

Around Kirkby Lonsdale

New-look website for Kirkby Lonsdale

December 2013/January 2014

For the past few months, KL webmaster, Mark Rollisson, has been beavering away transforming the look, feel and functionality of the town's trademark website – kirkbylonsdale.co.uk – in preparation for a public launch in the first week of the New Year.

The website is already a popular reference point for residents and visitors alike looking for round-the-clock information on local businesses, news and events, and attracting hundreds of thousands of 'hits' each month. The new-look site has been created with a view to bringing more practical and interactive services to users and will feature improved business listings, community group forums, free classified ads and a fabulous new social media platform to enable people to become more involved with what's happening in the community.

It's a really exciting development that will provide the town with an easy-to-use online resource that's accessible to all. The website will be launched at a special event to be held at The Lunesdale Hall reading rooms on Saturday 11 Jan from 11am-3pm. There'll be hourly presentations and the opportunity for residents to become familiar with the new format via a series of hands-on demonstrations - so make sure you put the date in your diary.

Local community, sports and association group leaders can gain early access to the development site - email Mark at registrations@kirkbylonsdale.co.uk and he'll guide you through the simple process to get you started.



Shop local for Christmas

Kirkby Lonsdale will be a shopping mecca for many in the coming weeks as the town gears up for Christmas.

The special weekend takes place this year on Dec 7 & 8 – its highlight is the traditional lighting of the Christmas trees as Santa visits Market Street and Main Street and is expected to draw hundreds of visitors to the town, with special entertainment being laid on for both days.

The community shop is itself a small treasure chest for Christmas gifts with a local flavour. Staffed by volunteers who take a pride in their town, it not only offers information to visitors about where to go and what to do while here, they also publicise activities of local groups and organisations at no charge. The shop has an extensive range of low-cost, quality goods, many from local suppliers, ranging from Christmas cards to jewellery, books to videos, all with a Cumbrian connection.

The town's slogan could well apply to the shop - and all the other shops in Kirkby Lonsdale - well worth a visit!

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Gardening Association

The Gardening Association enjoyed a very interesting evening on 16 October when Sarah Hopps shared with us her talk entitled 'Touring the Gardens of Britain'.

Sarah, a former nursery owner, is a presenter on Radio Yorkshire and is also currently a tour guide with Eddie Brown garden tours. She travels all over Britain and Europe sharing her knowledge with touring parties around a wide variety of gardens, big and small. Her enthusiasm for gardens and gardening was quite evident as she talked us through her experiences with slides, descriptions and anecdotes. The evening ended with a sale of Sarah's plants which were well received.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Lunesdale Hall on Friday 17 January 2014 at 7.30pm. Once the formal part of the evening is over, usually in less than half an hour, there will be an opportunity to socialise and enjoy wine and refreshments.

Civic Society

'The Lune Valley and the West Indies'. This is the intriguing title of the next Civic Society talk to be held in The Lunesdale Hall on Monday 9 December, starting at 7.30pm. What on earth is the connection between these two places? Recently retired Lancaster University lecturer, Dr Mike Winstanley, may surprise us with some unexpected links. Do come along and be amazed.

Kevin Lancaster is known to many as a farmer and a recent district and county councillor; some will not know that his other passion is local history. On Monday January 13 2014, in the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, he will give a talk entitled 'The History of Sedbergh in One Hour'. This will give a concise history of the ancient parish and lordships of Sedbergh, including Garsdale and Dentdale, from one who has been studying the subject for more than 25 years. The evening begins at 7.30pm. All welcome

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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.

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From the Team Ministry

I'm sure you'll agree that it is quite wonderful to live in the delightful Lune Valley but especially so in and around Kirkby Lonsdale. This is a rather special place, one of our former clergy who sadly is no longer with us, referred to it as 'The Centre of The Universe'; such was his love for the area and its people.

Throughout the seasons with the changing colours his love never waned and never more so than the approaching time of the Advent Season and the expectations of the birth of Christ which we celebrate at Christmas. The wonder of living in this community and at the heart of it is the working together of all the Churches of whatever tradition; their ecumenism is tangible as they achieve so much to the benefit of our community.

The situation is becoming quite difficult for some families and the more elderly amongst us as these economic times begin to take effect especially as autumn sets in with Advent and Christmas approaching.

Kirkby Lonsdale Open Air Nativity

There will be an open-air retelling of the Nativity Story in Kirkby Lonsdale on December 14th – starting at Nazareth (the Market Square) and journeying to Bethlehem. Watch out for the notices and posters – it will be happening a few times during the day. Just turn up and join in!

If you are interested in taking part, contact Richard Snow 015242 72044.

Unwrapping Advent

You are invited to Unwrapping Advent – a day of Advent Crafts for all ages and abilities in St Mary's Church. Just drop-in anytime between 11.30am and 3.30pm on Saturday 7 December. Admission is free – everybody is welcome – and you can stay for as little or as long as you like. Light refreshments are also available.

Anyone willing to help with the craft activities or refreshments on the day, or with 'cutting-out' and preparations in the weeks before, please contact Richard Snow (015242 72044). Thank you.

Look out for the vulnerable within our community especially at this time, as each human life is sacred and the dignity of each human person is our starting point for our moral vision for our society.

This principle is fundamental in the idea that every person is made in the image of God. In this context therefore, since we are told that no one has ever seen God our neighbour whoever this may be is the clearest reflection of God himself and as such we should respect and treasure each other.

So, my message for this coming Advent, Christmas Time and the coming New Year is for all our people of the Kirkby Lonsdale Area is for happiness, to Love and Respect each other and in so doing truly ensure that this area really is 'The Centre of the Universe'.

God Bless to you all,
Harry Whiteside
St. Joseph's, KL

Toys Wanted ...

As is our usual custom at this time of year we are collecting new and nearly new toys to take to Fr Crowe at St Chad's, Manningham in the Diocese of Bradford. From there the toys will be shared between the Catholic Housing Trust working with needy families of all faiths and traditions, and a home for women and children who have suffered domestic violence. The toys are always greatly appreciated and we would welcome your continued support.

Toys (unwrapped, please) can be delivered to any of the churches in Kirkby Lonsdale, or any of the Rainbow Churches, in the weeks leading up to 'Toy Sunday' on 8 December. (Toys can be left in St Mary's until mid-day on Monday 9 December). Gifts of wrapping paper are also very welcome.

Christians Together in Lunesdale

St Mary's Crib Service

Takes place at 5.30pm in St Mary's Church on Christmas Eve. There will be a rehearsal for any children or adults who would like to take part in this service on Christmas Eve from 10am-11.30am in St Mary's Church. There will opportunities to narrate or act the Christmas Story! All welcome - Just turn up.

A Midwinter Son

By 12.30 it was snowing hard and blowing into the porch. Jock took another slug of the warming Scotch and pulled the old sleeping bag over his head. He had meant to get to the Christmas Homeless Shelter in Kendal, but the weather was so bad he had stopped at Kirkby. What a way to spend Christmas Eve!

Just then there was a rattle of the gates and a groan. Jack peeped out of his cocoon to see a young woman, heavily pregnant, sink to the floor. It was clearly very near her time and she was in a bad way. Jock climbed out of his bag and wrapped the smelly warmth round her. "I'll get some help, love".

Across at the Sun, a face appeared at the door.

"We're closed!"

"You've got to help – there's a lass here in the porch – come and see!"

"I'm only here on stand-by, me and the wife, the boss has had to go away on urgent business - I can't go opening up to all and sundry..."

"- but you MUST!"

Grumbling, the man (Fred), and his wife went across with Jack the traveller, and got the girl indoors and close to the big fire, still glowing and comforting. Either side of the big hearth were two strangers – who on earth were they? One said with a smile, "Here she is! Pull those two settles over. Peace there, darling: we're here to help."

The night went on, the woman's cries grew louder then stopped. Suddenly in their place there was the thin squalling of a newborn child – a little boy. The kind, strong visitor put him in his Mum's arms.

"What will you call him?"

"Joshua: I'll call him Josh."

Outside it was still dark, but the snow had stopped. Fred saw a friend passing – he kept sheep the other side of town and often went by early to look over his stock.

"Eh, mate! Just come in and see this!"

The sheepdog got there first, a big doggy grin on his chops and his tail thumping the floor. A cat looked in. On the top of the wrought-iron gates a robin started singing fit to bust.

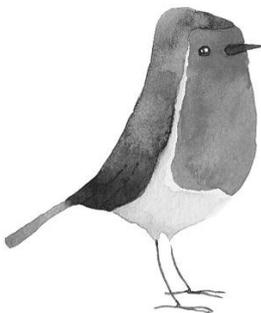
On their way to early Christmas service, the folk heading across the churchyard saw the Sun strangely *shining*, in the dark, turning all the snow around gold. They felt drawn to the light and crept in, kneeling in wonder at the sight of the sleeping child, his mother, and the angels. No one went to church that morning. Very quietly they all sang the old carol. "*In the bleak mid-winter.....*"

"Joshua's the Hebrew for Jesus, – they say it means 'God saves'."

"*What can I give him?.....give my heart.*"

Rev. Deborah Preston
Rainbow Parish

Counting the birds that are counting on you



It will be all eyes to the skies on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January 2014, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch.

The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted the birds in their garden. Big Garden Birdwatch, which has been running for 35 years, provides the RSPB with masses of information about changes in numbers of garden birds in winter, and helps to alert conservationists to significant declines in UK garden species such as house sparrows and starlings.

And this year, for the first time, we need you to log some of the other wildlife you see in your garden too. We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in your gardens, to help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home. Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch is fun and easy, and you don't even need to leave the comfort of your own home. To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend noting the highest number of each species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. You then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or in the post.

Cllr Nick Cotton

Wearing my Local Historian hat I recently chaired a review of the Archive Service in Cumbria, from the added perspective of a service user. Our recommendations survived the process and were duly adopted no doubt because they were relatively modest in scope. Greater changes should be made in the future to make better use of our fantastic countywide written archival resource.

My experience on a different review, that into animal health matters, was less happy in so much as the controversial recommendations did not apparently enjoy the support of the relevant officers. It is striking that on a council of 84 members in a supposedly rural county no more than half a dozen members have any active knowledge of the farming industry. The points we were making about animal movement records were universally known within the industry and must be acted upon in the future.

I am now a member again of the Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum. The vexed issue of the boundaries of the two parks is at the moment bound up with From Cllr Nick

Late autumn, trees shedding leaves, more wet days and what have we got? Lots of surface water and lots of drains blocked with leaves. Add in a snap frost and water on the road becomes ice on the road and a real danger. As one wag said, politicians are there to keep the drains running. It's hardly a glamorous task but one which is nevertheless very important for many reasons: blocked drains cause big puddles and a car going through a puddle can soak pedestrians on the pavement; blocked drains cause water to flow across the road and if this goes on long enough the water erodes the road surface, especially during very heavy spells of rain; worst of the lot, when the temperature drops below zero, surface water from blocked drains turns to ice, causing real danger to vehicles and to anyone out walking or cycling.

So we should all do our bit - if you are wearing wellies, kick the leaves off a blocked drain so the rain can go down the grating and be taken off the road. If a drain is more solidly blocked and a quick scrape with a boot doesn't do the trick, then report it to Better Highways (details at the bottom of the article) making sure you can give details of where the drain is located and better still, take a photo of the drain so they can add this to the job list for when the team comes out to unblock it.

This is really something where parishes can help as 'the eyes on the ground'. We know where roads flood and we are right here to take photos when it happens. It is much easier for road engineers to work out what is the best solution if they have pictures of what happens when it's bad. This is especially the case for any large patches of ice which regularly cover the whole width of a road.

I had a most satisfying 'drain' moment last Sunday: I was on my bike on my way back to Kirkby Lonsdale coming down the Old Town road through Kearsywick when I saw the owner of the house that sells jams (just by the junction with the lane to Tosca). I stopped and asked him if he could tell me why this corner regularly floods. He was a mine of information about undersized pipes and drainage ditches in need of attention. We went down to the vast puddle on the bend. I tiptoed along the verge and reached down where I thought there might be a drain. I came up with huge handfuls of leaves and almost instantly, with a great rushing of water and much gurgling, the vast puddle disappeared down the drain.

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New site for travellers?

Arrangements are being put in place for next year's Appleby Fair, when travellers from all over the country pass through Kirkby Lonsdale, Casterton, Barbon and Middleton on their way to and from the Fair.

The Loop Road at Devil's Bridge has been used as a temporary stopping place for travellers for some years, but it has presented difficulties to the authorities, visitors and the local community, for a variety of reasons. Local landowners are now being asked if they have a field of up to four acres which they could allow to be used as a temporary encampment for the 2014 Appleby Fair for two to three weeks. The authorities would provide toilet facilities and arrange for waste collection and disposal. Any field used for an encampment would be returned to its original state.

Any landowner interested in discussing such an agreement with the district and county councils for such a use should, in the first instance, write to Kirkby Lonsdale's Town Clerk, Kevin Price, at Braeside, Low Greenhills, Crook, Kendal. LA8 8LA.

Cllr Ian McPherson

It is several years now since the Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale Local Area Partnership (LAP) came into being. It is constituted by local councillors at County, District and Parish levels together with officers from these Councils and representatives from other bodies and organisations who are called in from time to time by the LAP to assist it with its deliberations.

Over the years the LAP has considered a number of matters common to the area, particularly highways issues, and has also made a number of grants to individual Parishes for the furtherance of local projects. In these straitened financial times however less money has been forthcoming to fund its activities and a number of LAP members have starting voting with their feet by not attending meetings with the same regularity as in the past.

At our last meeting we therefore decided to take a hard look at what our future vision and purposes might be and whether or not the LAP was continuing to fulfil a useful purpose. Strong views were expressed on both sides. There is no doubt that if Parishes act together rather than separately they have more “clout” and can also support each other with knowledge and information rather than each Parish reinventing the wheel. There are also matters common across the LAP (such as Appleby Fair Travellers) which benefit greatly from a common rather than divided approach.

However LAP meetings do take up time and energy etc for its members and the question arises as to whether or not that time might be better spent doing other things! So we decided not to have our next meeting until well into the New Year to give us all a chance to weigh up the pro’s and con’s of continuing as at present, changing our approach or deciding to disband the LAP altogether. More on this anon.

Farmers’ Market

Join North West Auctions at J36 Rural Auction Centre on Monday 9 December for a special Christmas Farmers’ Market starting at 10am. Lots to see including demonstrations, local produce, crafts & gifts and much much more. Then from 7pm enjoy a Charity Carol Concert with Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band raising money for The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1 for children available from North West Auctions, NFU Kendal Branch on Shap Road or on the door.

The Simply Local Farmers Market, runs every second Monday of the month at the J36 Rural Auction Centre, where there are a variety of stalls, from cakes, chutney, crafts and much more. There is free parking and a café on site, sometimes 1818 also have auctions on. North West Auctions, J36 Rural Auction Centre, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7FP T.015395 66200

A couple of weeks ago I attended a training session at SLDC on home energy improvements. More and more people are beginning to feel the pinch when it comes to heating their homes and supplying their energy needs. Indeed some are in the unenviable position of either eating or heating which at the present day is quite unacceptable. However there are new initiatives afoot to address these issues. In particular the Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation is a new system of grant funding under the general heading of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) which is available now and which will focus on providing up front support for thermal performance measures which will help households to heat their homes more affordably.

The local face of this national initiative is the Cumbria Affordable Warmth Project which will arrange amongst other things for Energy Performance Surveys, help with funding and, for those households who meet the benefit criteria, free heating repairs, replacement boilers, draft proofing and insulation measures. The surveys and work will be carried out by the Projects Agents, TADEA, a company with specialist knowledge in this field. To find out more contact Tom Barlow on 01228 817239 or cumbriawarmhomes@gmail.com or via the website www.cumbriawarmhomes.org.uk. Please do your best to have your houses properly heated this winter especially if you are elderly.

As ever, please feel free to contact Evelyn, Nick or myself as follows:

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Police Report

On 27 and 28 October there were five separate logs relating to theft of items from front gardens in the area. Two Vintage Urns, two large antique ornate stones, a water feature, a sandstone trough, two antique garden urns and a sundial were all stolen. If anyone has any information they can contact us on the 101 number, you can also contact us without giving your name if you so require.

Two charity boxes were stolen from Kirkby Lonsdale, the perpetrator has been identified. A motorhome was stolen from the Mansergh area on the 4th between 8am and 5pm, it is a silver Peugeot Boxer ZUCKOFF, the registration is N6 HWD, anyone with any information please ring 101.

A report of a scam letter was made to us, please be aware of any person via letter or phone asking for your personal details. Do not send any cheques or give out your bank details as this could result in a great deal more money being taken than originally thought. A purse was stolen from a backpack whilst the victim was walking along Main St in Kirkby Lonsdale, the victim was bumped into and presumes this is when the purse was taken. Please be aware of where and how you carry your wallet/purse with the upcoming busy Christmas period.

A report was made of a horse having its tail and mane cut off in the Kirkby Lonsdale area with a further incident resulting in the unfortunate death caused by heart attack of a horse in the same field. Anyone with any information please contact Cumbria Police on 101.

Police are warning shops to be vigilant about shoplifters during the busy run up to Christmas. For the last two years shoplifting crime figures have increased throughout November and December, with the top two weeks in the year for shoplifting occurring during these two months. In North Cumbria some initial analysis suggests that a large amount of recent shoplifting incidents have also targeted food, as well as the usual easily concealed items.

Superintendent Mark Pannone, from Cumbria Constabulary, explains: "My message to shops and businesses this year is simple – don't let thieves steal your Christmas. It may seem obvious but we do see a rise in shoplifting at this time of year, when the pressure to shop is very high. This time of year can be difficult for everyone, particularly those who are struggling financially. While I am sympathetic to these problems the fact remains that stealing is against the law. There are many charities and organisations dedicated to helping those who may be experiencing difficulties, and I encourage anyone who is struggling to contact them for help and support."

Anyone who has any concerns or information about shoplifting in Cumbria is asked to get in touch with Cumbria Police on 101.

Help bring solar power to QES

As part of the SOLAR team at QES, we are continuing our bid to raise money for solar panels for school through the website solarschools.org.uk. (an initiative run by the 10:10 charity) We are aiming to raise an ambitious £10,000 target, of which we already have about £2000!

We believe that we all have a responsibility to protect our planet and preserve its beauty and natural resources for the future – this message is especially significant in this part of un-spoilt British countryside in the Lune Valley and the Lake District, which we would like preserve for many generations to come. If you wish to donate this is possible through our website (www.solarschools.org.uk/queenelizabeth) where you can buy your very own 'panel' and contribute to something safe, clean and renewable that will be part of QES for many years to come.

Also be on the look-out for events in and around Kirkby Lonsdale to raise awareness on the issue of climate change, in aid of solar-schools.

The SOLAR team
PS follow us on twitter at @QESsolar

Inspiration for Christmas

North West Cancer Research presents a Christmas Special Cookery Demonstration with Helen Broadhurst from Sainsbury's in Casterton Village Hall on Thursday 12th December. The proceedings will kick off with a glass of bubbly at 1.30pm, you will be able to try all the dishes she prepares and cooks throughout the afternoon finishing with tea and biscuits. There will be a Christmas raffle and tickets at £7 are available from Enid telephone 71056 or Jill telephone 71983.

Golf's gender agenda

England Golf are urging clubs to be gender inclusive and to dispel the image of Golf Clubs as full of stuffy old men in blazers and plus-fours. Since its formation in 1906, Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club has been a gender-inclusive, family friendly club - a photograph taken at the opening of the first Clubhouse in 1907, shows that women accounted for a third of the members taking part.

Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club has a thriving ladies section and 2013 was notably successful as two of their number, Kathy MacKenzie and Nicola Benson, made it to the finals of the Daily Mail foursomes competition at Marriott St Pierre Golf Club, in Chepstow. There are special membership starter packages, group lessons and competitions for women golfers – call Lucy Carr on 015242 76365 for more details or to arrange a visit.

Casterton Golf Course

New winter opens to be held at Casterton Golf Course this season. Open to men, ladies & juniors with a handicap, teams of three, stableford.
Just £36.00 per team, including soup & sandwiches -
Sunday 24th November
Sunday 29th December
Sunday 19th January
Sunday 9th February & Sunday 9th March
Please contact the club direct to reserve a place (015242 71592)

Public meeting

A public meeting will be held at The Lunesdale Hall (the Institute) on Tuesday 21 January at 7.30pm. Topics to be discussed include the Town Council's draft Town Plan, and suggestions around a new theme for the September Weekend (Big Weekend, Victorian Fair that was), including the influence of the filming of Jamaica Inn. Watch noticeboards for more information.

RNLI Sip Our Soup

The Kirkby Lonsdale Branch of the R.N.L.I. invite you to join their annual Sip Our Soup Day at the Lunesdale Hall on Friday 24 January 2014 from 12 noon to 2 pm. Entry is £3 payable on the door. There will be a selection of delicious homemade soups, roll and £2 for coffee or tea with homemade biscuits. Raffle and Produce Stall.

Skip to The Loovre

The Loovre is Kirkby Lonsdale's newest gallery, situated on Jingling Lane in part of the newly refurbished public loos! 'Jingling Bells' is their Christmas exhibition starting on Saturday 23 November and running to Sunday 5 January. Sophia Newton Art Director and MD Mike Marczynski ask you to join them for the preview on Saturday 23 November.

Original art, sculpture and jewellery by local, national international artists will be available to buy. Including work by Sondra Gray Kirkby Lonsdale Jewellery Designer, Fine Art by Daniel Cooper, Anthony Birchwood RSA, John O'Keefe, Casey Allum, Stephanie Dingle, Josefina de Vasconcellos and more. Gift Vouchers are also available for those who know an artlover but not what to get them.

Art Director Sophia Newton: "I have been overwhelmed by the welcome that Kirkby Lonsdale has extended to us. I love meeting people and talking to them about collecting art, helping people who are first time collectors right through to art aficionados"

The Loovre is open Wed-Fri from 10am-5pm and Sun 11am-4pm. 07532 100 100, 015242 72395.

Kirkby Lonsdale Choral Society

KL Choral Society will be holding their Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday 14 December. The programme includes Beethoven's Mass in C featuring guest soloists, Whitacre's Seal Lullaby, Lauridsen's O Magnum Mysterium, Britten's A Boy was Born and Rutter's Christmas Lullaby.

There will also be an ensemble performance from QES and the usual rousing congregational carols. Tickets are £8 including wine and mince pies available in advance from choir members, or on the door. See our website: kirkbylonsdalechoralsociety.weebly.com or our Facebook page for further details.

Missing stick?

A wooden walking stick was left at the market on Thursday 14 November. It was taken to the visitor information & gift shop at No. 24 Main Street where it remains for collection by the owner.

Behind the scenes at Jamaica Inn



The transformation of Kirkby Lonsdale's square is incredible. Seemingly overnight, the day-to-day car park and surrounding shops have gained a peat-like flooring, a blacksmith, a haberdashery and an inn. Who knew what a little rope, wood and fake stone could do? This BBC filming has brought the whole of Kirkby to a standstill – with both rumours blowing around like decorative straw and road closures and diversions galore.

I came on to the set on Monday 14 October determined to see the effect on Kirkby and to find a back story – who is involved in a TV series? What goes on between takes? How many takes for each scene? Four days of up to 12 hours of filming. All of this for... a 15 minute clip. Now that's what I call showbiz.

Talking to Ed Barnes, Security, I began to understand the vast number of people involved in a TV crew, from 'go-getters' to make-up and hair artists who were laden with water sprays for the ultimate 'wet look' associated more with Cumbria than Cornwall. Continuity in location was key for me too; being 'behind the scenes' I was allowed to see the effects used in a show including atmospheric curling fog. The fog machine of course slyly tucked up in a camouflage tarpaulin, being not so authentic of the 1820s.

The change in transport reverting from car to horse was led by three horses from Oaken Head Farm (Halton-on-Lune), winners at the 'Horse of the Year' 2012. They were the stars of the first sequence that took four hours before "scene complete" was yelled across the set. The following scene consisted of an 'inn brawl'; where actor Richard Boa knocks into Mary Yellan (Jessica Brown Findlay-*Downton Abbey*) and goes on to perform a tightly choreographed 'fight'.

I managed to speak to Richard on his break and he described his custom fitted outfit, entailing a leather lace up waistcoat, breeches, a raggy jacket (raggy chic is so 'in' for 19th century throwback style) and heavy wearing boots.

Interested about the preparation for the filming I spoke to Phillipa Lowthorpe, the BAFTA-winning director (*Call the Midwife*), who talked briefly about her vision for conveying this adaptation of the Du Maurier novel. "I want it to be passionate, romantic, real, atmospheric and truly authentic". I asked whether she had researched into other versions, including the 1939 film, to which she replied: "I didn't want to see the film as I wanted to keep it individual and stick to my impression of the script".

The final day took place at St Mary's church, where the pavements were covered with gravel and a white screen was being set up outside the vicarage. Upon returning to the square I see the mud being scraped away and the sights we've become accustomed to revealed. I will remember (as will many) both the excitement of the event and the juxtaposition of reality and fiction, being positioned in what I nicknamed 'the backstage' of the set: where everyone seemed to come for their cigarette break and a little chat, the extras morphing back into their real selves and crossing the literal line of mud into tarmac, past into present, fiction into reality.

I look forward to seeing the final cut sometime in Easter 2014; I shall wait with bated breath to see the piece filmed here that is a mere one-twelfth of the three-part TV series.

Constance Luckham

Du Maurier link to Kirkby

It is entirely appropriate that Jamaica Inn should be filmed in Kirkby Lonsdale, and particularly outside the Rectory, as we have a historical link with the author. John Llewelyn Davies was the Rector here from 1889 to 1908, his son Arthur married Sylvia Du Maurier, aunt of Daphne du Maurier. Arthur and Sylvia both died when they were young, and their five sons became the 'lost boys' whose relationship with J.M. Barrie is well known through the story of 'Peter Pan'.

Pat French

PaNiKaTaK

An evening of music and laughter
Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, Friday 29th
November at 7.30pm. Tickets, to include a hotpot
supper, £8 on the door.

Friends of St Mary's

What a great night we had at the Auction of Promises held on 14 November! We raised the sum of over £3000 to go towards the treatment of the dry rot found recently in the roof of the Church, the refurbishment of the South Porch and, eventually, a new bell cradle. A very big thank you to everyone who supported us on the night by coming and bidding so generously, and also to all the local shopkeepers, hotels, businesses and private individuals etc. who donated all the wonderful promises; and to those of you who didn't come – you missed a great night out!

The 2013 Christmas cards are now available depicting the latest beautiful painting of St Mary's by William H. Jones. They can be found on sale in the church, at Finestra Gallery, at the CIC shop at 24 Main Street and J Thompson's offices, where the painting itself is on exhibition in the window. Priced at just £2 for a pack of five, these are a terrific bargain at only 40p per card.

On to our final event of 2013 which will be the annual Christmas at the Rectory event to be held on Friday 6 December at 7.30pm, by kind permission of the Rector and Mrs Snow. Tickets are on sale from any member of the Committee priced at only £6.00. This will include a delicious home-made finger buffet, a pay bar and carol singing round the piano with Mrs Janet Atkins, and the Rector will lead the singing. (Please phone either 015242 72434 or 71932 to reserve your tickets). We will also draw our raffle, first prize being the painting of St. Mary's by William H Jones as mentioned above.

A very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year to all our faithful supporters and to everyone who has supported us in so many ways throughout the year, not least to our hard-working and devoted Committee members who have worked so hard to make all our events such a success.

Allotments

There's room for more! Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council has opened a waiting list for residents hoping for one of the allotments close to the rugby club. The allotment spaces are being reduced in size to enable more applicants to be successful, but the council will also consider applications for two adjacent small plots should these be preferred.

Applications should go to the Town Clerk, Braeside, Low Greenhills, Crook, Kendal, LA8 8LA.

The Lunesdale Hall debate

Kirkby Lonsdale Institute has been known by this name since it was built in 1895. Lunesdale stretches from Tebay to Morecambe Bay and there is already a 'Lonsdale Hall' in the area. Rooms are also destined for renaming – one to become the 'Bective Room'. All the Earl of Bective did was to sell the land to the town. The Institute was built by Dr Paget-Tomlinson, the Rev Llewelyn-Davis and by public subscription.

Those of us born and brought up in Kirkby understand and appreciate we have to move with the times, but will those less fortunate please respect our history and refrain from altering names to become more 'upmarket'. When all is said and done in this area of Lunesdale it will always be 'Kirkby Lonsdale Institute'.

Audrey Phillips

I have talked to a number of contemporaries about the change of name of The Institute to Lunesdale Hall. We all agree that although there isn't another building of exactly the same name elsewhere, the name implies that it is The Institute for the whole valley as most locals know it is for Kirkby Lonsdale but the other villages have their own meeting places. I gather that the change of name is also to attract more use and income. Where from? I suspect from the other villages mostly, to their detriment.

Dr Mathews

What a swell party

Debbie Hodgkiss would like to thank all who helped her celebrate a milestone birthday at the Lunesdale Hall last month. Special kudos to the boys of the Francis Devine Quintet who played a brilliant selection of trad jazz funk that was appreciated by all. If you'd like to book the quintet to help your party go with a bang, call Henry Holborn on 015242 73263.

North West Air Ambulance

We are approaching our first year of opening the Kirkby Lonsdale shop and we would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated unwanted clothes, books and bric-a-brac to make our first year a resounding success. We are grateful for your support to keep the helicopters airborne to fly casualties speedily to hospital all year round. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
From Mary, Our Manager and All Our Volunteers

Autumn Concert Success

Kirkby Lonsdale Mini Band played the opening part of the concert. Their programme, impeccably presented by the children, opened with a fanfare and featured The Drunken Sailor, Baba Yaga and Guava Guy. The audience was delighted with their playing and their enthusiasm. Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band played a varied programme of music and featured solos from Kevin Sill and Simon Sedgwick. The music included marches, music from Andrew Lloyd Webber, a traditional spiritual and an intriguing arrangement of Scarborough Fair.

Long Service is a tradition in KLBB! Presentations were made to Jack Sedgwick and Gordon Holmes who have each served 70 years in Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band. This is a remarkable achievement. Presentations were also made to Reg and Les Gardner who retired this year after each contributing over 55 years service and also to Simon Sedgwick (40 years), Kevin Sill (40 years) and Jill Lucas (30 years).

St Mary's Church Carol Service Saturday 21 December. Please come and support our annual Carol Service from 4.30pm in St Mary's.

KLBB Jumble Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Jumble Sale on 26 October. £1034 was raised on the day.

Loo Views

In reply to last month's 'a view of the Loo', why do individuals hide behind anonymity when they wish to criticise? MC should visit Kendal, where they will find no public loos. The Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council faced a dilemma when SLDC threatened closure of the Town Loos. They decided in their wisdom to not only keep the toilets but create something better. MC should visit the toilets at Devil's Bridge during a weekend in the summer. Very few individuals pay the modest 20p, keeping the doors open for the next customer, subsequently the condition of the toilets deteriorate quickly.

Sadly the public expect but in reality take public loos for granted. The loos will never be 100% perfect but Kirkby Lonsdale Council are sensitive to criticism and appreciate their positive impact on the town and will continue to strive for a user friendly experience.

Mel Mackie

KL Trauma Relief Fund

Over the coming months KLCTRF will be actively raising funds towards this charity and we would love your support. During Christmas weekend in Kirkby Lonsdale, 7th & 8th December, we will be in the green tea van making hot refreshments to warm you whilst you wander the streets - why not pop in for a chat. On the 15th December we are also planning afternoon coffee in the Lunesdale Hall 12 - 3pm. If you are interested in finding out more about this charity, its Trustees or just want to pop in for a nice cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat then please feel free.

If you would like to help our charity in your own way but not sure how, here are some ideas for fund raising. If you are having an event (birthday party etc) why not ask your guests to donate to our charity instead of giving a gift. You could pay a standing order direct into our bank account. How about organising your own fund raising event - half the fun is in the planning. Or simply support us at any opportunity, be it at one of our own events or simply putting your change into one of our many charity boxes dotted around the town.

Thank you all very much for your continued support and please, stay safe over Christmas and the New Year. If you would like to get in touch with the Trauma Relief Fund, please contact Kim Bradshaw, Secretary on 015242 73096 or 07745 945 503

Community Grants

At the recent Sedbergh & Kirkby Lonsdale Neighbourhood Forum meeting a number of local groups were awarded community grants from Cumbria County Council for projects that will benefit the local community:

Kirkby Lonsdale Bowling Club: £600
Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Church: £675
Kirkby Lonsdale Community Trauma Relief fund: £475
Kirkby Lonsdale Markets: £475
Sedbergh People's Hall: £675
Mansergh Community Hall: £675
Flicks in the Fells: £675

If you would like to find out more about the County Council's community grants scheme and how to apply, please contact Sarah Williams, Area Engagement Officer on 01539713405 or by email at: sarah.williams@cumbria.gov.uk.

Services for December and January

December Services

1 Sun **ADVENT SUNDAY**

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Advent Lights with QES
10.30am United Rainbow Service
For advent at Preston Patrick
Middleton 6.30pm Holy Communion

2 Mon 7.00pm Endmoor Village Hall
Carols

3 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
5 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion

8 Sun **ADVENT 2**

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Mattins
6.30pm Evening Worship
Preston Patrick 9.30am Holy Communion
3.00pm St Patricks@Advent
Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion
Hutton Roof 11.00am Morning Service
Mansergh 11.00am Holy Communion
Casterton 6.30pm Evening Service

10 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
12 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion
14 Sat Kirkby Lonsdale Open Air Nativity
(Starting at the Market Square)

15 Sun **ADVENT 3**

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion
6.30pm Lessons and Carols
Preston Patrick 9.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Carols and Readings
Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion

17 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
18 Wed Kirkby Lonsdale 9.00am St Mary's School Service
10.30am Holy Communion
19 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale 9am to 10pm QES Rehearsal and
Christmas Service

20 Fri Kirkby Lonsdale 9am to 2pm School Carol
Services
Barbon 6.30pm Village Hall Carols
21 Sat Kirkby Lonsdale 4pm Brass Band Carols

22 Sun **ADVENT 4**

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Service
6.30pm Ecumenical Carol
Service Methodist Church
Preston Patrick 10.00am Bethlehem Scenes
Lupton 2.00pm Nativity Service
Barbon 2.00pm Carol Service
Casterton 5.00pm Carol Service

23 Mon Middleton 6.30pm Carol Service
Mansergh 7.30pm Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

Kirkby Lonsdale 5.30pm Crib Service
11.30pm Christmas Communion
Barbon 4pm Crib Service
Preston Patrick 4.30pm Crib Service
Lupton 11.30pm Christmas Communion
11.30pm Christmas Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion
Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion
Casterton 10.30am Holy Communion
Mansergh 11.00am Holy Communion
Hutton Roof 11.00am Holy Communion

26 Thu **St Stephen**

Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion

27 Fri **St John**

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.15am Holy Communion

28 Sat **Holy Innocents**

Kirkby Lonsdale 10.30am Holy Communion

29 Sun **CHRISTMAS 1**

Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11am Carols & Mince Pies
Preston Patrick 9.30am Holy Communion
Barbon 10.30am Covenant Service

31 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale 9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
5pm New Year's Eve Service

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Christmas Fair thanks

The Kirkby Lonsdale Committee of North West Cancer Research would like to thank everyone who came to the Fair on 9 Nov and all those people who helped us so willingly. We raised over £1,800.00 which will go directly to fund research at northern universities including Lancaster. NWCR is independent of all other cancer research organisations and is run almost entirely by volunteers in the North West so that 90% of everything we raise goes to researchers.

Thank you. Daphne Peel, Chairman. 01524781401

Services for December and January

January Services

2 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale	10.30am Holy Communion
5 Sun CHRISTMAS 2	
Kirkby Lonsdale	8.30am Holy Communion 11am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Preston Patrick	9.30am Family Service
Lupton	11.00am New Year Service
Barbon	10.30am Plough Service
Middleton	6.30pm Holy Communion
6 Mon The Epiphany	
Kirkby Lonsdale	8.15am Holy Communion
7 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale	9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
9 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale	10.30am Holy Communion
12 Sun BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
Kirkby Lonsdale	8.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Mattins 6.30pm Evening Worship
Preston Patrick	9.30am Holy Communion
Barbon	10.30am Holy Communion
Hutton Roof	11.00am Plough Service
Mansergh	11.00am Holy Communion
Casterton	5.00pm Christingle Service tbc
14 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale	9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
16 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale	10.30am Holy Communion
18 Sat Kirkby Lonsdale	4pm Treasure Chest
19 Sun EPIPHANY 2	
Kirkby Lonsdale	8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am United Service At the Methodist Church 6.30pm Evensong
Preston Patrick	9.30am Morning Service
Lupton	9.30am Plough Service
Barbon	10.30am Holy Communion
Casterton	5.00pm Christingle Service tbc
21 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale	9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
23 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale	10.30am Holy Communion
26 Sun EPIPHANY 4	
Kirkby Lonsdale	8.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Service 6.30pm United Worship at St Joseph's
Preston Patrick	9.30am Holy Communion
Barbon	10.30am Morning Service
Casterton	10.30am Holy Communion
Hutton Roof	11.00am Holy Communion
28 Tue Kirkby Lonsdale	9.30am Ecumenical Prayer Grp
30 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale	10.30am Holy Communion

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Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Church Services

December

Sunday 1st 9.00 Rev Andrew Webb Sacrament
10.30 Rev Andrew Webb
Sunday 8th 10.30 Mr Nigel Saxton 6.30 United Service at St. Mary's
Sunday 15th 10.30 Mrs Maureen Timmis
Sunday 22nd 10.30 NO SERVICE 6.30 Rev Andrew Webb United Carol Service
Sunday 29th 10.30 Rev Heather Snape

January

Sunday 5th 10.30 Rev Andrew Webb Covenant Service
Sunday 12th 10.30 Mr Stuart Helliwell
Sunday 19th 10.30 United Service at St.Mary's
Sunday 26th 10.30 Mr Laurence Moore

United Church Services

Sunday 19th January - 11.00 am at St Mary's Church
Sunday 26th January - 6.00 pm St Joseph's Church

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 January – 26 January 2014

Daily prayers open to all will be held at 11.30 am:
Saturday 18th January - K L Methodist Church
Monday 20th January - St Mary's Church
Tuesday 21st January - St Joseph's Church
Wednesday 22nd January - St Joseph's Church led by Quakers
Thursday 23rd January - K L Methodist Church
Friday 24th January - St Joseph's Church

Carol Singing

Year 6 of the Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School and their Musical Director are organising a Carol Singing event for the community of Kirkby Lonsdale.

The event will take place on Thursday 5 December 2013 between 10.30am and 12noon in the Monument at the Square.

Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Father Christmas, riding in his sleigh, will come to Kirkby Lonsdale on the evening of Friday 20th December. He will be helping with the Rotary Club's annual Christmas collection. Watch out for the bright lights of the sleigh and listen for the music! All the money raised is used to help worthy, local, charitable causes. We look forward to seeing you on the night and say thank you in advance for your donation.

Rotary District 1911's current District Governor's preferred charity for this year is to identify where defibrillators are in all the District's local areas if possible and to establish how accessible they are. He is keen to increase the number of defibrillators in our communities and to support the essential work of our First Responders and our Search and Rescue teams. The Ambulance Service is not aware of the location of all defibrillators in our area and has asked for our help to identify them.

The Rotary Club has partnered with Cumbria County Council on this project as the Council Chairman has made a similar appeal. It is hoped that at some time in the future it can be arranged for Rotarians and others, who might be willing, to train to use the defibrillators.

Thank you to everybody who made a donation for Children In Need at Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale on 15th November. This edition went to print before we can tell you the total amount collected on the day but it will be reported in the next one.

Congratulations to Duncan Hamlett, Chairman of the club's International Committee, who has been awarded Abbeyfield's Royal Patron's Award for 2013. Duncan has been a volunteer of Kirkby Lonsdale's Abbeyfield for 20 years and a Trustee for the past 10 years. He is one of only 7 people out of 10,500 globally to be given this honour which is personally endorsed by HRH Prince Charles.

As always Rotary has had some excellent speakers in the past couple of months. To mention a couple; Joanne Halliwell, an historical comedy performer, enacted the role of scullery maid Betsy who to her total surprise was promoted to the role of housekeeper. The character was brought to life. She was amusing, demure, delightful and just a teeny weeny bit saucy!

Barbara Birley, Assistant Curator of the Vindolanda Trust, gave a fascinating talk and digital presentation. Barbara talked about information and artefacts the archaeological digs have produced at this famous Roman fort built on Hadrian's wall over 2000 years ago and located at the edge of the Roman Empire. Stuart Harling, a member of Grange over Sands Rotary Club, spoke with great enthusiasm about his cycling experience in South Africa and his photography illustrated an excellent talk. Some members of Lunesdale together with friends from other Rotary Clubs enjoyed a meal and tour of Lancaster Castle.

We look forward to a full and busy programme at our weekly meetings on Thursday evenings at the Castle Inn, Hornby. For further information about Rotary please contact lunesdalepresident@gmail.com or www.lunesdalerotary.org.uk.

Kirkby Lonsdale Play Partnership

It is hard to imagine another year has passed and the park is ready to hibernate for the winter. However all the flowers in the wild meadow and the daffodils will be with us again very soon.

2014 is looking to be a great year for the park. We aim to have the benches and tables reinstated shortly and these have been missed by everyone. We are also hoping to have the final piece of equipment installed. This will be a climbing structure aimed at children in the 6 - 12 years age group and will be placed in the bottom section of the park by the basket swing. We have been working hard all year to raise the necessary funds and at the moment are just short of our goal but hope that this piece will also be installed in the spring.

The only thing left to say is a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout the past year - whether it be supporting us physically or financially it all helps and we are very grateful. This park is truly a community project and one for everyone to enjoy. So enjoy it, look after it and respect it and in turn we will keep trying to provide an environment you want to keep coming back to.

If you feel in 2014 you may have some spare time to assist KLPP or to join their small committee then please get in touch with the Secretary, Kim Bradshaw on 015242 73096 or 07745 945 503. Merry Christmas everyone and here's to 2014.

The 100 Club

I should like to thank those who have responded positively to the re-launch of The 100 Club. Funds raised by the Club in 2014 will be used to make provision for a defibrillator, to be kept on-site in 'The Lunesdale Hall' for use in emergencies and other ideas are on the cards as funds from the Club become available. If you feel you would like to make a direct donation towards the defibrillator rather than joining the Club's 'monthly prize draw', you would be most welcome to do so. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Lunesdale Hall 100 Club. Please mention that it is a one-off donation only.

We are still welcoming new members; if you would like to know more about The 100 Club please contact me and I will be pleased to let you have details and an application form. Tel. 71630 or e-mail geoffrey.buswell@virgin.net. I hope you all have a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Cllr. Geoffrey Buswell, Administrator, The 100 Club

Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our AGM in November and for those who we didn't manage to catch up with we hope you have fun over the festive period. If you still haven't bought your Christmas cards don't forget Cumbria Wildlife Trust cards can be bought at Finestra Gallery on Main Street. Finestra Gallery has very kindly offered to donate 100% of the profits from the sale of the Trust's cards and calendars so a big thank you goes to them too.

Forthcoming Event - Wednesday 8 January
7.30pm-9.00pm - Sustainable Fisheries? The Future of our Marine Life.

Join us at Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Church where Kay Foster, Trustee of The Marine Conservation Society will give a talk an up-to-the-minute talk about marine conservation around our shores. Entry is a suggested donation of £2.00 for adults and free for children and includes refreshments. Accompanied children under 16 years of age are welcome and the venue is wheelchair accessible and uses a hearing loop.

LADFAS Report November

“**Hic Abundant Leones**” Tuesday 19th November 2013. We were entertained by Dr. Bill Shannon's delightfully presented lecture on maps and their functions. The earliest known English map is Anglo-Saxon, and dates from before the conquest. But this was known to be a copy of a copy and probably dated back to a Roman original. All later early-medieval maps were also built on this Roman prototype and were basically tools for instruction and learning. In these maps the direction “East” was in the position we are used to as “North” and the land masses – Asia, Africa and Europe – were shown from the Roman Empire's perspective.

However, medieval versions of Roman maps grotesquely represent beasts such as elephants and giraffes and also tribesmen, who were usually totally unknown at this time. (Not so to the Romans!) Versions of these maps were abundant in the Middle Ages. Some were in stained glass windows and many had their authors' names written on them. The “Mappa Mundi” in Hereford Cathedral was created by “Richard of Haldingham and Lafford”.

With the discovery of the compass in the fifteenth century, maps became functional tools with latitude and longitude included on them. One such map, of England, gives a location called the “The Enchanted Tower” – thought to be Crickieth Castle because of its location and visibility from the sea. And in 1482 the first book of maps was made, largely as an education tool for princes. Later, in Elizabeth's reign, Christopher Saxton made the first county maps of England, and these were copied and recopied for centuries, until accuracy and roads began to be of paramount importance.

The printing press had brought the democratisation of map making, and the emerging middle classes were often depicted with maps hanging on their walls. In the eighteenth century the embellishments changed to include agriculture and farm animals, and many landowners were demanding detailed maps of their estates to aid better land organisation.

The lecture was a delight and the slides colourful and instructive. Vivat mappa!

The next talks will be **Tuesday December 17th** when Oliver Everett give a talk entitled “**The History of Windsor Castle & its Royal Occupants, 1080 – 2002**” and **Tuesday 21st January**, when Michael Howard BA MA will give a talk entitled “**Towards a Grander Vision: Claude Monet & his Landscape Paintings.**”

The Christmas Social Event will start at 1.45 pm, otherwise, lectures start promptly at 2.15pm.

Romania Appeal Update

We set off on Wednesday 2 October for our Autumn visit to Romania. We drove from Zebruggee across Belgium and Germany to Rothenburg for our first stop. As usual we stayed with our friends Inge and Eriich at their Pension. After an early breakfast we set off for the longest travelling day of the journey. Our next overnight stop was just outside Budapest. We arrived in Arad earlier than usual and settled in. After the uncertainty, it was good to see that Sofia had arrived home from Bucharest the previous afternoon. We contacted Rodica and Dr Carmen to make arrangements to visit them the following day. Later we called in to see Sofia's nephew and his family. We found them making wine from the bumper crop of grapes they had had this year. Before it ferments we tasted the first draw which is called 'must'. It was very nice.

On Monday morning we started our round of visits. Our first call was to Aurel Vlaicu, where we left a £200 donation to help with their current project to refurbish their sports changing rooms. They were very pleased to receive the school equipment we had also been able to take. We heard the good news that Norbert, the little boy who is receiving treatment for leukaemia, is responding to treatment, and only needs to go for chemotherapy once each month, instead of weekly. We left donations from his sponsor family in Kirkby Lonsdale, and from our charity. This will help greatly towards the cost of his treatment. This academic year there is another change in the age of children coming in to school from the kindergarten. In the year after they reach the age of five they are taken into school. Aurel Vlaicu have seven reception classes, each with 25 children. Teachers from the Eighth Grade, whose classes had transferred to High School, spent their summer holiday retraining for these much younger children.

After this visit to school we went to see Dr. Carmen. Over coffee and cakes we caught up with news of her family, and her work at the hospital. We left a donation of £100 to help support her elderly mother. After lunch we went shopping to buy sweets and other treats for the children at Casa David (Max's orphanage). On the way we visited Aurica, our friend who has recently retired from the kindergarten we support, to finalise a visit there the next day. The children at Casa David were pleased to receive their treats, and one little boy entertained us with his gymnastics, while we watched Roxanne (the eldest child) helping a young helper to dig for worms in the garden to enable them to go fishing! Dorel and Elena, the house parents, are having a few problems, Dorel with his legs and Elena caring for her sick mother. The children are very happy, and extremely respectful of the adults looking after them. We left £100 for special treats at Christmas time. Dorel gave us two trays of home grown walnuts. In the evening we walked up to visit one of Sofia and Filip's neighbours to enquire about their health. Here we sampled their must and received a bag of grapes.

The next day we visited the kindergarten, and met the new director. When we arrived some parents were planting new shrubs along the path. These were funded from our last donation. We delivered the last consignment of quilts, so now every child has a colourful quilt for their afternoon nap, thanks to our friends in Barbon. There has been reorganisation here too. They now take babies and children up to three who are cared for in smaller groups, and in a separate building. In the main building the children between three and five years are in groups of twenty. The children between five and seven years now attend 'big' school, as at Aurel Vlaicu. We visited some of the classrooms and left a £200 donation for their next project. Later Anna, the teacher who helps with interpretation for us, rang to say she was delighted that the director had given her £75 from our donation to buy a cleaner for her classroom.

On Wednesday we visited one of the local markets with Filip and Sofia to buy ingredients to make zacuska (a kind of chutney). Sadly Filip had lost his crop in an early frost. The market was interesting, and very busy. Later we went to Aurel Vlaicu, to pick up paperwork, and say our goodbyes. We had managed to visit or contact all our friends, and leave donations to help as usual. Anna and Anca from the kindergarten called in the evening to bring the paperwork, and to say goodbye. Next morning we left Arad around 6.30am on our long journey to Austria. Here we awoke the following morning to fresh snow. However this soon turned to rain, and then cleared up in the afternoon. The rest of our journey home went without problems. Once again we are grateful for all your interest and support, enabling us to continue our work in Romania.

Our friends there send their best wishes.

God bless

Sylvia & Roy Taggart

From the Parish Register

September

Baptism

Alexandra Elizabeth Higham, daughter of Alistair and Clare Higham, St Mary's Church, 22 September, 2013

Elizabeth (Libby) Florence Cantley, daughter of Patrick and Stacey Cantley, St. Patrick's Church, 22 September, 2013

Funerals

Joan Wilson, aged 75 years, St. Patrick's Church, 3rd September, 2013

Elizabeth Hadwin, aged 85 years, Lancaster Crematorium, 17 September, 2013

Daisy Winifred Garratt, aged 91 years, Lancaster Crematorium, 30 September, 2013

Hilda Metcalfe, aged 87 years, St. Patrick's Church, 16 September, 2013

Weddings

Graham Curtin and Aimee Messina, St. Mary's Church, 21 September, 2013

Mark Dale and Danielle Crossley, St. Mary's Church, 28 September, 2013

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Baptism

Elizabeth Alice Kennon, daughter of Peter Kennon and Jessica Brown, St. Mary's Church, 27th October, 2013

Ross William Thomas Buckley, son of Ryan Buckley and Jacqueline Hogarth, St. Mary's Church, 27th October, 2013

Will Ethan Rose, son of Glyn Rose and Kerry Howarth, St. Patrick's Church, 27th October, 2013

Funeral

Kay Thornally, aged 87 years, St. Mary's Church, 3rd October, 2013

Colin Deakin, aged 39 years, St. Mary's Church, 15th October, 2013

St. Mary's CE Primary School – Job Vacancies

Out of School Club Play Leader - closing date Friday 6 December. Applicants should be enthusiastic and well-motivated and enjoy working and being with children aged 4-11. Responsibilities include meeting children at the end of the school day, supervising the children at the Out of School Club and working as part of a team to encourage positive play and good behaviour. Hours of work: 3-6pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Rate of pay: £7.26 per hour. Applicants must have suitable qualifications and experience (NVQ23, NNEB, childcare qualification)

Out of School Club Play Assistant – closing date Friday 6 December. Responsibilities include meeting children at the end of the school day, supervising the children at the Out of School Club under direction of the Play Leader to encourage positive play and provide support during activities. Hours of work: 3-5pm Tuesday and Thursday, with a possibility of Wednesday in January. Rate of pay: £6.44 per hour. Applicants should preferably have an NVQ2.

Midday supervisors are required on a casual basis to cover sickness, absence on a 'bank' system. Hours 11.45am-1.15pm when required. Applicants should be enthusiastic and well-motivated and enjoy working and being with children aged 4 – 11. Salary: £6.43 per hour; a school lunch is also provided

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all of its employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check will be required for all posts. An Application form can be downloaded from the school website (www.stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk) or is available from the school office (015242 71334).

Girls'/Women's Rugby

Girls'/women's rugby is now up and running at KLRUFC. If you're aged 12 and upwards and would like to join in please come down to KLRUFC, Underley Park 12:30-2pm on Sundays (whatever the weather). If you would like to find out more information please get in touch with Kim Bradshaw 07745 945 503 or Sarah Simpson 07860 768 286.

Cleaner wanted

Wanted for Preston Patrick Memorial Hall, Crooklands. Reliable person wanted on an as and when basis.

For details ring 015395 67721.

Barbon Strollers

Ruth Jeffreys led the Strollers to High Biggins through the Hying and on to Whittington from Pointers corner. A picnic lunch was enjoyed in the grounds of St. Michael's Church, before returning to Kirkby Lonsdale along Hosticle Lane. Although not a long walk, the day was perfect.

Bah, Humbug

Sometimes I wonder if I'm living in a dream. Christmas is coming and huge redundancies have been announced all over the British Isles. Food banks are stocking up to ensure the vulnerable in our society will have food on their tables. 'Dun flop star rated' pubs are advertising Christmas dinners at £42.50 per head, served by staff dressed like the 7 dwarfs to entertain customers. I would expect Noddy Holder for these prices. Surely those who are lucky enough to still have a job will be celebrating the coming of Santa in the comfort of their modestly heated homes with their families. Anyway, it's much more entertaining to stay at home watching granny and granddad manufacturing and expelling methane in quantity, all for just a small portion of sprouts and a glass of Sandyman's.

I ask all of you who are prosperous enough to be dining out this Christmas to spare a thought for me and a large portion of Britons sitting at home in solitude, dressed like an onion in an attempt to keep warm and struggling to crack the top off a hard-boiled egg with aged arthritic hands.

Bah, humbug and Joyeux Noel
MC (name and address supplied)

Barbon Walkers

The Barbon Walkers participated in the A.W.Charity walk at end of September and raised £350 for St John's Hospice in Lancaster, in remembrance of John Trevelyan. Many thanks to Barbon Walkers and Hornby Ramblers, who joined us for this event. Special thanks to John Slee-Smith, who raised the fantastic individual amount of £106 in sponsorship. John has recently suffered a stroke and is recuperating in the Langdale wing at Kendal hospital, we all wish him well.

Walk Updates. On 18 October, Robert Mackeith led the walkers on a figure of eight circular walk for seven miles from Dunsop Bridge in the Forest of Bowland. On 4 November Robert Baines led the 8 mile circular walk round Stocks Reservoir including a delightful diversion to Stocks Church, which includes the Stocks Village Heritage Centre. On 19 November, Barbon walkers led by Mike Openshaw started at Mason Gill, taking in the descent at shout scar, Braida Garth Farm, Wakenburgh Hill and Twisleton Scar for the entrance to the Thornton force waterfall walk. Leaving the waterfall walk we went towards the Thorton in Lonsdale road and up to Westgate lane to return to the start of the walk. This was the last walk before the Christmas Lunch at Heaves Hall.

Next dates: Wed 4 Dec, Thu 19 Dec, Friday 3 Jan, Mon 20 Jan, Tue 4 Feb. All welcome meet at Devils Bridge at 9.45 am, to coordinate car transportation, return to Devils Bridge around 4pm. Due to winter season, please bring change of footwear for car travel and don't forget hot drink with packed lunch.

Casterton WI

Members were very pleased to hear at our recent AGM that Gill Sykes will remain as President for a second year, together with the current committee - Jane Binney, Anne Bulman, Anne Hunter and Kay Stockdale - who will be joined in 2014 by Jill Humphris and Janet Pemberton. The four members who braved a cold November evening to take part in the annual Cumbria-Westmorland Federation WI Quiz at the Bull Hotel in Sedbergh under the team name 'Casterton Castaways' were congratulated on their success in winning the event. A delicious Jacob's Join supper, a cup of tea and a good natter followed the business part of the meeting. A few days later members met again for the annual WI lunch held at our local, The Pheasant Inn, where we enjoyed an excellent meal. It won't be long until the last meeting of the year when on Wednesday, 4 December Sue Malveney will be talking about 'The Jewels in the Crown' rounding off a very successful programme of talks and events which has attracted several new members. The exciting programme for 2014 can be seen on our website: www.castertonwi.co.uk, beginning with a talk by Laura Rosenzweig entitled 'Images of India and Bhutan' on 8 January.

If you're interested in joining us do come along to Casterton Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. where you will be made very welcome.

The Rainbow Parish

Barbon

Rev David Whitehead led the service of remembrance beginning in church and continuing at the war memorial for the Last Post played by Pauline Bateman followed by laying of the wreaths by Russ Taylor for the British Legion, Jennifer Martindale for the W.I. and Richard Dancy on behalf of the Parish Council. The large gathering of villagers then went to the Village Hall for coffee and biscuits. Dates for your diary: 22 Dec 2pm Carol Service led by Andrew Webb. Join us for some rousing singing and worship followed by homemade refreshments and a cup of tea. 24 Dec 4pm Crib service. 25th Dec 10.30am Christmas Day service. 17th Dec 7.30pm in church the annual Mews Christmas Concert, Christmas begins here with wonderful singing and readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Village Hall dates: 20th Dec 3pm Barbon and Middleton Children's Party. All children under the age of 11 years are invited further info from Jill Barnes 76208. 20th Dec 6pm or when you can make it come and sing in the warm accompanied by a group of Salvation Army players. The collection will go to their work in Kendal. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served. 4 Jan 11.30am Welcome the New Year with bacon butties and bubbly. 24th Jan 7.30pm Burns Night, haggis neeps and tatties followed by a ceilidh. Reserve a place 76343. 22nd Feb.7.30pm Domino Drive to top up the funds for the children's party. Make a New Year's Resolution to be more fit, join the indoor bowling on Monday evenings at 7.30pm only £2 including a tea and biscuits and a good chat! Thurs evenings 5-6 p.m. in the winter months ladies join Yvonne Cervetti for Healthy Steps suitable for all, gentle exercise to lively music. The Barbon and Middleton branch of the North West Cancer Research committee raised £1200 to help the work of scientists at Lancaster University. Our very own florist Jill Shuttleworth demonstrated her excellent talent with 4 beautiful and very different arrangements. The flowers were very generously donated by Buttonhole of Kirkby Lonsdale and given as prizes in the raffle. Helen Broadhurst from Sainsbury's entertained with a lively cookery demonstration with lots of delicious things to taste. Thanks to the committee who provided the supper and to those who supported the event. Jennifer Martindale welcomed W.I. members and after the business meeting introduced Lea Rogers who showed us how to cover a cake with fondant icing and decorate simply but effectively with flowers.

Casterton

Our first excursion into organising our Remembrance Sunday service was judged to be a gratifying success. A good congregation of adults and youngsters from the village and school were present, exceeding 40 in number. Jean Lobleby was well organised, poised and clear in conducting proceedings, both at the War Memorial and in church. Jean also rounded off the morning with welcome refreshments in her home. Thanks go to all who helped with the organisation or who took part, in particular to our guest bugler Paul Leroy Robinson who added an excellent final touch to the occasion. Generous donations to the collection were sent to the 'Help the Heroes' charity. A short talk referred to the century-old wall paintings by James Clark, which adorn the walls of Holy Trinity's nave. They are familiar in varying degrees to those visiting or worshipping in the church. Less well known is his seminal oil painting '*The Great Sacrifice*' produced in 1914 and bought by Queen Mary in aid of war relief. Thousands of prints of the picture, which shows a fallen soldier and a vision of Jesus on the cross, sold nationwide. During and after the conflict, stained glass windows bearing the same image were created in churches from Yorkshire to the Rhondda, and from Canada to Australia. We have gladly accepted an invitation from the Prep School's parents' and friends' association to run a stall at their Christmas Fayre. This event is from 10.a.m. until 12.00 noon on Saturday 30 November, in the Sports Hall. We describe our stall as '*A Casterton Cornucopia of Cakes, Candles, Cards and Cadeaux*'. We hope and trust that plenty of people will turn out to support our effort and those of the other stallholders. Progress has been made with planning the upgrade of our heating system, and a number of specialists and firms have been consulted. We are settling to making plans for concerted fundraising in the New Year. The DCC has agreed that raising or accepting money for a new heating system will be done in the context of a clear and practical vision for the future of the church. We have our Carol Service in church at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday 22 December. We are confident that we can achieve some form of heating and hope for a good turnout. Our Holy Communion service on Christmas Day is at the usual 10.30 a.m.

Middleton

A Domino Drive was held at The Head with a potato pie supper. Many people attended and the event was very successful. We are grateful to David and Elizabeth Martin for the use of their premises and for the practical help. We were sorry to say goodbye to Shanthi. Some of the congregation attended the licensing in Staveley Church and we wish her well in her new position.

Hutton Roof

Many thanks to all who helped and supported our jumble sale in November. The Carol Service in church with KL Brass Band will be on Wed 18 Dec at 7pm. Refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. All welcome. Carol singing around the villages of Hutton Roof (Mon 16 Dec) and Newbiggin (Thur 19 Dec) in aid of charity. Meet at the Post Office at 7pm.

Lupton

Local group PaNiKaTaK will be playing at Kirkby Lonsdale Institute on Friday 29th November at 7:30pm. Tickets, available on the door, cost £8 to include a hotpot supper.

Carol singing round the village will take place on Monday 16th December, meet in the church car park at 7pm, and Thursday 19th December, meet at Brow Head at 7pm.

Dances at Whittington Hall are on December 21st, dancing to Tartan Sound, January 18th, a charity dance, dancing to Bill Johnston, February 8th, dancing to Denis, and February 22nd dancing to Row Valley. All dances start at 8pm.

Mansergh

Brenda Head would like to thank everybody who helped at the jumble sale on 4 October and also the people who kindly sent jumble and came to support us. We raised £555.

South Lakeland Decorative & Fine Arts Society

Meeting at the Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, December 10th:-
'Love, Power and Scandal' – A Royal Jewel for Every Occasion. Miss Susan Rumfitt is an independent jewellery advisor and lecturer. She was the international jewellery specialist at Phillips Auctioneers from 1996 and the Head of Department from 1992-2002. She has lectured widely and is a specialist on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow. To come to a lecture as a guest, ring the Membership Secretary on 01524 761836

County Council drop-in events

A series of drop-in events are being held around the county where people will be able to provide feedback first-hand on the county council's budget savings consultation. Reductions in government funding means the county council has to save £80 million over the next three years - with £24.4 million of these savings coming next year (2014/15). This is on top of the £88 million which the authority has already saved since 2010. All told, the council is seeing its budget reduced by one in every four pounds which it used to receive to pay for services.

The drop-in events are open to everyone and no appointment is necessary. We will be at Kirkby Lonsdale market on Thursday 5 December from 10am - 1pm to enable you to have your say on the council's savings ideas. You can also find out more about the budget consultation and give your feedback through the consultation website www.cumbria.gov.uk/ourfuture and via feedback forms contained in the 'Our Area, Our Future' documents available in local libraries. The consultation is open until 20 January 2014.

KL Library

Merry Christmas to all the customers of Kirkby Lonsdale Library. Please join us for Sherry & Mince Pies on Thursday 19 December. Your local Age UK agent will be there too to help with any enquiries you may have. Thank you for supporting your local library. Please note: The library will close at the normal time on Saturday 21 December and re-open on Thursday 2 January 2014.

Jazz Vespers

Sunday 2 March 2014 at 6.30pm. More info in February's AKL but put the date in your diary!
John Scarff

Christmas Parking Perks

South Lakeland District Council is offering free Sunday parking throughout the district in the four-week run up to Christmas. Parking will be free on Sunday 1, 8, 15 and 22 December in all of its pay-and-display car parks in the district, including those in Kirkby Lonsdale.

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; 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

November

Fri 29 PaNiKaTaK, Lunesdale Hall 7.30pm

December

Tue 3 First Responders Quiz at Plato's 8pm
 Wed 4 Barbon Walkers 9.45am Devil's Bridge
 WI Casterton Village Hall 7.30pm
 Thu 5 CC drop-in, KL market 10am-1pm
 Carol singing, KL market square 10.30am
 Fri 6 Christmas at the Rectory 7.30pm
 Christmas Shopping Evening Mansergh
 Community Hall 7-9pm
 St John's Hospice Light a Life Service
 Winter Gardens Morecambe 7pm
 Sat 7 KL Christmas Weekend
 Unwrapping advent St Mary's 11.30-3.30
 Dr Feelgood, Whittington Village Hall
 Sun 8 KL Christmas Weekend
 Mon 9 Civic Society Lunesdale Hall 7.30pm
 Farmers' Market Crooklands 10am
 St John's Hospice Light a Life Service
 Kendal Parish Church 6.30pm
 Tue 10 Arts lecture, Brewery Arts Centre Kendal
 1.30pm
 Men's Fellowship, Red Dragon 7.30pm
 Cook to feel great, Lunesdale Hall 12-2pm
 Thu 12 NW Cancer Research cookery
 demonstration, Casterton VH 1.30pm
 Sat 14 Open Air Nativity, Market Square
 KL Choral Society Christmas Concert, St
 Mary's
 Sun 15 KL Trauma Relief Coffee Morning,
 Lunesdale Hall 12-3pm
 Tue 17 First Responders Quiz at Plato's 8pm
 LADFAS meeting 2.15pm
 Thu 19 Barbon Walkers 9.45am Devil's Bridge
 Sherry & Mince Pies, KL Library
 Sat 21 KLBB Carol Service St Mary's 4.30pm
 Lupton Dance, Whittington Hall 8pm

January

Fri 3 Barbon Walkers 9.45am
 Tue 7 First Responders Quiz at Plato's 8pm
 Wed 8 Cumbria Wildlife Trust, KL Methodist
 Church Hall 7.30-9pm
 Sat 11 Website launch event, Lunesdale Hall
 reading rooms 11am-3pm
 Fri 17 Gardening Association AGM Lunesdale
 Hall 7.30pm
 Sat 18 Lupton Dance, Whittington Hall 8pm
 Mon 20 Barbon Walkers 9.45am Devil's Bridge
 Tue 21 First Responders Quiz at Plato's 8pm
 LADFAS meeting 2.15pm
 Fri 24 RNLI Sip Our Soup, Lunesdale Hall 12-2pm