in the past, and don't give up;
- Count your blessings. Make a list if necessary.

Finally, the notes used by Beethoven, ... and - stand for the letter 'V' in Morse code, and were used before BBC wartime broadcasts to Europe. Beethoven wrote: *"I want to grasp fate at the throat — it shouldn't bring me down completely."*

Both illustrate that even though the battle with COVID-19 is ongoing, the fight will be won.

With my love and prayers,
Rev'd. Peter.



Team Welcome

WELCOME to JULIA HEDLEY

We are delighted to welcome the Revd. Julia Hedley to the ministry team in Binsey and some of you have already attended services which Julia has led since August. Julia has written a few words by way of introduction to all of us as we look forward to sharing in ministry and in Sunday services with her across the Binsey Team.

'I'm delighted to introduce myself as a retired priest, now able to assist with services in the Binsey Team. My husband, Piers, and I have been worshipping at St. John, Bassenthwaite, since this time last year, and we're grateful for the warm welcome we've received.

We've moved into this beautiful part of the world from Deal on the South Coast because we're involved with the Rose Castle Foundation, to which I am the Chaplain.

Previously I have been Assistant Priest at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, arriving there from Somerset where I was the domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Bath & Wells, and also the Bishop of Taunton. Before that I was Priest-Vicar at Chester Cathedral, having served my curacy in the busy parish church of St. George, Altrincham. As you can see, I've been around a bit!

Hopefully, Binsey will be both our physical and spiritual home for a long time to come and I look forward to serving Christ with you in this place.

Julia Hedley.



Churchwardens

BINSEY TEAM CHURCHWARDENS

Thankfully, we were finally able to hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Binsey Team Parochial Church Council on Monday 12 October and in a sign of the times there were people present in Torpenhow Village Hall and others taking part via Zoom. With the successful completion of this meeting, then the appointment of the Churchwardens for each of our churches can now be confirmed.

We are very grateful for the 18 people who are continuing to serve as churchwardens in their respective parishes as most of them have been fulfilling this key role for many years. However, we do offer special thanks to the three churchwardens; Hilary Chaddock, Margaret Mossop and Nicola Laws, who have stepped down this year.

Each of them has played a very significant role in the life of their church, their parish and the Binsey Team for many years and we wish them well.

Equally, we are delighted to welcome, as newly elected churchwardens this year; Ann Thompson, David Roberts and Alex Fisher.

Please pray for them and for all of our 21 churchwardens in the Binsey Team, who play a vital role in preparing the church for services, helping to look after the building, caring for the worshippers and wider parish, assisting the clergy and liaising with the Diocese.

They have a very wide range of duties, many of which are definitely not in the job description, as you will see from reading this edition of the Binsey Link, and they are especially needed in this parish with 12 churches spread over a wide area.

The churchwardens will all be sworn into office for another year at a special service in November, which will be conducted by the Archdeacon of West Cumberland.

Sunday Services

Currently, in the Binsey Team, five or six services are taking place each Sunday, and there is a schedule of services planned for November with eight services due to take place on Remembrance Sunday.

For more information please contact one of the churchwardens or the Team Rector (016973 71541).

The Binsey website will also advertise services, but only for one week in advance, at the moment.

Team Items

BLESSING
Weddings
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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.

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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From the Registers

WEDDINGS

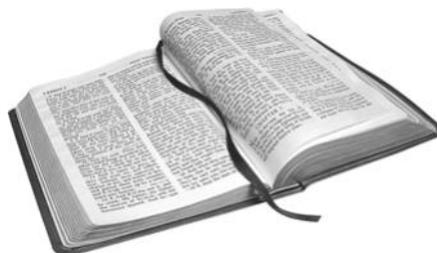
The wedding of Matthew Kelly & Hannah Ladd took place at St. John, Bassenthwaite on 14th September 2020.

The wedding of Martin Lawton & Lydia Mendus took place at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite, on 25th September 2020

FUNERALS

The funeral of David Thompson from Bothel, took place at St. Michael & All Angels, Torpenhow, on 22nd September 2020.

The funeral of Doreen Stoddart, from Ireby, took place at St. James, Ireby, on 24th September 2020



NEW TEAM WEBSITE

Visit www.binsey.org.uk for the latest news, information and services.

Team Item

HELP SUPPORT OUR TWELVE CHURCHES IN BINSEY

For centuries our twelve parish churches have been a spiritual home to generations of villagers. Our inspirational buildings, not only help shape the character of our villages, but are also reminders of the presence of God in our daily lives, supporting people at times of joy and sorrow.

We are very grateful to all who support our work; generously giving their time, their talents, and their money. We hope that the twelve parish churches of Binsey can continue to be very much at the heart of our community life, offering a haven of peace and reflection to all our parishioners.

There are now some challenges for us, as the current restrictions continue to prevent most social events, group meetings and fundraising activities from taking place.

Church services are very restricted in the number of people who can attend due to social distancing guidelines and the relatively small size of most of our buildings.

These regulations have a particular impact upon funerals, weddings, and baptisms, all of which are limited to only a maximum of 30 people, if the building allows. In the case of weddings and baptisms many of these services are being delayed until next year and whilst funerals must go

ahead despite the restrictions, the number of people who can attend them is greatly reduced.

All of this has had a significant impact on the income of each of our churches, and yet most of the running costs and financial commitments remain the same.

The Binsey Team receives no external funding and is entirely reliant on donations. Therefore, if any of you could consider making a financial donation, your gift would be very gratefully received.

Your donation can be made as a one-off gift or you can make a regular monthly donation instead.

If you are able to make a financial contribution, then you can send a cheque (made payable to the 'Binsey Team Ministry') to the Binsey Team Treasurer and his address details are on the back page, (please give details of whether you wish your gift to be used for any specific purpose or a specific church).

Alternatively, you can visit the website, www.binsey.org.uk, and click on the 'donate' button on the home page or 'give' on the churches page, where a direct internet link allows a financial gift to be made to any of our twelve churches using your debit card.

Stephen

Rev. Stephen Banks

Binsey History by Mick Jane

Mr. William L. Alexander (And his father)

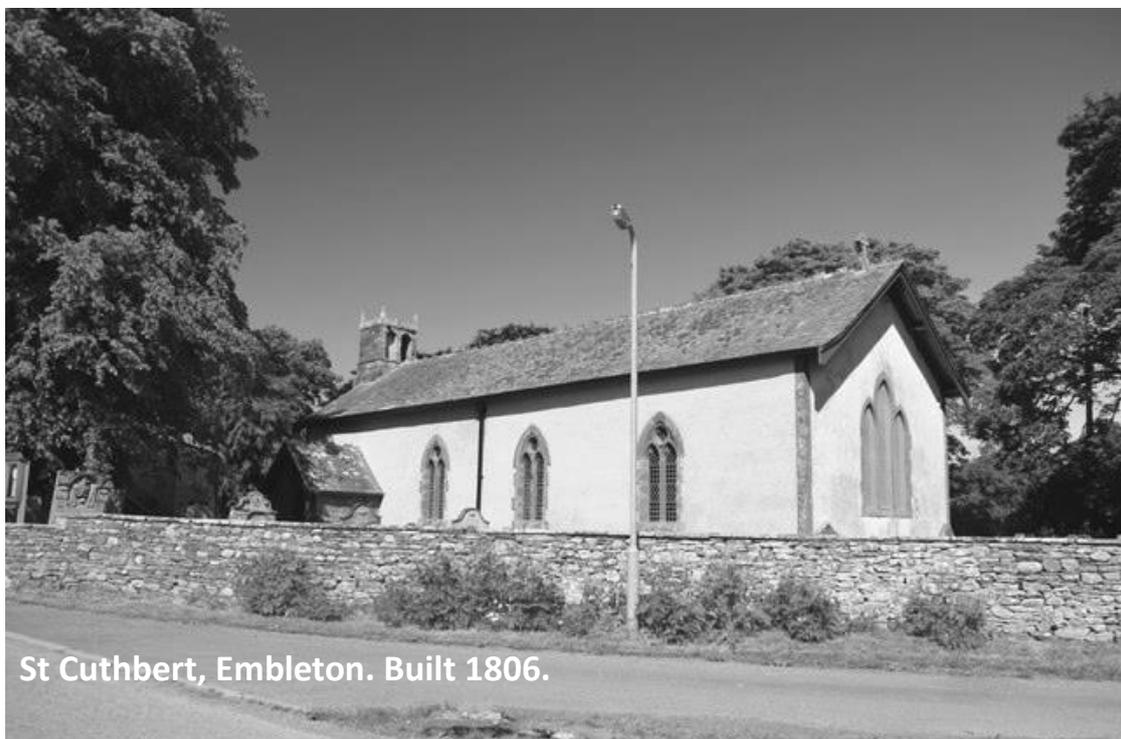
I recently had a phone call from a lady enquiring about a Mr. William L. Alexander, of Lorton. During his life he supported Wythop Church (old and new), Embleton Church, the local school and many others, including Cockermouth schools and Lorton school and Church. He would have often come across George Moore, two local philanthropists from our area. The following article is about Mr Alexander's father when he met Lord Nelson in 1805.

Mr. Alexander was appointed surveyor of shipping to the Liverpool Underwriters, and subsequently to the Liverpool Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, serving both successfully for a period of nearly fifty years as senior surveyor.

Nothing used to afford the old gentleman more pleasure than relating anecdotes of old times and telling of his narrow escapes in the days when George the Third was King. He distinctly remembered seeing Lord Nelson on the 4th of June, 1805, about three months before his death at Trafalgar. The Admiral was then pursuing the French fleet in the West India Islands, and on landing for water at Barbados, Mr. Alexander was privileged to get in close proximity to him, and recollected how stoutly he deprecated all social entertainment while in the discharge of duty. He refused the proffered hospitality of the Governor until he had been driven round to the watering place to see how the ships boats, and watering party of the fleet were getting on with the necessary supply of water and stores.

Mr. Alexander was temperate and regular in his habits, and very active and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and universally esteemed for his integrity and impartiality. The Kelsick family, to which his mother belonged, had died out, at the close of the last century they were of considerable importance and influence in the neighbourhood of Whitehaven. Mr. Alexander was married at Embleton Church, by the Rev. G. Coventry, in 1817, to Margaret, eldest daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Hutchinson, of Shatton Lodge, and of Liverpool, and leaves two sons and one daughter; Mr. W. L. Alexander, J.P., of Oak Hill Lorton, and Chairman of Cockermouth School Board; Mr. Kelsick Alexander, of Liverpool, formerly, when resident at Papcastle, Chairman of the Cockermouth Board of Guardians, and Mary, the wife of Mr. Wilson, of Fairfield Farm, near Lorton.

For more information on local history you can contact me; Mick Jane, 5 Front Street, Fletchertown, or visit www.cumbrianhistory.co.uk.



St Cuthbert, Embleton. Built 1806.

Around The Parishes

Allhallows

The Gift Day in September at All Saints Church, Allhallows, raised the tremendous amount of £420 for Church Funds. Thank you for the kind generosity of everyone who supported our church.

Sunday 11th October 2020: The Harvest Service - a donation of £80 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, to support projects by Christian Aid and Mothers' Union in the developing world, was sent by the DCC Secretary. Also, a large donation of food will be taken to the Foodbank in Cockermouth. Again, many thanks to local parishioners for their continuing support.

Bassenthwaite

St John - after some delay, the work to repair the spire, renew all the machinery of the church clock, replace an area of the leadwork located between the body of the church and the spire and for the replacement of the church bells with modern alternatives, is about to commence.

Revised and up to date costings have been obtained by professional architects who have carried out similar works to several local churches.

Scaffolding has now been erected to facilitate the work and the internal workings have been removed from the clock by the Cumbria Clock Company from Dacre and are in the process of being overhauled.

It is expected that the major works will commence shortly and be completed in a period no longer than eight weeks.

Services in St John recommenced in August. The annual Harvest Festival was held on 11th October with financial donations going to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, which will be supporting projects run by Christian Aid and the Mothers' Union in the developing world.

Food donations are to go to the local Food Bank. Anyone wishing to contribute can place dry or tinned donations in the box in the church entrance or give to a member of the DCC.

It is hoped to have the Remembrance Sunday Service on 8th November at 10:50am, though this may have to change. Publishing this and other services has proved a little difficult as things have been changing from day to day. The Harvest Festival was arranged after the October issue of the Binsey Link was published, but we hope word was spread as best possible. Please contact one of the DCC or team with any queries regarding services.

Finally, the churchyard mole situation is in hand and a couple of culprits eliminated. We have also been visited by a badger, which caused a lot of disruption to the turf and considerable upset. Thankfully it has not returned, and measures are underway to block any further entries.

Embleton

Wow! Didn't you lift our spirits with your support for our pop-up produce stalls - thank you. Members of both St Cuthbert and DEWODE are very grateful and feeling better about being able to pay our way again. We have enjoyed doing them and we really appreciate the food, books and items donated by so many of you. All our produce, bakes, cakes and preserves are made by volunteers and freely given to help the cause.

Our gift day for church was also well supported which is much appreciated and saves our treasurer from nightmares about unpaid bills!

Virus restrictions permitting, our next planned event is a Christmas Market on 14th & 15th November. If the weather is poor, we may move it to the following weekend and should this happen, we will do our best to spread the word.

In case you need a reminder, funds raised by DEWODE are used for staff salaries and to maintain and develop a wide range of outpatient and inpatient services at Pakegido Health Centre in north-eastern Uganda.

**Please support our Christmas Market on
14th and 15th November.
Halfway down the hill at Wythop Mill.
9am - late both days.
Follow the signs!**



Embleton continued...

Dates for your diary:

St Cuthbert DCC meeting - 3rd November, 7pm.

Christmas Market at Wythop Mill—14th & 15th November, 9am - late.

Ragbags; unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts are all welcome. Items can be left in the porch at St Cuthbert **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 November please.

Embleton & District Village Hall Notice Board.

Hi everyone, yet more changes from the government with regards to activities that are acceptable in the hall. Can I reassure everyone that the only activities in the hall have been classed as exempt by the environmental health department at Allerdale Borough Council who advise on

COVID-19 guidelines, and a lot of cars outside the hall does not necessarily mean the people driving them are in the hall.

Occasionally walking groups ask to park there and if the hotel is very busy, people will park cars outside the hall. Should anyone have any concerns, please ring me and I will try to sort out any issues.

The government QR poster is in situ for those who have downloaded the test and trace app to their phones.

We only have a couple of groups in during November and all of them are private functions.

The ducks thank everyone for advice about masks, but they found that the scuba mask steamed up and the oxygen cylinders made them sink. They think they will stick with a diving helmet, Chris.

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby.

THANK YOU to all of you who generously responded to our request for donations towards the Harvest appeals. We are grateful for your support!

Voluntary Social Car Scheme

I have recently taken on the role of Voluntary Social Car Scheme Co-ordinator for the Ireby area and I am looking

to recruit drivers, so we can offer this valuable service to our community again. This scheme provides transport to local residents where they have no access to public or private transport. This might be for a doctor, dentist or optician appointment, a trip to the hairdressers or to visit a friend or family member.

If you would like to find out more, please message me or call 71727. Thank you, Philippa.

Isel

The re-roofing of Blindcrake Village Hall is now complete but other elements of the refurbishment are continuing. We have had several unexpected problems which needed to be sorted out, including some of the roof timbers which turned out to be in a worse state than expected and had to be replaced. Mice had gnawed through some of the wiring and so the hall had to be completely rewired. The fire alarm system is also going to be replaced; thanks to Tallentire Windfarm Fund for contributing to the cost. All this means that our expected completion date has been delayed beyond mid-October, and we are awaiting a new date from our contractors.

We are looking forward to having the hall back in use soon, with extra insulation, acoustic panelling, flexible lighting and a refitted kitchen. The hall will be redecorated and Covid compliant before we reopen. If you would like to enquire about bookings, please email villagehall@blindcrake.org.uk, or text the village hall booking line on 07503 763590 and we'll do our best to answer any questions you have.

Isel and Bridekirk Parishes First Responders 150 Club Draw - October 2020

1st Prize David Eden, 2nd Prize Peter Bowker, 3rd Prize Margaret Hall, 4th Prize Linda Hadley.



The First Responders offer an invaluable service to the parishes of Isel, Bridekirk and Setmurthy. They are all trained in life support and give their time freely, bringing their skill and equipment to an emergency in those vital first few minutes. The "150 club" is a main source of income to provide these volunteers with training and equipment. If you would like to join the "150 club", or know someone who would, contact Moira Purvis on 016973 20534 or email moirapurvis@hotmail.com.

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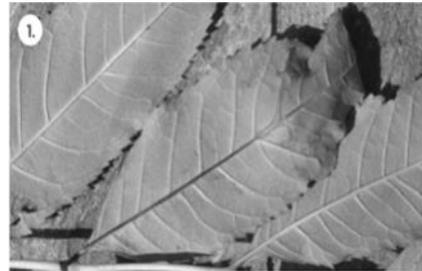
Ash dieback

You can probably guess by the name that this disease affects Ash trees. It does so in several different ways, but just because a tree is infected doesn't mean it can or should be felled. Felling a diseased ash requires a felling licence from the Forestry Commission unless it is dead or poses an immediate danger. In conservation areas permission may be needed from the relevant Planning Authority. For roadside trees which are not clearly on private land or a road where there are several trees, you can report to Cumbria County Council, either by phoning the highways helpline on 0300 303 2992 or by visiting www.cumbria.gov.uk and navigating to Roads, Travel & Parking.

There is also guidance in the Forestry Commission/DEFRA leaflet—[7894_New_FC_Chalara_leaflet_dft9.pdf](#). This gives the latest official advice and useful pictures as to what to look for and links to other guidance.

What to look out for:

1. Brown patches on leaves spreading towards the central leaf stalk.
2. Loss of leaves in the centre of the crown.
3. Diamond shaped lesions on trunk and branches.



Plumbland

Plumbland, St Cuthbert.

Message of thanks to all of you, our good friends and neighbours, who continue to support St Cuthbert in so many ways. It is difficult to mention everybody by name, but you all know who you are; the regulars and new volunteers, who have helped to ensure that the church grounds have remained in as good a condition as possible during these difficult times. A huge thank you.

Special mention must be made of our near neighbour and friend of the church, Chris, who has supervised the repairs to the roof of the Nave area of the church. It is an ongoing task, but with such good helpers we can keep up to date with most maintenance works. The next item to sort out is the roof of the tower which requires specialist equipment, the matter is in hand.

Thanks, must also be expressed to all of you who have responded to our Annual Fundraising Appeal. If you have not already made your donation, please feel free to do so. All contributions are gratefully received with our thanks. In these awkward times it is hard to maintain such lovely buildings as our church, but we are not disheartened. With our loyal friends and parishioners behind us we know that we will keep going!

With the current regulations in force, we, like families all over the country, have missed meeting/socialising with friends. Here, at St Cuthbert, we have especially missed the visits of the children from our local school. We have been unable to join with them in their Annual Harvest Service, always a joyous occasion, with robust singing and obvious joy being shown by the children, including, of course, a nice warm drink and biscuit at the end. We look forward to not just being able to welcome our children back into church, but all of you as well.

As you will have noticed, it has been possible to re-start services, and we have been able to hold two services per month. It is, however, a changing scenario, so please check either the notice board or the lists in this magazine for the latest information on services.

We do hope that we will be able to hold a service on Sunday 8th November for Remembrance.

From all here at Plumbland, we send our prayers and best wishes to you all. Graham

Setmurthy

Services - please contact Church Wardens, Elizabeth & Alex for information regarding services or check on the Binsey website.

Thank you - at the church Annual Meeting, Nicola retired from the post of Churchwarden, which she has fulfilled for over 18 years, often going above and beyond in her duties, including vermin control to name just one! The DCC are grateful for her time as warden and hope she enjoys semi-retirement.

We welcome Alex Fisher as our new Churchwarden and wish Alex well.

Parish Hall - the disabled toilet has now been completed and the floor in the main hall sanded and treated. We hope to have taken delivery of new chairs by the time you read this and look forward to welcoming back our community and other groups when it is safe to do so. Please contact Mrs. Edith Wise on 017687 76381 with your bookings.

Keith & Caroline

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of two valued members of our community.

In February was the funeral of Keith Fisher who had served on the church council for several years, taking on

the job of treasurer at one time. Keith updated the history guide of St Barnabas replacing it with a booklet entitled 'Setmurthy, a Parish Without a Village'. He included in this a short history of the five families who have been part of the history of Setmurthy and other interesting stories of individuals with connections to the parish. This booklet has been enjoyed by both locals and visitors and will be a legacy, along with his role as Landlord of the Higham Estate.

In August we said goodbye to Caroline Poyntz -Wright, who also served on the church council. Caroline, along with her husband Richard, became part of 'our church family' (Caroline's words), over 30 years ago when they first came to their cottage at High Bewaldeth where they spent the summer, returning south for the winter. Some years later they decided to make it their permanent home, only leaving last December to move to Penrith. Caroline & Richard supported St Barnabas in a number of ways, but perhaps their legacy will be having a painting, which hangs in the church, cleaned and repaired, having established it as a copy of the Madonna with the Bullfinch and not of great value, but still a very attractive painting which has been transformed by the restoration work they so generously organised.

Our thoughts & prayers are with both families in their sadness.

Torpenhow

St Michael and All Angels

900th Anniversary

Although all the plans for this anniversary have been curtailed due to coronavirus, we would like to thank those who came to a lovely service on the last Sunday in September. The service was enjoyed, sitting outside in the sunshine, to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the church. Bishop James was joined by a congregation of nearly 50 from all around our Mission Community. We were very fortunate with the weather as we celebrated the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, to whom the church is dedicated.

November Souperday. Due to the ongoing situation with coronavirus the DCC has decided to cancel this event. See you in March (hopefully!).

Church Services and Opening

There are now services being held in St Michael at least once a month. Please check www.binsey.org.uk or contact Churchwardens or Clergy for details.

Services may vary depending on if the church has to be used for other services i.e. weddings/funerals.

Church opening - the church will normally be open Friday – Monday for private prayer/reflection (in the Lady

Chapel) unless there is a service that weekend.

We would like to thank those who have been attending services and supporting us over the last few months.

Church Maintenance

We currently have an ongoing plan for work on the church/churchyard. The following has either been completed or is ongoing:

Rainwater drains/gullies - These had been found to be in an extremely poor state, allowing water to seep under the church building. These have all been reconstructed and improved where required and are now doing the job they were designed for!

Churchyard wall—The collapsed wall in the bottom corner of the churchyard is well on the way to being rebuilt and this and other damaged sections will be completed early next year.

Organ—Now we are fortunate to have Yvonne playing the organ, we have had it inspected and tuned.

The organ was found to be in good and original condition, but does need a complete overhaul, this is to be considered by DCC shortly.

Toilet—The DCC are still pursuing the installation of a toilet. The architect has now completed plans and we need to obtain permission to carry out the work.

Torpenhow continued...

BOTHEL

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all who supported the Coffee Morning in Bothel Village Hall on Saturday 25th September. Special thanks to the team of helpers

who were so willing to help despite all the Covid-19 rules that had to be followed. To those of you who came on the day and all who sent donations, your generosity was overwhelming, we are so grateful. As a result, an amazing £1,762 has been sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. Stay safe and we'll hope to see you all again next year.

Uldale

Uldale Lunch Club

At the time of writing this, government instructions for preventing the spread of Covid-19 are that only 6 people should meet and from no more than 2 households. This would seem to rule out the Lunch Club. However, on speaking to Mark at (Mae's Tearooms, he is more than willing to provide us with a delicious Christmas Lunch and is confident that we will be safe due to his spacing and hygiene facilities.

So, it's up to everyone to decide if you'd like to partake. Rules could have changed again by the actual date of the lunch.

The Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 3rd December at 12 midday at Mae's Tearooms, Uldale, and the January

2021 lunch is on Thursday 7th January.

Booking is ESSENTIAL by the previous Tuesday, directly with Mark on 016973 71369 or mark@maestearooms.co.uk

Consultation document

While no deadline was given for completing and returning this document, please can I encourage as many of you as possible who have so far not responded to do so? The wider the response the better. Completed forms can be dropped off through my letterbox or posted to me at: Andrew Coxon, Skiddaw View, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA.

Parish Council Information

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Virtual Meeting – Thursday 1st October 2020 on Zoom.

A letter from Cllr Mike Johnson, Deputy Leader of Allerdale Borough Council, advised that due to several factors, Allerdale Borough Council had decided to postpone the imposition of energy costs from the footway lighting on the parishes.

There currently being one parish councillor vacancy - Rachel Jukes was co-opted onto the council.

Highways are to be thanked for the thorough job two road sweepers carried out around the village.

Most potholes in the village have now been repaired. Low trees were causing issues to motorists on the Castle Inn to Ireby road approximately one hundred yards above The Rake road end and in two places on The Rake itself.

Progressing the planter/trough at the Bassenthwaite sign was considered, area to be inspected with a view to requesting a contractor to quote to complete the work.

For a copy of the full October minutes, please contact the clerk or visit www.bassenthwaite.org.uk.

Next virtual meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd

December 2020 at 7.30pm. ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND. Clerk: Elizabeth Clark - 016973 45665 /

bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com

Blennerhasset and Torpenhow Parish Council

Virtual Meeting - Wednesday 9th September 2020

Matters discussed included: A report had been received of fly tipping/burning of rubbish on the parish land at Blennerhasset. Incidents of dog fouling is still occurring on the village green and the playing field at Blennerhasset.

Planning: Nichol Croft, Torpenhow - Single Storey sunroom extension. Kirkland Green, Mealsgate - Roof over silage clamp. Ellenside Garage, Blennerhasset - Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2017/0451 regarding revisions to house design. Kirkland Gate, Mealsgate -

Alterations and extensions to replace rear entrance porch and conservatory. Whitehead Brow, Mealsgate - Extension to existing agricultural building. Decisions: Nichol Croft,

Torpenhow - Single Storey sunroom extension -FULL PLANS APPROVED. 3 Winder Cottages, Blennerhasset - To replace existing single glazed timber windows and one set of single glazed timber patio doors with aluminium double-glazed units and timber front door with composite door - LBC GRANTED. Ellenside Garage, Blennerhasset - Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2017/0451 regarding revisions to house design - FULL PLANS APPROVED.

Donation request: £50 was granted to Citizens Advice Allerdale.

The next meeting will be held on 11th November 2020, 7.30pm.

Clerk: Janice Rae - 016973 42138 / bandtpc@gmail.com / www.blennerhasset.com

Parish Council Information

Blindcrake Parish Council

Blindcrake Parish Council recap of the last 6 months.

People

Graeme Forrester retired as clerk after 14 years on 30th June and Phil Allison has resigned as councillor and vice chair due to work commitments. The council thanks them both for their service. David McGuffie is the new clerk. The council is asking any residents of the parish that are interested in being co-opted to the council to submit a short summary of their experience and what they could bring to the role. For further information contact the Chair, Ros Berry on 01900 828384.

Planning

Applications for work at Rose & Smithy Cottages (Blindcrake), Westray Farm (Sunderland) and Moota Garden centre (Moota) have all been through the council and subsequently approved by LDNPA. Other applications have been commented on, but no decision has been made by LDNPA yet.

Broadband

Thanks to the efforts of Alan Purvis and others a community fibre partnership agreement has been signed with BT to bring better broadband to Sunderland. This is funded via the voucher scheme and a grant from the Tallentire Windfarm Fund. The fibre could still take up to a year to be installed. David Roberts has achieved national media exposure with his efforts to bring better broadband to Ise. Work is still ongoing to turn this coverage into a proposal.

UU pipeline

These works have dominated council business over the last 6 months but with the pipeline now installed, tested and reinstatement work. Ongoing, it will hopefully have a reduced impact. Several issues have been raised with UU including the siting of the kiosk at Blumer Bridge, the height and landscaping of the line valve access points and the plans for reinstatement. Whilst the new reservoir at Moota hill and the treatment works at Williamsgate are ahead of schedule, the bulk of the reinstatement will probably not be complete until well into next year.

Village Hall

The refurbishment works on the Blindcrake Village Hall have turned out to be more involved than we hoped but should be completed by the end of October. It should be open for bookings again mid-November.

Clints Quarry

The National Park planners received a request for a scoping opinion on the content of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed new quarry at Clints Crag in April. The Parish Council submitted detailed comments but the NPA has been awaiting views from County Highways before finalising its formal response.

Bothel and Threapland Parish Council

Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2020.

Matters discussed: Highways – A report was received of potholes on the Threapland Moss road and Bothel to Threapland road. Parishioners are reminded that any highway issues can be reported on the Highways Information Management System (HIMS) on the County Council's website. Community Fund: The Wharrels Hill Community Benefit payment had been received on 1st September. A grant was paid to Bothel & Kirkland W.I. towards the Bothel Busybody. Donation request from Citizens Advice Allerdale – It was agreed to grant £50. Village Hall - Electric Vehicle Charge points – Members were provided with information on the Charge My Street project to install electric vehicle charge points in Cumbria. Members discussed the project to install two EVC's at the Village Hall.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2020, 7.30pm.

Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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We are aware that this is a new, yet untried, format for our website, and we would therefore welcome your feedback.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 18 November 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, on embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com or 077866 78283.

Ireby & Uldale Parish Council

Repairs to Noticeboard in Ireby:

The Parish Council would like to thank Joe Rudd, Joiner for undertaking the repairs and Charles Payne for re-painting the noticeboard.

School News

Ireby School News

The children have settled back into school life very well and have been making the most of some wonderful Autumn weather. Our minibus has been busy and gives us the freedom to take our learning out of the classroom to discover new places, support our topics, and explore our local area. The children from Mrs Errington's class have been to Carlisle Castle to learn more about their topic - Castles, Knights and Dragons and enjoyed a sunny picnic in the park for their lunch. Their weekly forest school trip to Stockwood saw them making a drawbridge for their castle and taught them about pulleys and friction.

The KS2 class have been having enormous fun learning about photography thanks to a grant we recently received enabling the school to purchase some cameras. This time the minibus headed up to Honister Slate Mine and, with the help and expertise of local photographer, Carmen Norman, the children took photos underground playing with aperture settings, shutter

speeds and special effects. The results were amazing! They also recently went to Whinlatter to learn more about their topic - Science and Adaptation.

This term we have been lucky to be able to offer the children an after-school club every day until 4.45pm, ran by Helen Branthwaite. Recently the children have been planting onions, radishes, making Autumn wreaths and designing a spaghetti tower challenge. They have also made delicious pizzas. The PTA are raising funds this term through a Virtual Christmas Market. Organised by one of our parents, Marie Wynn. There is a Facebook page you can join where you can do your Christmas shopping, while still supporting Ireby C of E School. There is a fantastic selection of stalls, including crafts, books, jewellery and beauty products, all from local producers and businesses. This runs until December 20th. As always please follow our news and events through our Ireby C of E Primary School Facebook page or on Twitter @IrebyCESchool.

General

Caldbeck Area Film Club

For many years our first film has been in September, but this year, not unexpectedly, we haven't managed it. We had hoped to have "The Personal History of David Copperfield" on 4th December, but with the situation in Cumbria worsening, we've reluctantly decided to wait until next year.

The Village Hall is very roomy for our usual 25 – 35 audience, and we know that it could be arranged safely. However, with the situation being so unstable now, we feel that it is not worth the risk – financial if nothing else!

We have some great films lined up – Two Popes, Green Book, Emma, The Dressmaker – so let's all hope that we can enjoy them in our newly refurbished hall in the New Year.

We'll keep everyone informed via the local magazines and we will send out emails to those on our list – if you are not on the list please let Sally or me know and we'll add you.

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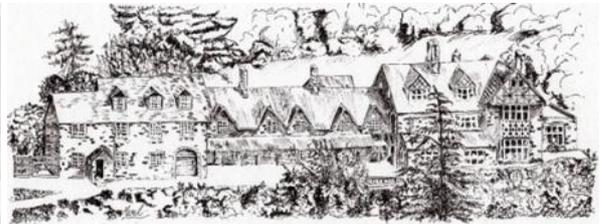
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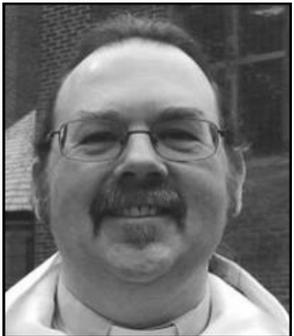
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