

Around Kirkby Lonsdale

February 2014

KL website – join the online community!

The new Kirkby Lonsdale website is now up and running at www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk. The launch event at the Lunesdale Hall on Saturday 11 January was a great opportunity for residents, community groups and local businesses to take a closer look at the updated site with hourly presentations by webmaster, Mark Rollisson, and the chance to have a hands-on tutorial. We now need as many people as possible to get online!

Community Groups

We're fortunate to have a wealth of groups in Kirkby Lonsdale – including sports, gardening, fellowship and music. If you're involved in organising or coordinating your group's events and activities, you'll want to make full use of the 'Junction' where you can set up and edit your own page, posting events and information for members and for the public at large. Contact Mark – registrations @kirkbylonsdale.co.uk if you need help setting up your group's page.

Businesses

There are lots of opportunities for businesses to promote their products and services on the website and Chamber of Trade members get preferential advertising rates. Get in touch via the website for more details.

Residents

If you register with a name and password on the website, you'll be able to join your favourite groups, comment on stories and post FREE classified adverts. It's quick and simple, but feel free to get in touch if you experience any problems.

Kirkby Lonsdale Town Plan

Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council has published the first draft of its three-year Development Plan. It is available online at www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk and hard copies are available at the Library and/or the visitor information shop at 24 Main Street. Responses are invited either by post or email to Kirkby Lonsdale Town Clerk at Braeside, Low Greenhills, Crook, Kendal, LA8 8LA, or kltownplan@hotmail.co.uk. Closing date for responses is Tuesday, February 25.



Volunteers needed!

The Kirkby Lonsdale Visitor Information & Gift Shop at 24 Main Street is looking for more people to join our enthusiastic volunteer team. We have 3½ and 4 hour shifts from Tuesday to Sunday so please do contact us even if you only have a few hours to spare at a time. It is also not a must to be available every week and at a certain day.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and help us keep providing this vital service for the community, then please contact the Community Manager, Belinda Roos via the website at lovethelune.org.uk or via the shop telephone number 015242 71437 or just drop in to the shop and talk to one of our volunteers.

Deadline for March AKL: Midday Sat, 15 Feb. Nothing received after the deadline can be included.

Mail copy, either typed or on CD, to AKL, Lunesdale Hall, Bective Road, Kirkby Lonsdale. Email in plain text or with MS Word attachment only to aklnews@uwclub.net.

Editorial matters: Contact Nick Gillibrand, KL 71231 or Diane Nowell, KL 73636.

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Dance Fitness and Adult Tap

Eat too much over the holidays? Want to exercise with some great people and have fun doing it? We've started two brand new adult classes: Adult Tap 6-6:40pm, and Adult Dance & Fitness 6:45-7:30pm. Classes are running every Thursday of this term at St Mary's Primary School. Cost is £4 per class or £7 for both. Call Holly 07983000450 for more information, or just show up! See you there :)

Casterton Golf Club

Casterton Golf Club held its AGM on Thursday 16 January 2014, when the new Captain, Lady Captain & President were welcomed. The Captain for 2014 is Mark Pattison & Lady Captain Judy Park, with Ray Burrell taking on the role as Club President. Vice Captain is Jim Godwin & Lady Vice Captain May Frankland. The new Winter Opens are proving very popular with only a few tee times remaining for Sunday 9 February & Sunday 9 March.

Haffner Orchestra

Saturday 15 February 7.30pm
Soloist: Kathryn Stott (piano)
Conductor: Natalia Luis-Bassa

6.30pm pre-concert talk by Kathryn Stott
Great Hall, Lancaster University

Arensky Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky
Shostakovich Piano Concerto no.2
Beethoven Leonore Overture no.1
Mendelssohn Symphony no.1

Buy tickets online at www.haffnerorchestra.org; or ring 01524 582394 (credit card sales, office hours Mon-Sat). Tickets are also available from Lancaster or Morecambe VICs, Lancaster University box office (01524 594151) or at the door.

Ticket prices: Adults £13, Concessions £12, 18 and under free, subject to availability.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH: Rev Andrew J Webb, 42 Shap Rd, Kendal LA9 6DP. Tel. 01539 721450. Kirkby Lonsdale: Sunday Service & Junior Church, 10.30am. Evening services, as arranged, 6pm. See announcements for Evening service dates. Cowan Bridge: Sunday Service, 11am (Family service, first Sunday in the month).

ST JOSEPH'S RC CHURCH: Back Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale. Sunday Mass, 9am. During the week, as announced. Parish Priest Canon Luiz Ruscillo, The Presbytery, St Mary's RC Church, Hornby. Tel. 015242 21246.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE: Preston Patrick Sundays 10.30 Warden 015395 61163 and Brigflatts, Sundays, 10.30am. Warden, 015396 20005.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER SCHEME: 07788 52 25 11 **CUMBRIA POLICE:** Emergency 999 Non-emergency 101

From the Team Ministry

The Journey Home

As I write this article the season of Epiphany has just begun, and as you read it, Epiphany will be coming to an end. Epiphany is the season during which the church celebrates the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus. Not the new born baby lying in a manger, but possibly 2 years later when the holy family were living in an house. The magi came from the eastern borders of the known world, guided by a star, symbolising God's revelation of himself to all nations and people, in Jesus Christ.

Although the magi are often called the three wise men, scripture does not tell us how many magi there were, just that they brought three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, we don't even know for certain they were men! Although I reckon if they had been women they would have had good directions before leaving home, arrived on time, helped with the birth, tidied and cleaned, prepared a good meal and brought practical presents for the infant!!

We know they were learned, astronomers, wealthy, but I wonder what they were like as people, what they thought, what would their conversation have been as they made the long journey home reflecting on their experience of meeting Jesus Christ; child yet

king, man yet deity, humbled yet glorified. I'm sure they would have shared their story with many hundreds of people, and it would have been a significant memory for the rest of their lives. A journey of faith, a journey of transformation.

As my time in the Rainbow parish draws to a close, inevitably a source of sadness, I look forward to returning to West Cumbria where I grew up, to begin my new post in the church; it too feels like a journey home; so I too am reflecting on my faith journey. My encounter with Jesus Christ, my conversion from atheist to Christian, from scientist to priest, the way Jesus Christ transformed my life has been a story I have shared many times.

We all have a story, but especially as Christians it is good to share what God has done in our lives, sometimes in times of joy, at other times finding strength in challenge. I don't move until June, so there will be time for saying goodbyes, but as the New Year begins it seems like a good opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your journey, and to thank each one of you who has been a part of mine.

*Yours in Christ
David*

Lest We Forget 1914-2014 - Then and Now Stories

A community project to explore, conserve and share some of Kirkby Lonsdale's First World War stories. On a table at the back of St Mary's Church in Kirkby Lonsdale lie three black folders; the work of a local man, Sydney Richardson. These three volumes contain a treasure trove of information about the men of Kirkby Lonsdale who died in the two World Wars. Fascinatingly they also document the story of the war memorial and reveal something of how those left behind must have felt.

In this centenary year St Mary's Church has applied to the Heritage Lottery fund to help conserve this heritage, make it more accessible to a wider audience and enable the local community to engage with it in a dynamic and creative way. If successful, the Heritage Lottery funded **Then and Now Stories** project would enable the digitisation of the material making it available as an eBook for local residents and visitors to download. Hard copies would also be made available in the town and school libraries and at the TIC.

The application also includes funding for a playwright and a workshop leader to assist in the creation of an inter-generational contemporary piece of commemorative theatre to be performed in the church in November 2014. A short video capturing the essence of the performance would be commissioned, and this would be made available alongside the eBook. There will be an initial meeting to discuss the project at 7pm on Tuesday March 11 2014 in St Marys Church, Kirkby Lonsdale. If you are interested in helping or being involved either as a performer, musician, or stagehand. Or if you have any information or memorabilia about the soldiers named in the Books of Remembrance please come along and get involved.

For further information please contact Rev Richard Snow on 015242 72044 or Jayne Davies on 015242 73393

NYAS

Are you that special volunteer? Do you have time and commitment to give? Do you relate well to children and young people?

NYAS is a national children's rights charity working to recruit, train and support adult volunteers to become Independent Visitors for children and young people who are looked after by the local authority. We need motivated, child focused volunteers to befriend children and young people. You don't need special qualifications, but patience. Stamina and a non-judgemental attitude are essential.

You will need to commit to a few hours each month, in return we offer training, support and reimbursement of expenses for travel and an activity allowance. All successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS

For further information you can visit the website: www.nyas.org or e-mail terry.smith@nyas.net

KL Volunteer Drivers

Do you have access to a car, and would you be willing to provide transport to local people who do not have their own transport? Volunteer Drivers is looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to give a little of their time to help those who do not have their own transport. Journeys are mostly on a one-off basis, and typically to a local hospital for outpatient appointments or to the local surgery or similar. Occasionally longer journeys are requested. Most clients are of retired age but able bodied. Volunteers give their time free of charge, but the client contributes to car running costs at the rate of 45p per mile.

I act as "match maker" between clients and volunteers, and I never pressure volunteers to take on a journey when it is not convenient. I can work with volunteers who may be available only part time, such as mornings only, as well as those who are regularly available, and I try to spread the load as evenly as I can across the pool of volunteers.

If you feel you might be able to help, please contact me on 015242 72509 or the dedicated Volunteer Drivers line on 07788 522511. Please be willing to leave a message including your contact phone number. Alternatively you could drop me an email to johnpreston.kirkbylonsdale@gmail.com.

John Preston

Kirkby Lonsdale Community Trauma Relief Fund

With Christmas being such a busy time the Kirkby Lonsdale Community Trauma Relief Fund took the opportunity to hold its first Afternoon Tea in the Institute on the 15th December. A huge thank you must go to Ellie Dean, Judith Jones and Maureen Dwyer for supplying all those amazing cakes on the day - delicious! We have decided to hold this event again on Saturday 8th March from 2 - 5 and would love to see you there. For just £5 per person you get a sandwich, cake, scone and a cuppa - what a lovely way to end the day and a nice way to support a worthy cause.

All members of the public are invited to attend our first Annual General Meeting which will be taking place on Friday 14 March in Plato's wine cellar at 7pm.

Over the coming year we will be holding even more events to raise funds for this charity. You can support us in many ways - by attending one of these events, by leaving your change in our donation buckets around town or by setting up a standing order direct into our bank account. If you would like details on how to arrange this or would like any information relating to the KLCTRF then please contact the secretary, Kim Bradshaw on klctrf@hotmail.com

KL Arts & Culture Festival

The dates for this year's Arts Festival are Saturday 14 June to Sunday 22 June. If you would like to run an event during the week please contact Helen Baines on 015242 71275 or email: h.baines@queenelizabeth.cumbria.sch.uk

St Mary's Men's Fellowship

The provisionally proposed visit to Heysham Power Station on Tuesday 11 February has been put back to week commencing April Monday 7 April. This will still have to remain provisional until numbers wishing to visit are known. The speaker for Tuesday 11 February will be Trevor Hughes whose subject will be 'Kendal to London by yak'. Trevor has been with us before when his subject was: 'The Treasures of Kendal' which was very well received. I am sure this one will be just as good.

Robin Martin

Police Report

Logs of note in the Kirkby Lonsdale area are:

19/11 A vehicle was broken into at Lupton. £7975 worth of works tools were taken out of the van.

25/11 2 males were seen knocking on doors in the Kirkby Lonsdale area. Both males were spoken to and their IDs checked out. They were selling door to door for Safestyle UK. Both were advised on their selling tactics and allowed to resume.

3/12 A bike that was left unattended overnight outside the Pheasant Inn at Casterton had its lights stolen.

5/12 A tree came down on the road to Newbiggen due to nasty weather.

10/12 4 male youths were spoken to on the Booths car park at 11pm at night. They were using the car park and floodlights to play football. The youths were spoken to and it was explained to them that elderly residents live around the area. There were no offences and all moved on.

16/12 A suspicious vehicle was seen in Kirkby Lonsdale. Its registration was taken. The same vehicle had been reported to us previously asking for scrap materials.

2/1 A vehicle was reported to be parked on the pavement on Lunesfield Drive blocking pedestrian access. Please do not park in such a way that you will cause pedestrians to walk on the road as you will be issued with a fixed penalty for unnecessary obstruction.

2/1 A gents shooting jacket was stolen from The Royal in Kirkby Lonsdale.

8/1 A residential property was broken into on Robrairie, there was no one in at the time. Enquiries are still ongoing.

16/1 A fail to stop Road Traffic Accident happened at Middleton. An 18 year old girl driving a Toyota yaris was shunted from behind and ended up in a wall. There were no injuries. The offending vehicle was described as being a small dark 4x4 which will have offside damage. Anyone with any information please ring 101.

We hold a regular drop in surgery at Booths supermarket 6pm-8pm on the first Thursday of the month. We are also at Binfold Croft the same day at 2pm-4pm, Barbon Stores on the last Friday in each month and at Kirkby Lonsdale post office on the first Monday of each month from 12noon-1pm. We would be pleased to meet you all to discuss any issues or simply for a chat. You can contact us by email karen.dakin@cumbria.police.uk or amanda.coleman@cumbria.police.uk and also follow us on Facebook and Twitter www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice and www.twitter.com/cumbriapolice

PCSO 5244 Mandy Coleman and PCSO 5206 Karen Dakin

Casterton WI

The recent campaign for new members has been extremely successful, attracting 9 new members, 2 of whom have returned after a few years' break.

At the first meeting of 2014 Laura Rosenzweig gave an extremely absorbing talk on weaving and other handicrafts in India and Bhutan. Her passion for her subject was obvious both in the images of the countries she has visited and in the amazing textiles on display, part of a large collection built up over several years.

To help ensure that Casterton WI continues to interest and entertain, members were asked to hand in completed questionnaires with their suggestions for the programme for 2015. The meeting on 5 February will be 'A Candlelight Evening' when members will share memories, experiences, and music. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, and events planned for 2014 can be seen on the website: www.castertonwi.co.uk.

Bill finally hangs up his apron

Having served Kirkby Lonsdale for 22 years as the bespoke picture framer and restorer I have decided to hang up my green apron and put on a blue one in my next role in helping Sue at the Blue Pig B & B.

Seriously though I would like to thank all my customers who have supported me and trusted me with their precious art work. I have thoroughly enjoyed and embraced every challenge that you have all given me from medals, sports shirts, CDs, rugby balls and footballs, cricket bats, signed Ricky Hatton's boxing gloves, Matthew Pincent's Olympic oar blade, and 170 pictures which we transported to Southampton and literally screwed on board a cruise liner for P& O and many more challenges.

The workshop will finally close at the end of January and I ask all customers who still have work to be collected to do so before then. I have made many friends during my time framing and will miss the contact. Thank you once again.

Bill Finch

Gentlemen to Dine

Masonry in Kirkby Lonsdale, Friday 14 February 2014
The Worshipful Master and Brethren of Underley Lodge cordially extend to gentlemen of and around Kirkby Lonsdale an invitation to dine with them at Underley Masonic Hall, Fairbank, Kirkby Lonsdale.

In the Year 2015 Underley Lodge will be celebrating 150 Years and as such we consider this to be the oldest established institution remaining in the Town of Kirkby Lonsdale. If you are in any way curious as to why gentlemen from the surrounding areas are dedicated members of Freemasonry, please consider spending a short time with us on the occasion of this open invitation.

For further information or reserving a place at our festive board, please contact our lodge Mentor
W. Bro. R. M. Dewhurst
Tel 01524271036
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Volunteer at Sizergh

New Year, change gear, volunteer! Come to one of our Volunteer Taster Days at Sizergh and find out more about volunteering with the National Trust. The day will include a tour of the house and garden and an estate walk (weather permitting). 22 January and 4 February 2014, 10am to 2pm (booking essential; email sizergh@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 015395 60951).

Indigo's future in the balance

Having become such a part of the fabric of the local communities over almost six years, and not only enjoyed by many, but also used by many local organisations to promote their causes and events, it seems difficult to conceive that there may well be a gap in the local airwaves in the next few months.

Whilst we have won many local and regional awards for the commitment to the local community and the professionalism of output, INDIGO has always been a 'not for profit' initiative, driven by the free time given by volunteers and funded by any grants received and advertising generated. The local Chamber of Commerce and a very limited number of local businesses have been supportive, in the main the value that such a resource adds to the local vibrancy has not been realised, nor supported sufficiently. Enquiries are in hand with OFCOM to see whether a limited number of satellite transmitters could be set up in several small communities around the South Lakes. This may increase the scope for generating meaningful advertising revenues and therefore sustainability. If these are unsuccessful, OFCOM will be advised that the annual operating costs of around £6000- 8000, are not manageable and the licence will be handed back. All of this, plus a new personal commitment to act as chaplain at a prison near Knutsford a couple of days a week, means that whilst I am happy to keep up responsibility for programming, production and scheduling, I cannot give the time necessary to manage and explore funding options. I have brought this to the attention of the new community enterprise, but at the time of writing, there has been no follow up to explore options.

If the decision to hand back the licence takes place, I will keep you notified by both our own local output and in the next edition of AKL. For the time being thank you to both our local volunteers and loyal listeners.

Paul Broadbent LLB(Hons).MA (Econ).MA. Director

Gardening Association

The latest talk for the Gardening Association was provided by Jeff Hutchings, who owns Laneside Hardy Orchid Nursery, on 20 November.

The theme of the evening was 'Hardy Orchids for a British Garden' and Jeff began the evening by giving us a brief history of how, through a background of teaching, horticulture and landscape gardening, he became interested in native orchids and is now chairman of the British Orchid Association.

Jeff's interesting talk was illustrated by slides and informed us of the wide variety of orchids that can grow in Cumbria and throughout the UK. However it seems that some of his customers have been perplexed by the orchid's need for the right conditions to flower and their varying periods of dormancy. Jeff is currently involved in projects throughout the country to reintroduce the native British orchid. The evening ended with a sale of plants - orchids naturally.

Future talks in 2014 – 7.30pm Lunesdale Hall Reading Rooms

Wednesday 19th February - Michele Martin - 'Creating successful borders for year round colour and interest'.

Wednesday 19th March - Brian & Gill Fuller - 'Wild Flowers of the High Mountains'.

May We See Your Garden?

In the November issue of AKL we gave advance notice of an exciting event next July - the Kirkby Lonsdale Open Gardens weekend. We are now looking for people to take part!

The joy about gardens is that they are so variable: gardens may be large and formal, or small and (virtually) weed-free, or informal and 'cottagey', or just about kept in check...They may be gardens for colour, or scent, or growing herbs or vegetables or fruit, or for sitting out in the sun (remember that?), or for staying just about presentable all year. In other words, an interesting garden doesn't have to be perfect, it just has to be - interesting! - so that visitors can look, and enjoy, and think, and talk, and ask questions (to which you may or may not know the answer). So your 'just ordinary' garden might be 'just ideal'!

We already know of several garden or allotment owners who are keen to take part, but we need more - so what about offering yours? Perhaps you have a 'hidden gem' (or a hidden talking point) invisible behind a high gate?

WHEN? The Open Garden event will take place on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July. The owner or some other responsible person will have to be on hand to keep an eye on things and (perhaps) answer questions. If your garden could be open on both days, that would be ideal, but one-day opening would also be possible. The open period will generally be from 10.30 am till 4 pm.

WHO? The event is being organised to raise funds for the charity Freedom from Torture, and is also supported by Kirkby Lonsdale Horticultural Society and 'Love the Lune'.

PROGRAMMES: Admission to the gardens will be by programme, which will be available for sale both in advance and on the day. The programmes will cost £5 per adult, with children free. Each programme will contain a town map, and will give brief information about each garden -- where it is, what kind of garden, any access problems, any 'extras' such as plant sales, cups of tea, etc.

CONTACT: if you want to find out more (with no obligation!), please do phone one of these numbers: Tim and Jane Burnett (Kirkby Lonsdale 71336), Shirley Osborn (71604), Chris and Kathy Paice (73607).

Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Many of you will have seen Rotarians out with their collecting tins in the 2 months leading up to Christmas. On 15 November, Rotary collected together with the staff from Booths store at Kirkby Lonsdale for "Children In Need". The staff at Booths were all in wonderful fancy dress, Pudsey Bear joined the Rotarians outside the store and it was a fun day. The sum collected was £1,500.

On 14 December, once again with the staff from the Kirkby Lonsdale Booths store, Rotary brought Father Christmas in his sleigh to collect for the disaster in the Philippines. The sum collected was £552. From 12-23 December, Father Christmas in his sleigh visited the local villages with members of the Rotary Club in attendance collecting for local community deserving causes. The weather was pretty grim on the collection nights, so much so that Ingleton was abandoned. Rotarians were true to the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" on these bad weather nights. The sum collected was £1,762.

Thank you so much to everybody who gave so generously on these occasions. Your support is greatly appreciated and it is what enables Rotary to carry out all the community work it does at local, national and international levels. Rotary was also very pleased to come to the aid of Father Christmas and to provide a sleigh and pulling power for him in Kirkby Lonsdale's traditional Christmas Parade--see our website for the full story!

If, as an individual, you have skills which you feel you would like to use to help other people, you may consider exploring the many opportunities available, through the Rotary Club, to use them to their full potential.

You would be looking at all aspects of society, young, old, poor, disabled, disadvantaged in some way, vulnerable and in need of help. Rotary might be able to help you find the best way for your special talents. An initial chat might well uncover a mutual interest so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

The members of the Rotary Club would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2014. We look forward to a busy and productive year. For further information please contact lunesdalepresident@btinternet.com or www.lunesdalerotary.org.uk

Cllr Evelyn

SLDC is urging small businesses to claim rate relief directly from the council. Many businesses are being plagued by cold calls from companies with a view to helping them claim Small Business Rate relief – for a fee based on any savings and future savings the customer can make. One phone pest, when I rejected her offer replied “Well I hope you are happy when HMRC doubles your business rates!” Ratepayers can avoid such charges by speaking directly to the Council on 01539 793245. Small Business Rate relief can amount to 100% for properties which have a rateable value of £6,000 or less. It reduces on a sliding scale for those with a rateable value of £6,001 and £12,000. Claiming is a simple matter of completing a form. Charities and registered Community Amateur Sports Clubs are entitled to 80% relief where the property is occupied wholly or mainly used for the charitable purposes of the charity or the club. The local authority has discretion to give further relief on the remaining bill. For other businesses SLDC has discretion to give hardship relief in specific circumstances. For further details contact SLDC on 0845 050 4434

Cllr Ian

Sometimes it seems difficult to give money away! In an earlier issue of the AKL I explained how each District Councillor now had an annual locality budget of £1000 available for distribution to community based organisations which had a project requiring “seed” funding to get it off the ground. I still have £650 left in my own allocation which needs to be spent before the end of the financial year. This, or part of it, could be yours if you satisfy the approval criteria:

1. The payment must be at least £100
2. The funding must go to a parish/town or community group, **not** an individual business
3. The granting of the funding is a one-off and does not imply an on-going commitment by the council
4. The project or activity promotes communities working together and does not unfairly discriminate against people from different backgrounds
5. The funding can be used by the community group during the 12 months following receipt
6. As far as the Councillor is aware, making the payment to the community group would not result in fraudulent or illegal activity

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like to find out more and / or submit an application.

Cllr Nick

The Local Plan was adopted by SLDC just before Christmas and we now know where development can take place in Kirkby Lonsdale - the land around Queen Elizabeth School's astro turf pitch off Kendal Road has been identified as an area where up to 80 houses and some light industrial units may be built. It is vital that everyone is able to add their comments and concerns about this development. It also coincides with a long-term vision by QES to create a Centre of Sporting Excellence in the same area. There are many issues that this whole development throws up and safety of children around the schools would need to be at the top of the list. The schemes may offer a new way to look at traffic and parking and to make trips to and from school on foot a more attractive prospect. There have been suggestions of a safe crossing zone between the two schools with Kendal Road shut to through traffic; a roundabout at the junction of the A65 with Kendal Road is another idea; a larger car park by the astro turf pitch would take staff, pupils and parents off residential roads; more footpaths radiating off from this car park leading direct to St Mary's and to the safe crossing zone between the two schools have also been suggested.

What we can say is that it would make no sense to allow the new development to direct large amounts of extra traffic down Kendal Road or to create new vehicular access from Harling Bank exacerbating safety in the vicinity of the primary school. The safety of QES pupils has already been compromised at the difficult junction of Biggins Road and Kendal Road as a result of the Masters Grange development. There should have been more consideration given to installing a safe crossing of Dodgson Croft for the elderly residents of the McCarthy & Stone development to access Booths and the GP Surgery. We must not let a third development cause more safety issues for pedestrians. This should be an opportunity to sort out traffic and parking around the two schools and if we ensure free-flowing, constructive communication between residents, the schools, Cumbria Highways, SLDC and the developers we should arrive at solutions which are for the benefit of the whole town.

As always please feel free to contact either Evelyn, Ian or myself as follows: Evelyn Westwood: email evelyn@markwestwood.co.uk Tel. 015396 20148
Ian McPherson: email ianmcpherson24@hotmail.com Tel. 015396 20648. Nick Cotton: email red.pedal@virgin.net Tel. 015242 71477

Volunteering for Nature Day

Warton, Tue 25 February, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Help improve the homes of some nationally important nature that lives locally. A variety of volunteering opportunities on Warton Crag and Hyning Scout Wood, and at the 'hub'.

Meet: 9.30 am, Warton Village Hall —no booking required

Suitable for Adults (12+ accompanied by an adult)

Wear outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear

Bring lunch and a hot drink

Afternoon tea at the hall at 3.30 pm!

This event is hosted by RSPB, Arnside and Silverdale AONB, Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation, as part of the Morecambe Bay Limestones and Wetlands Nature Improvement Area project.

Where to find us: Head for the centre of the village. Car parking is limited in Warton Village but parking stewards will be positioned near the George Washington Pub to direct you.

Details: tania.crockett@rspb.org.uk; 01524 703013; www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk

Fraser Hall Events

Live spring events at Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge

Theatre: Sunday 2nd March at 7pm

Denise Kennedy in: *Bella: Queen of Blackfriars Ring*
The year is 1940 and the boxing venue 'Blackfriars Ring' has been destroyed during the Blitz. Having forgotten to renew her lease, boxing promoter, Bella Burge, has lost everything. Using song, dance, film and a bit of boxing alongside a live musical score, Bella sifts through the dirt and ruin of her extraordinary life and career.

Music: Friday 4th April at 7.30pm

'The_Once'

This Canadian Trio embrace a different vision of Newfoundland music. Their songs are uncomplicated. Playing guitar, mandolin, fiddle & bouzouki, they create a perfect blend of voice and melody, sometimes melancholy, sometimes funny but always poignant.

All tickets are available in advance from Cowan Bridge Village Stores, adults £8 and £20 per family.

Refreshments will be available.

Flooding on Back Lane

For several years now, the authorities have ignored requests to fix the flooding problem on the back lane leading to Devil's Bridge. Every time it rains, which is a lot of rain in this area of Britain, the lane becomes impassable for members of the public who are not wearing waders. This lane is well used by local people and dog walkers as well as those people who travel to work in the town and have to park their cars by Devil's Bridge.

Because the flooding is worse half way along the lane, people are faced with the choice of getting their feet wet or turning back and making a long detour along the main road in order to access the town centre. This problem could be easily fixed without the need of major lane reconstruction. Drain channels with 'inbuilt falls' are available from builders' merchants. They could be laid in the dip along the verge next to the field and discharged into the existing culvert which goes under the lane.

Where there is a will, there is a way.

Name and address supplied

Parking Group AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Kirkby Lonsdale Parking Group will be held in the Lunesdale Hall (formerly known as the Institute) on Wednesday 26 February 2014 starting at 7.30pm. All members of the public are invited to attend the meeting which will be chaired by Mark Fuller. Members of the Parking Group will be in attendance along with Councillor Nick Cotton.

The meeting will give the public an opportunity to hear results from the Parking Survey and about initiatives proposed by the Parking Group. The Parking Group which was set up during 2013 to address parking issues in Kirkby Lonsdale has adopted a formal constitution which can be viewed on the Kirkby Lonsdale Web Site at kirkbylonsdale.co.uk.

You are warmly invited to attend this AGM whether you live in the Town or in one of the surrounding villages.

Mike Neal

If there are any queries please contact me on 71085 or via mikejneal@btinternet.com

Jazz Vespers

As announced in the December/January edition of AKL, Jazz Vespers will be returning to St Mary's Church on Sunday 2 March at 6-30 pm led by The High Society Jazz Band. This is an ideal opportunity to give thanks to God for the talent of ALL Musicians who inspire us to sing His praises. Some sing badly some well but we should all enjoy it .and know we are all heard. This service is being arranged by popular request so I look forward to seeing you all there. John Scarff 10 The Gables Fairbank Kirkby Lonsdale Tel.No.73644



Casterton Toddlers

Tues 9.30-11 Term time only
Refreshments and snacks available for the children. Tea and cakes available. Toys stories and activities. £1.50 per session
Tel 015242 79300 lt@sedberghprep.org.uk

New advertisers

Around Kirkby Lonsdale appreciates the support given by local advertisers and thanks them for recognising the importance of reaching readers throughout the Rainbow Parish. More than 1,700 copies of AKL are distributed each month to homes, libraries and churches by our team of volunteers. Statistically, that means around 5,000 people read AKL each month.

There has been a waiting list of prospective advertisers during the past few months. As space became available, new advertisers have taken their place on our seven advertising pages. Readers are recommended to check our advertising pages regularly as new services and offers are now available. Thanks again to everyone who supports this community link.

Graffiti Classics: The Comedy String Quartet

At Arkholme Village Hall, Thursday 20 March, 7.30. **A Spot On Lancashire event** - 16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for audiences everywhere!

Graffiti Classics bursts the elitist boundaries of the traditional String Quartet with its hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. It's a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one! This world-class show never fails to get audiences laughing, clapping and singing along.

Graffiti Classics regularly tours theatres and Festivals across the world because the show is enjoyable in any language and is loved by all audiences, young and old. The group's virtuosic playing of well-loved classics combined with its cheeky comedy and hilarious audience interaction ensure that audiences are left with a smile on their face and a song in their heart! Tickets £7 (£5 for under 18s) from Arkholme shop or 015242 22236.

Friends of St Mary's

Now that the festivities are long past (and I hope you all had a good one!) it is time to begin the new year for the Friends with our AGM on 25 February at 7.30pm in the Reading Room at the Lunesdale Hall as usual, and you will be receiving your letter and Agenda from the Secretary later this month.

Our last event of 2013 was the annual Christmas Party held at the Rectory by kind permission of the Rev. Richard and Mrs Gillie Snow. It was a most enjoyable evening with carol singing round the piano with Mrs Janet Atkins ably led by the Rector and our usual sumptuous finger buffet with mulled wine etc. The annual raffle was drawn and there were some lovely prizes, not least the latest picture of St Mary's by William H Jones (won by Mr and Mrs Michael Marczynski).

A forward date for your new diary - the annual coffee morning will be held on Saturday 5 April 2014.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM and hope that you will join us afterwards for a glass of wine and some nibbles.

Lunesdale Decorative & Fine Arts (LADFAS) Report

Tuesday 17 December 2013

“The History of Windsor Castle and its Royal Occupants”

Oliver Everett gave a delightful lightning tour of Windsor castle, its occupants and its changes through the centuries, starting in about 1080 and ending in 2002. The footprint of the actual castle has remained roughly constant throughout its history, but it has seen many drastic changes over the centuries. In 1080 it was mostly built of wood, but by the time of Henry II a century later, it was not deemed safe enough and its walls were rebuilt in stone – a crucial improvement, since they have been besieged three times since but never actually breached. (The first siege was in the time of King John.) Windsor is now the oldest fortified castle in Europe to have been continuously occupied to the present day.

William the Conqueror built it, with eight other castles, all within a 9 mile radius of London – a day’s march - so that trouble within the capital could be quelled quickly! Four rulers have transformed the castle, the first being Edward III, who in 1340 instigated the “The Order of the Garter” to ensure complete loyalty from his knights. Tournaments and jousting were held in the courtyards and Edward built the lavish Saint George’s Hall in which to entertain these knights. He also changed the tower, which had once been square, into a round one. But the famous St George’s Chapel was not built until 1475, in the reign of the next Edward, Edward IV.

After the Civil War, when Windsor was once again besieged, Charles II turned the castle from a fortified bastion into a baroque palace. He extended the living quarters, and built rooms and windows all along the walls for palace servants and employees. After the Hanoverian Georges took over, Windsor did not become a royal residency again until George III came to the throne, by which time it had again fallen into disrepair. This George loved Windsor Castle, but it took many years before he had restored it enough to be able to move in with his seventeen children.

But it was his son George IV who completely transformed the castle into a palace. The architect Wyattville took many years and many millions of pounds to make it into the palace we see today. George IV never lived to enjoy Windsor, but two successor queens, Victoria and Elizabeth, have made it their home. Alas, Queen Elizabeth II had to oversee the aftermath of a fire which caused great damage, now mostly repaired. Windsor Castle has been much painted and documented through the ages, and instead of photos of the current building, Mr Everett showed many delightful water colours and drawings which evoked times past far better than photographs.

The next talk will be on **Tuesday 18th February 2014**, when Margaret Reid (Curator) will give a talk entitled “**The Windermere Steam Boat Museum**”. Lectures start at 2.15 pm promptly. Tea/Coffee served before and after the lecture.

Levens Choir to sing Rachmaninov

The Vespers St Mary's Church, Tuesday 15 April at 7.30

For its Easter concert this year Levens Choir turns back to one of the greatest sacred masterpieces of the early 20th century. What should really be called the 'All Night Vigil' is a 15-movement work for unaccompanied choir which represents the culmination of a long tradition of Russian choral music. The composer sets the services of Vespers, Matin, Lauds and Prime and creates an enormous range of colour and emotion from the choir through the course of this music. Many will know Rachmaninov's second Piano Concerto from the famous film 'Brief Encounter' and will find 'The Vespers' similarly full of gorgeous tunes and rich harmonies. The Russian language too lends this music a very special sonority.

Following his warm reception at the choir's recent Britten centenary concert cellist Jeremy Lamburn will once again be joining the choir, this time to play movements from Bach's unaccompanied Suite for cello solo in D Minor.

Please phone 01539 730590 for tickets or further information

Third Kirkby Lonsdale Beer and Music Festival

To be held at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club on 2nd, 3rd & 4th May,

FREE ENTRY

Friday evening we have Stevie Las Vegas, returning by popular demand. The cabaret starts at 7 p.m. and continues until late, remember Elvis lives on, so get out those dancing shoes and dance away those blues!

Saturday & Sunday we have 2 large marquees, from which we will be serving traditional Ales and ciders. The band line up is still to be finalized, but we are sure to have live music playing in 30-45 minute slots throughout the day and into the night. Molly Warburton and Jabba the Funk, are both appearing, and new for this year we have a Brass and Percussion Band playing Carnival/Festival type music in a couple of the slots on the Sunday.

Bill on 07949955472 and Warby on 07759490770 are busy scheduling the bands, if we haven't been in

touch and you would like to play, then just give them a ring.

Our funky furniture stand is returning, and an ethnic clothes stall, together with a brilliant Pop Artist. Enquiries for trade stands are still welcome.

Pitches for Camper Vans, Caravans & Tents are available for just £25 per tent/Caravan To book contact robingle@tiscali.co.uk or phone 015395 67236.

Look forward to seeing you all there, and fingers crossed for sunshine.



Civic Society

In Search of Arctic Wonders - Cumbria and the Arctic in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries'

This is the title of the next Civic Society illustrated talk, in the Lunesdale Hall on Monday February 10th starting at 7.30pm. The speaker is Rob David, whose experience ranges from excavating Inuit sites in Greenland to researching a Lancaster-built whaling ship. On this occasion seemingly improbable historical connections between Cumbria and the Arctic will unfold - do come along! All are Welcome

Hornby Book Fair

Sat 15 Feb, 10am-4pm Hornby Institute. A wide selection of second-hand, out-of-print and antiquarian books plus classical CDs.

Bringalong Singalong

Since November, we have been staging a monthly, Irish Pub style, 'bringalong and singalong night at the Royal. Dave Sapsford has brilliantly brought together a number of talented local musicians who bring with them accordions, banjos, fiddles flutes and guitars...and then simply go where the music takes them.

The Royal offered and have been great hosts, allowing us the space to assemble. The next evening will be held on the 13th February at the Royal from 8.00pm. You're welcome to join us and join in. They are rapidly becoming "must have" evenings on the local music calendar.

Listen to INDIGO for reminders and local shops for the posters...Keep it Real...Make it Royal !!!

Women's World Day of Prayer

Fri 7 March 2014 at 2.00pm

This year the annual service, "Streams in the Desert", has been prepared by the women of Egypt.

This service is celebrated on the same day by women all over the world and, we invite you to join us at St Joseph's RC Church, Kirkby Lonsdale, to share in what is always a very special service.

KL Rugby Union Football Club

This is intended as an introduction to Kirkby Rugby Club and it is also intended that reports will appear in future AKLs reviewing the previous month's action on and off the field. The Rugby Club is very much a community based club and interacts with the Town wherever possible, bonfire night being a typical event.

From this small community and the surrounding area the rugby club has reached a significant status and plays at the same level as Kendal and Vale Of Lune in Lancaster and in what many saw as an upset Kirkby beat Kendal earlier in the season at their Mint Bridge ground. The two teams meet again in the return fixture at Underley Park on 8th February and this should be a game not to be missed and yes, rugby is a physical game in which passions can run high, but only until the final whistle blows.

The first team plays in the division known as North 1 West which covers a large area and includes home and away games against Carlisle, teams from the Manchester area and Warrington and the Wirral peninsular in Cheshire. This is a significant travel commitment for the club and it would welcome support via membership or through the gate for home matches - don't worry if you don't know the rules, not many people do.

Jumble Sale

We are having a jumble sale for Lupton Church on Saturday 1 February at the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 2pm. Ring 015395 67521 if you are able to help or provide jumble. Thankyou

Barbon Backdoor Club

The first meeting of 2014 is on 3 February, 2pm at Barbon Village Hall. Admiral Sir John Kerr is the speaker for the meeting and his subject is 'The Commonwealth War Graves Commission'.

In a year marking the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I this illustrated talk, given by a former Vice Chairman, will describe the start and current arrangements of the organisation which cares for well over 1.5million dead of the Commonwealth services from the 2 world wars.

All are welcome to come along and be enthralled to learn about the important work of this organisation.

Back in the mid 80's the club formed a Mini and Youth structure and this has now grown to be one of the largest such organisations in the North West of England with affiliations to premiership clubs Sale Sharks and Newcastle Falcons. From within the club qualified coaches and individual team managers deal with every age level from six up to senior colts at under eighteen and in addition to this the club has recently re-launched its women and girls rugby section.

On a Sunday morning Underley Park is a joy to behold as minis and youths, boys and girls learn and hone their skills but most of all 'enjoy' the experience. Senior colts are now coming through into first team rugby and also achieving honours elsewhere. In this respect there are too many names to mention so I will confine this to the club's latest success where Brendan Cleary came successfully through trials and has recently been chosen to play for the North of England under eighteen squad. In a slightly different capacity and to demonstrate the broad base of the club it's also worth mentioning that in fifteen year old Jamie Simpson the club has produced the highest qualified referee in the UK at that age and surely honours beckon for Jamie in the future.

Cammie Hodgkinson

Kirkby Lonsdale Cricket Club

KLCC indoor net sessions will take place at QES Sports Hall on Tuesday evenings starting 25 February for 6 weeks until 1st April
6.00 - 7.00pm Juniors up to U14 level
7.00 - 8.00pm Seniors

New players are always welcome. For more information contact: Phil Sinclair on 015242 73220, Nathaniel Bateson 07780 114257, Mark & Fiona Butterworth 07989 402333

Coffee Morning

Saturday 8 March 10am-12noon

Coffee Morning at the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale on behalf of Tatham Fells School Raffle, Tombola, Cakes, Games, Books, Nearly New stall.

Any donations greatly received. Contact Sarah: farad7@aol.com.

Services for February

2 Sun PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
 11am Family Communion
 6.30pm Evensong
 Preston Patrick 9.30am Family Service
 Lupton 9.30am Morning Service
 Barbon 10.30am Mattins
 Middleton 4pm Christingle Service

4 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Group
 6 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion

9 Sun 4 BEFORE LENT

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
 11am Mattins
 6.30pm Evening Worship at the Methodist Church
 Preston Patrick 9.30am Holy Communion
 Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion
 Hutton Roof 11.00am Morning Service
 Mansergh 11.00am Holy Communion
 Casterton 6.30pm Evening Service

11 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Group
 13 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion
 15 Sat Kirkby Lonsdale 4.00pm Treasure Chest

16 Sun 3 BEFORE LENT

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Evensong
 Preston Patrick 9.30am Morning Service
 Lupton 9.30am Holy Communion
 Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion

18 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Group
 20 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion

23 Sun 2 BEFORE LENT

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
 11am Family Service
 6.30pm Evening Worship (Ecumenical)
 Preston Patrick 9.30am Holy Communion
 Barbon 10.30am Morning Service
 Casterton 10.30am Holy Communion
 Hutton Roof 11.00am Holy Communion

25 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Group
 27 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion

(The type of service may change after AKL goes to print - Please check church notice boards for up to date information)

Christians Together in Lunesdale

Christians Together in Lunesdale (CTiL) is responding to a need in communities by collecting items of non-perishable food as a way of supporting Food Banks in our area. Several churches and religious groups have been involved with this venture for some time by collecting donations of food for distribution in Kendal and Lancaster. Previous donations have been accepted with much gratitude and continued support is welcomed. Anyone wishing to contribute donations should ring 71890 for further information.

Action Medical Research

Coffee and a chat – Saturday March 15th

Action Medical Research is a leading medical charity, which is working towards helping improve the health of everyone, particularly small children and babies. Come and join us for coffee and our delicious home made biscuits between 10.00am and 12.00 noon in the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale and support this vital charity. There will be a raffle and cake and produce stall and of course the opportunity to have a chat with friends.

Civic Society AGM

Monday 10 March. The highlight of the evening will be Mike Kingsbury (retiring Honorary Secretary) giving an illustrated talk entitled “**The History of High Bank House**”, where he will describe how he discovered an amazing amount of history about his home in Barbon. This will be preceded, briefly, by the business of the Annual General Meeting, where the committee will outline their achievements in 2013, their plans for the next 12 months, and explain where the money went! A new committee will need to be elected, and there are several members standing down after many years service to the Society, so volunteers are needed. All this takes place in Lunesdale Hall, starting at 7.30pm, and the evening will end with wine and nibbles.

The Rainbow Parish

Casterton

We are grateful to Preston Patrick Church for the welcome loan of a space heater, which took the chill off the Christmas events at Holy Trinity. Good numbers turned out for our informal, heart warming 'Session of Seasonal songs' organised by Anastasia Micklethwaite and pupils of Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School. Children and adults alike sang their hearts out, with traditional carols and amusing novelty numbers following in quick succession. The festive music was followed by appetising mince pies and drinks generously provided by the school.

The response to our Festival of Carols and Readings was gratifying, as was the turnout for Holy Communion on Christmas Day. A good many people came to both services, and their close proximity was helpful for parishioners going away for Christmas. Children at the School enjoyed a hands-on evening making Christingles, while learning about their associated tradition and symbolism. The well attended Christingle service had a suitably international flavour. Peter Wodeman played excellent accompaniments to a sequence of lively and reflective songs.

The response to our much discussed and publicised need of a new heating system is gratifying. Much appreciated offers of financial help continue to come in. We are now launching a concerted campaign to get grants and regular contributions from local well-wishers, be they individuals, families or organisations.

Encouraged by the fundraising impetus of our successful 'Cornucopia' stall at the School's excellent Christmas Fayre, we are holding another 'Trash and Treasure' event on Saturday 22 March. It will be in the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 pm. Entry will be 50p, refreshment will be sold and there will be a raffle.

This is an ideal opportunity to de-clutter drawers and cupboards at spring cleaning time. If you want to submit unwanted or redundant items, have them collected or help on the day, please telephone Annette Benson on 015242 71340, or Ron Bulman on 71075.

Lupton

There will be a jumble sale at the Institute, Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday 1 February at 2pm. Any offers of jumble can be left on the day from 12 noon or phone Grace Lewis on 015395 67406 or Margaret Lambert on 015395 67478.

There will be a dance at Whittington Village Hall on 8 February at 8pm, dancing to Denis. There will also be one on 22 February, dancing to Row Valley, and one on 8 March dancing to Bill Johnston. Information on any of the dances, contact Grace Lewis or Margaret Lambert, numbers as above.

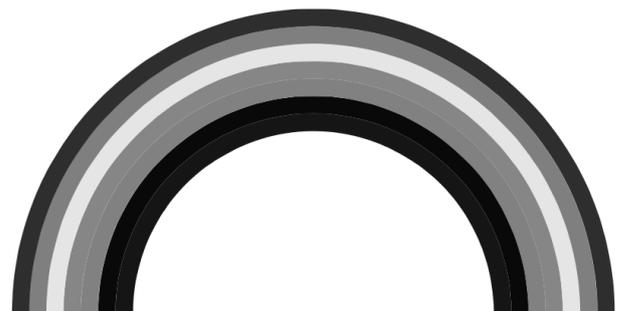
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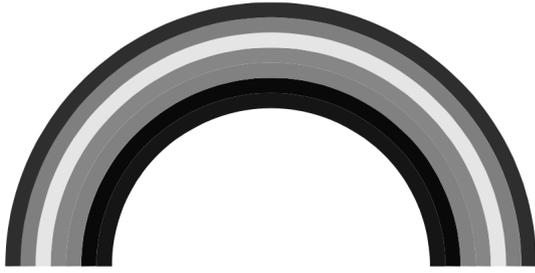
The annual Horse Racing and Domino Drive is on Friday 21 February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Support your village and see how fast you can make these horses move across the floor. Entrance £1.50 adults, children 75p. Includes refreshments – cheap for a fun night in aid of church funds.

Many thanks to all who supported the carol singers. £250 was collected to be divided between Motor Neurone and Sight Advice (Kendal) charities.

Middleton

The church was seasonally decorated for the Carol Service which was led by Rev Snow. The readers were Alison Nicholson, Michael Roberts, Peter Meadows and Barbara Lewis. The children performed well – singing, reading and playing musical instruments. The church was full and the congregation enjoyed coffee and mince pies at the conclusion of the service.





Barbon

Christmas festivities began in Barbon with the annual visit of the Mewes. An appreciative audience gathered in church to enjoy the singing and readings followed by a welcome glass of hot mulled wine and a mincepie.

Thanks to Martin Webster and his carollers who each year begin Christmas in Barbon. The mulled wine courtesy of Jennifer Martindale flowed once more in the Village Hall when carols were sung accompanied by Jonathan and Pauline Bateman and friend's band. The collection was for the work of the Salvation Army in Kendal.

The nativity scene was created in the stable at the Crib service led by Debra Preston. The church looked particularly pretty with all the candles lit in the windows on a dark, wild evening. David Whitehead officiated at the full church on Christmas Day.

It was a busy time so thank you to Liz Goad who continues to come and make a wonderful display around the altar and to Barbara Leaming who masterminds the rest of the church with her little band of helpers.

The New Year began with a large gathering in the village hall for bubbly and bacon butties. Thank you to all who helped to make it such a happy occasion with best wishes to everyone for a good year in 2014.

Merlin Hibbs chaired a meeting in the Village Hall to plan for the Open Gardens weekend which will take place on the 21st and 22nd of June 2014 to raise much needed funds for the church. More gardens of all shapes and sizes would be welcome so please contact Merlin on 015242 76410?

Lunesdale Surgery Nail Cutting Dates 2014

Wednesday 5th March
Wednesday 16th April
Wednesday 28th May
Wednesday 9th July
Wednesday 20th August
Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 5th November
Wednesday 17th December

9am - 2:30pm

To book an appointment please call
01539 728118

Drop-in Service for Hard of Hearing People.

This service will be held at the Lunesdale Surgery, Kirkby Lonsdale at 10.30am-12noon on the following dates:

February 19th, March 19th, April 23rd, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 27th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th. None in December.

Hearing aids can be checked and cleaned, re-tubed, new NHS batteries given and advice on equipment at these sessions. NB. Hearing Aid Tests are not available as part of this service.

For further information tel: 01229 870349

Fish and Chips in Casterton?

No there isn't a new restaurant opening, but the chance for something a little bit different in the Village Hall on Saturday February 22nd. It begins with a multi-round fun Quiz (with prizes!) - make a team on the night - followed by a Fish and Chip supper supplied by your favourite chip shop, and a pudding with a difference. There will be a raffle and the licensed bar selling wine and beer opens at 7.00pm, with the quiz beginning around 7.30pm.

The cost is £12, ticket-only, by ringing 015242 71056, or from Casterton garage. All proceeds will go towards the refurbishment programme.

Dates for your Diary

Every Sun: Crusaders, Catholes, Hophouse Lane, 7.45pm.
 Preston Patrick Religious Society of Friends (Quakers),
 Sunday worship 10.30am; Brigflatts Religious Society of
 Friends (Quakers), Sunday worship, children's meeting,
 10.30am.
 First Sunday of the month. Barbon Inn quiz night.
 Mondays: Rainbow Guides/Brownies, KL Methodist hall, 4-
 5pm; Cubs, Casterton village hall, 5.30-7pm; Scouts, St
 Mary's School, 7pm.
 Every Mon to Fri: Playgroup, St Mary's School, 1-3.15pm
 Every Mon & Thu: Barbon Bowling Club, BVH, 8-10pm
 Every 1st & 3rd Mon: Monday Club, Institute, 2-4pm.
 Tuesdays: Ecumenical Prayer Group, St Mary's Church,
 9.30am; Barbon Bridge Club, village hall, 2-4.30pm; Zumba
 Gold Casterton VH 10-11am; Scottish dance class Casterton
 VH, 7.30pm. Lunesdale Quilters, Barbon Village Hall,
 Barbon, 2-4pm (term time); Lindy hopping dance classes,
 Melling Institute, 7.30pm; Casterton community baby/toddler
 group, Casterton School pavilion, 9.30-11.30am.
 Every 1st Tue: Police drop-in, KL Library, 5.30-7pm
 Every 2nd Tue: Voluntary Soc for the Blind support group,
 Methodist School Room Institute, 10.30am-noon.
 Every 3rd Tue: Contemplative Julian Prayer, St Joseph's,
 2.15-3pm
 Every 4th Tue: Baby clinic & Edward Bear Club, St Mary's
 Church, 10am
 Wednesdays: Meet-to-Eat, KL Methodist Hall, noon-2pm;
 WeightWatchers, Institute, 6pm, Handbell Ringers, Masonic
 Lodge, 7 Fairbank 7.30-9.30pm; Brownies 5-6pm. Zumba
 Fitness St Mary's School 6.15-7.15pm.
 Every 1st Wed: Casterton WI, village hall, 7.30pm
 Every 2nd Wed: KL Town Council, Institute, 7.15pm; Carer's
 Assoc. Institute 2pm
 Thursdays: Country Market 10am-noon, the Institute; SLDC
 planning surgery, Institute, 2-3pm; Age UK drop-in, the
 Library 10-12; Bridge Club, Institute, 7pm; Adult Tap, 6-
 6.40pm and Adult Fitness 6.45-7.30pm, St Mary's School;
 Boxercise, Casterton Pavilion 7pm
 Every 1st and 3rd Thu: See + Know meetings for 0-5's,
 Methodist Church Hall, 9.15-11.30.
 Kirkby Lonsdale Art Society evening sessions, 7-30 to 9-
 30pm, Methodist Hall.
 Every 1st Thurs Farmers' Market, The Square, Kirkby
 Lonsdale; QES/police drop-in session, QES; KLCS, Institute
 7.30 pm; Macmillan Cancer drop-in, KL Library, 10am-12
 Every 2nd Thu KL Embroiderers' Group, Barbon village Hall
 2pm Every 3rd Thu: Café D, drop-in activity/support for those
 living with dementia. 2-4pm. Age UK Book Club, 3-5pm.
 Fridays: Casterton community baby/toddler group, Casterton
 School pavilion, 9.30-11.30am; Zumba Fitness Whittington
 VH 10-11am. Church ringing group, St Mary's Church, 7.30-
 9.30pm
 Every 2nd Friday: Friendly Friday coffee and a chat,
 Methodist Hall, 10.30am-2pm
 Every 2nd Sat: Fairtrade Coffee Morning, Institute, KL
 10.30am-12 noon

February

Sat 1 Jumble Sale, Lunesdale Hall, 2pm
 Mon 3 Barbon Backdoor Club, Barbon Village
 Hall, 2pm
 Tue 4 FR Quiz at Plato's 8.00pm
 Wed 5 WI, Casterton Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Sat 8 Dance at Whittington Hall, 8pm
 Mon 10 Civic Society Talk, Lunesdale Hall, 7.30pm
 Boyan Choir, St Mary's church 7.30pm
 Tue 11 Men's Fellowship, Red Dragon 7.30pm
 Thu 13 Singalong, the Royal, 8pm
 Fri 14 Gentlemen to Dine, Underley Lodge
 Sat 15 Haffner Orchestra, Lancaster University,
 7.30pm
 Book Fair, Hornby Institute, 10am-4pm
 Tue 18 LADFAS meeting 2.15pm
 FR Quiz at Plato's 8.00pm
 Wed 19 KL Gardening Association talk, Lunesdale
 Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 21 Horse Racing and Domino Drive, Hutton
 Roof Village Hall 7.30pm
 Sat 22 Quiz, fish and chips, Casterton Village Hall
 7pm
 Tue 25 Volunteering for Nature, Warton 9.30am
 Friend's of St Mary's AGM, Lunesdale
 Hall, 7.30pm
 Wed 26 Parking Group AGM, Lunesdale Hall,
 7.30pm

March

Sun 2 Bella, Queen of Blackfriars Ring, Fraser
 Hall, Cowan Bridge, 7pm
 Jazz Vespers, St Mary's Church, 6.30pm
 Tue 4 FR Quiz at Plato's 8.00pm
 Wed 5 WI. Casterton Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Fri 7 Women's World Day of Prayer, St Joseph's
 Church 2pm
 Sat 8 Coffee Morning, Lunesdale Hall, 10am
 Dance, Whittington Hall, 8pm
 Mon 10 Civic Society AGM, Lunesdale Hall,
 7.30pm
 Fri 14 Trauma Relief AGM, Plato's 7pm
 Sat 15 Action Medical Research coffee morning,
 Lunesdale Hall 12noon
 Tue 18 FR Quiz at Plato's 8.00pm
 Wed 19 KL Gardening Association talk, Lunesdale
 Hall 7.30pm
 Thu 20 Comedy String Quartet, Arkholme Village
 Hall, 7.30pm
 Sat 22 Trash and Treasure, Lunesdale Hall, 2pm

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