Taste Cumbria comes to Kirkby Lonsdale!

Come and join the foodie fun from Good Friday, 14 April, through to Easter Sunday, 16 April. There’ll be dozens of stands and a huge variety of food and drink for you to try and buy!

The line-up for the Kirkby Lonsdale festival will be a fabulous Taste Cumbria showcase for all that is great about food and drink in the county. Local producers showing off their wares in the Market Square will include our very own Kirkabi Roasters and Whin Yeats Dairy (from Hutton Roof). Add to that an eclectic mix of stands including meats, pickles, olives, jams, breads, local spirits and spice.

There’s also street theatre and a full programme of events in the Lunesdale Hall. Some great chefs will be demonstrating their talents, with special areas set aside for the youngest visitors to get involved. There will be tastings of course and a chance to pose your culinary conundrums. The programme of demos runs from 11am-3pm each day.

A Festival within a Festival will take place in Royal Barn! Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery will present a new Festival beer as well as a variety of guest ales in honour of the event at their very own beer festival and there will be live music to add to the party atmosphere. We couldn’t stage the event without the vital support of our sponsors - The Hipping Hall Hotel, Mill House Cottages and the Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery. In addition we are grateful for the support of the Chamber of Trade, SLDC and the KL Town Council.

Additional parking for the event will be offered at KLRFC and signed from the A65 to cut the amount of visitor traffic in the town. The event will be marshalled with staff from Taste on hand to deal with visitor queries and direct traffic/pedestrians.

As this is the first time we have staged this event we are mindful of the temporary disruption this may cause to local residents. I hope this temporary impact will be far outweighed by the profile created for the town and the repeat visitors that will result.

And there’s more...

To celebrate the inaugural Taste Cumbria Kirkby Lonsdale festival, one lucky couple can win a stay at Hipping Hall including a nine-course tasting menu, complete with a suite of matched wines.

For more details and to enter go to www.tastecumbria.com/Win#. Competition closes on 24 April 2017.

Kirkby Lonsdale Festival of Music

Kirkby Lonsdale’s very own weekend long festival of music will happen over the weekend June 9th to 11th. The weekend will feature a range of top-class LIVE musical acts performing in venues throughout the town. The final line-up of performers and participating venues will be published shortly (watch this space, keep an eye on the various noticeboards around town and on the KL website www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk).

Our aim, as in previous years, is to feature talented local musicians in order to cover a wide range of LIVE musical genres; ranging from jazz to blues and soul, funk to rock, folk to choral and all points in between! The weekend will feature choirs in St. Mary’s, buskers in our streets and alleyways, ukulele bands and much much more. Gigs galore!!

Keep this weekend free in your diary, as you won’t want to miss this fest of LIVE music. The fun will kick-off on the evening of Friday 9th with the return, by public demand, of the Great Big Indoor Picnic in the Lunesdale Hall. Live music and much more! All proceeds raised from the performances around town will be donated to St John’s Hospice in Lancaster.

Deadline for May AKL: Midday Tue 18 April (on account of Easter weekend). Nothing received after the deadline can be included.

Please email submissions to akl@kirkbylonsdale.co.uk. Editorial matters: Contact the editorial team at akl@kirkbylonsdale.co.uk Advertising: For advertising accounts email akladverts@gmail.com Payment for adverts: Mail to AKL, Lunesdale Hall, Bective Rd, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2BG. For all other advertising matters: email allanmuirhead@icloud.com
**Kirkby Lonsdale Beer & Music Festival**

28th April to 30th April 2017

Bands Playing all Weekend

From 6:00pm to Midnight on Friday 28th April

Noon to Midnight on Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th April

A great selection of Real Ale & Traditional Ciders

Free Entry

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**Friendly Friday**

For the month of April only Friendly Friday will meet on the first Friday the 7th, as the second Friday is Good Friday. Friendly Friday is open house from 10.30am to 2pm in the Methodist Hall for anyone to come for coffee/tea and a chat or to bring knitting, crochet, card making, sewing or any other activity you enjoy. Some bring a packed lunch and stay all the time. It is very informal and friendly. We ask for a small donation to cover expenses. Do come and join us.

Marjorie Hanson

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**VOLUNTEER DRIVER SCHEME:** 07788 52 25 11

**CUMBRIA POLICE:** Emergency 999, non-emergency 101
It was the headline that caught my eye: ‘Skiing with the Dalai Lama’

The article was written by the person who acted as press secretary for the Dalai Lama when he visited the United States for a week in 1991 and a large part of it was about an incident that took place at a ski resort. Apparently the Dalai Lama had heard about people skiing and he wanted to see skiing for himself. So they went up to a ski resort in the mountains and then took a chair lift to the very top.

When they reached the top the Dalai Lama got off the chair lift but then he walked across in front of the lift to enjoy the spectacular views, not realising that there were more people following on behind. The next group of people got off the lift and hurtled down the ramp on their skis. There were wild shrieks and a tangle of arms and legs as 4 teenage girls ploughed into the monks. The press secretary described how the Dalai Lama was lying flat out in the snow making a very alarming sound. For a few moments it looked as if he had broken his back, but then it became apparent that he was actually helpless with laughter. Finally he managed to speak: ‘At ski area, you keep eye open always!’ Wise words.

During the visit they met politicians, movie stars, billionaires, Native American leaders and many other people. The Dalai Lama had been asked just about every conceivable question except the really big one. It was only when they were up the mountain and had gone into a ski lodge that a waitress said to the Dalai Lama ... ‘Can I ask you a question, please. What is the meaning of life?’

There was just a very brief silence before the Dalai Lama replied ‘The meaning of life is happiness.’ And then he added ‘Hard question is not ‘What is meaning of life?’ that is easy question to answer. No, hard question is ‘What makes happiness?’ This is question all human beings must try to answer!’

A few years ago an advertising campaign tried to convince us that ‘Happiness is a cigar called Hamlet’. In the month of April, happiness is springtime, school holidays and Easter eggs. In the middle of the month we have Good Friday and Easter Day - two special days that bring things that happened 2000 years ago into the present to help us explore the big questions ‘What is the meaning of life?’ and ‘What makes happiness?’. Crucially they turned ideas about life and death upside down. It is said that death is the ultimate statistic; one out of one people die. Life ends in death. The strange thing about Good Friday and Easter Day, however, is that with Jesus, instead of life ending in death, death ended in life.

There is an old Christian tradition that Easter Monday was a day of holy hilarity. It was a day to celebrate God’s great ‘joke’ of turning life and death upside down. People gathered together for a time of story-telling, singing and dancing. (In Latin it was called Risus Paschalis, which means “God’s Joke,” or “the Easter Laugh.”).

Here is a story to start you off: A man arrived at the pearly gates. St Peter looked through his book and said ‘Well I see that you weren’t especially bad – but you weren’t especially good either. If you can tell me one really good deed that you’ve done then I can let you in’.

The man replied ‘Well there was this one time when I was driving down the road and I saw a big group of bikers, about 30 of them, harassing a young woman. Well I couldn’t sit idly by so I stopped the car, grabbed an umbrella out of the boot walked right up to the leader of the gang and bashed him over the head – and I yelled at the rest of the bikers ‘listen you bullies – leave this poor woman alone before I teach you all a lesson’. ‘Wow’, said St Peter – ‘when did this happen?’ ‘About 5 minutes ago’ said the man.

Happy Easter!

**Holy Week Services KL**

A series of reflections – ‘Snapshots of the Journey’

Monday 10th, 7pm at St Joseph’s Church
Jesus goes to the Temple

Tuesday 11th, 7pm at St Mary’s Church
The people Jesus eats with

Wednesday 12th, 7pm at the Methodist Church
Jesus washes the disciples’ feet

Thursday 13th, 7pm at St Mary’s Church
Jesus celebrates a feast

Then ... Good Friday at 11am
Gather in the Market Square and at 10.50am (outside Just n So).
At 11am there will be an informal ‘procession’ to the churchyard.
(If you will find it difficult to process, please gather in the churchyard by the sundial at 11am – the band will be there already, and the procession will join you for the service).
Gardening Association
On 15th February the first talk of 2017 followed the AGM. ‘My Swedish Garden and the Local Competition’ was given by Ray Lakelnd, an old friend of Kirkby Lonsdale Gardening Association. Ray left behind a beautiful garden in Casterton when he moved house to live in Ingleton, spending four months of each year in a little house in the middle of a forest that he and his wife bought in Sweden.

His talk explained how he gradually transformed his very rocky garden having to resort to using heavy machinery to excavate planting beds. The pests he encountered were different to those in England, no slugs so hostas thrive, but hares, voles and MOOSE were hard to control! With gardening not being a popular activity in his local area he had to travel far and wide to gain inspiration to develop his garden and find out which plants would thrive and flower in his garden for the four months that he lives there and being a Lancashire living in Yorkshire, not cost the earth! Ray’s talk was well received not least because of his down to earth sense of humour.

Next talk date Wednesday 12th April - Jane Maggs from Wigton - "Wild and Fruitful, Foraging in your Garden and Beyond"
Saturday 13th May - Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Lunesdale Hall 10.30-1.00 pm

Casterton WI
The March meeting will be memorable for the fact that, about 10 minutes into an extremely interesting talk being given by genealogist, Lynne Pritchard, the lights went out! After several failed attempts to switch things back on it was decided to abandon the evening. Fortunately, arrangements were made for Lynne to return to Casterton the following week. Members were reminded to bring items handed down in their family for later discussion.

While the lights were still functioning members heard that there is to be another visit to Tulchan – always a popular event – date to be arranged in April.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 3rd April, when Susan Garnett will be taking members ‘On Safari, Off the Beaten Track’. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in Casterton Village Hall. Further information can be found on our website – castertonwi.co.uk.

Nearly New Sale
Caton St Paul’s School Children’s Nearly New Sale Thursday 27th April 2017 7pm - 8:30pm in the School Hall Contact Sarah on 07801594299 or mrs.s.parr@gmail.com for a sellers pack
Parking available £1 entry Refreshments available

Aluna Explorer Scout Unit
Kirkby Lonsdale now offers Scouting to young people from 6-18 years of age now that the newly formed Explorer Unit (14-18yrs) has been officially registered. Our local Rotary group has presented us with the money to purchase a Unit flag, pole and carrier which will be dedicated at a service to be held in the next couple of months. We are so grateful to the Rotarians for this very visible support of our communities youth, it means a lot to them, thank you.

The Explorers have had a busy March so far, meeting former users of the homeless shelter in Lancaster to discuss issues around being homeless. As a result of their discussions the group are planning an event in early winter to highlight the plight of rough sleeping and raise some money for the shelter. A group of Scouts and Explorers headed down to London mid month to attempt the Alternative Monopoly Challenge and at the end of March they are sitting down with Tim Farron MP to discuss democracy and the value of their vote, exciting times. Let’s hope Tim has some answers as the Explorers certainly have some questions!

We hope you noticed the eye catching display in the Tourist Information window last month celebrating Scouting in all it’s diversity. This was a tremendous achievement by the Scouts following lots of preparation and training. The badge they were working towards was Media and Communications and I think the end result, beautifully displayed by the staff at the shop, demonstrated that they had applied their knowledge and deserved their reward.

Contact kirkby_lonsdale_scouts@live.co.uk.

The [Lunesdale Hall] 100 Club
Prize Draw Results for March 2017
Each monthly Draw offers prizes of £25, £15 and £10 respectively to the first three numbers selected at random.

1st Prize (£25) Draw No. 102
2nd Prize (£15) Draw No. 144
3rd Prize (£10) Draw No. 139

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 in The Lunesdale Hall (prior to the Town Council meeting). For more information or to request membership details, contact The Administrator: Cllr. G. Buswell Tel.: 71630 email: kl100club@gmail.com.

Water Aid
The Coffee Morning in aid of Water Aid took place on Saturday, 18th March in Casterton Village Hall and we have been able to send £301-30 to Water Aid. Thanks go to everyone who helped to make the Coffee Morning such a success.
Police Report

20/02 – Shoplifting was reported at Booths.

3/3 – Shoplifting was reported at Booths. 1 person detained by booths staff and arrested by ourselves.

7/3 – Criminal Damage was caused to a travelling vehicle by males in another vehicle passing by, by way of throwing stones.

8/3 – A mobile phone was stolen from a shop in the area. Caller described the male as dark skinned, early 30’s, stocky build, 6ft, wearing a black jacket, ripped jeans at the knee, and Lacoste trainers, with glasses that were green/yellow in colour.

14/3 – Aggressive cold callers were reported in the area, if you would like a cold calling sticker for your front door then please email me on the below email at the end of the report.

Cumbria Police and Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner are urging dog owners to keep their pets on leads when near livestock. In 2016 there were 31 incidents of sheep worrying – which includes attacking or chasing livestock - reported across the force. Cumbria Police also received 44 complaints of sheep attacks last year, and in half of these (22) incidents one or more sheep were killed. It is an offence to allow a dog to worry livestock and in some circumstances landowners have a defence in law to shoot dogs that are endangering their livestock.

Anyone who wants to report an incident of sheep worrying should call Cumbria Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. If you would like a poster then please email me on amanda.coleman@cumbria.police.uk

PCSO 5244 Mandy Coleman.

Little Walkers competition

Little Walkers ion Market Street is the destination to ensure your children’s footwear is fit for purpose.

We stock a variety of footwear to accommodate the various shapes and sizes of feet from pre-walkers to cruisers/toddlers and beyond up to size 43 in school shoes for both girls and boys. The variety of brands we stock will ensure we can find the best fit.

From the very beginning the goal has been to provide a service customers need. We all need well fitted/quality footwear. Look after your feet so they can support you for life!

Customer service is paramount at Little Walkers. Our aim is to provide the best customer experience from day one – we will only grow with you! For the working parents – we will provide private appointments to suit your busy lifestyle – please ask to arrange.

As your children grow and develop, we are here to assist and advise on the best shoe for the occasion whether it be for the rough and tumble of the playground/sports field, or for weekend/occasional use.

From having three children we realise how costly this is – that’s why the loyalty scheme we offer is a must! With every purchase a print is left on your record card. Making your 11th purchase 1/2 price – just a small gesture to show our appreciation for your loyalty.

Easter Competition - two lucky winners will each receive a pair of Geox shoes. The draw will take place on Monday 17th April. Entry forms can be collected from the shop - Little Walkers at 18 Market Street, Kirkby Lonsdale.

For further help, call the consumer service helpline on 03444 111 444.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems.

We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 015394 46464 for debt and on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574

Problems with a mobile phone contract

I recently signed a two-year phone contract with a new network provider but the reception in my home is terrible. Can I cancel the contract?

Poor signal doesn’t give you a right to cancel, but you can take action. If you bought your mobile online or over the phone within the last 14 days, simply cancel the contract. If you bought it in store or have had it for longer, explain the problem to the company. They may give you a device which can boost your signal.

If this doesn’t work, ask to terminate the contract. They will usually ask you to pay an exit fee, which can cost as much as the contract. If you don’t want to pay then use their complaints procedure. If you haven’t got a resolution after 8 weeks, ask an Alternative Dispute Resolution Service to make a decision on releasing you from the contract.

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A new arrival on Main Street!

Many readers will know of the long running saga relating to the former HSBC premises at 29 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale, which has been empty for many months. The Kirkby Lonsdale Community Interest Company (KLCIC) has been in negotiations to acquire the lease of the building as the new home for the Information & Gift Shop.

Visitors and residents alike will benefit. The enhanced location and size of the premises has huge potential benefits for local residents (who can find out about local events, community groups, transport etc) and also for visitors (who are offered advice and information to enhance their visit/stay).

At last, after many months of work behind the scenes we have a deal and the necessary alterations/renovations work will commence in April. We hope to open 6/8 weeks after that. We have a five-year lease. The premises we are leaving (24 Main Street) is ‘under offer’ to another business – so our move doesn’t create an empty shop problem elsewhere!

We will share our new base with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and another tenant.

The KLCIC (who run the Information & Gift Shop) are extremely grateful for the support of all the parties involved (including SLDC, HSBC, The Christopher Robin Trust, the building’s owner and KLTC). We look forward to a bright future with something positive emerging from the withdrawal of a key player from our town.

We plan an official opening in due course and in connection with that we have written to a number of key individuals to tell our story. I thought AKL readers would be interested to read an extract which illustrates how we have explained and promoted the project to those outside the Lune Valley!

Sarah Ross, Tourism & Town Manager

‘In essence this is a story about a group of local citizens, an international bank, several tiers of local government and their advisors. It’s about what ordinary people can achieve if they really want something.

It all started several months ago when HSBC decided to close its branch in Market Square. Their impressive, white, two-storey double-fronted building, is not listed but it is in the town’s Conservation Area. The bank leased the building. The owner is a businessman who lives in north Cumbria. The lease had a break clause built in for August, 2017, but they decided to close down ahead of that break point. They vacated the building with very little being said about what would happen to the building in the future.

The empty HSBC building suggested itself as a more central location for our activities. To cut a long story short, the CIC and the town’s Tourism and Town Manager, started talking to HSBC, the building’s owner, the county council, the district council, the town council, the Chamber of Trade, various solicitors and agents. The idea was to negotiate a lease for the bank building, where the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority could also have a base.

Now the dream is close to realisation and we hope to open our new premises this Spring. A great result for our town and maybe an opportunity for other small towns to create a positive from the worryingly common practice of closing high street bank branches.’

Calling opera enthusiasts

This will be Staveley Amateur Operatic Society’s (SAOS) sixty-fourth Gilbert and Sullivan production, but only the fourth time they have performed ‘Princess Ida’. The complicated plot—which involves arranged marriages, bullying brothers and men dressed as women—requires fifteen principal singers and two strong choruses and SAOS are seeking new people who would welcome the chance to appear in this rarely performed G&S operetta.

Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday April 11th at 7.30pm in Staveley Village Hall where Musical Director, David Tattersall, will be leading a sing-through of the entire score. Everyone is welcome whatever previous experience you have had and no auditions are necessary.

The show will be performed from 13-16 Sep. Please contact Margaret Barker via email m.barker020@gmail.com or on 07815 452636 if you are interested in joining us or just turn up on the 11th.

Sing Joyfully!

Casterton-based vocal ensemble, Sing Joyfully! will give a number of performances in the Spring and Summer. Repertoire this season includes a wide range of well-loved songs from stage, screen and the popular music charts, all arranged for choral ensemble:

- Tuesday June 6th, 8pm, Holy Trinity, Casterton and Saturday June 10th (part of the Kirkby Lonsdale Festival, venue and time TBC) Popular favourites including songs by Billy Joel, Miley Cyrus, Bette Miller, Simon & Garfunkel and more.

Admission is free to all events, with a retiring collection in aid of churches and charities. Everyone is welcome. For more information regarding concerts in Casterton or enquiries about Sing Joyfully!, please contact Anastasia on 07952 601558 or via www.anastasiamicklethwaite.com
Readers’ Letters
Dear Sir/Madam,

I was somewhat concerned to read your article on Superfast Broadband in the March issue of Around Kirkby Lonsdale. This is actively encouraging people to sign up to Superfast Broadband from BT so that BT can receive more Government funding to install their Superfast Broadband in Cumbria.

Government funding means money from taxpayers and ratepayers and I think it is wrong for AKL to be encouraging this. At the moment BT is spending vast sums of "our" money in extending their 50 Mbps broadband. Concurrently B4RN is installing Hyperfast (1000 Mbps) broadband to a growing area of Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire. This is being done by community action with very little Government funding. The Yorkshire Dales National Park is providing some support through loans, not grants, and Connecting Cumbria is providing some installation grants for areas where BT will never reach!! However, the vast majority of the work is being done by the communities for the communities.

As an example, BT have installed fibre service to some 20 houses in Middleton via a series of telegraph poles which are a blight on the landscape! This is very expensive and, so far as I know, none of the potential customers is taking the service. BT do not intend to extend this to the other 60 properties in the village. In contrast B4RN is being rolled out to all the properties in the village who want it. Six of the first eight properties to be reached have already switched to B4RN and BT faces becoming a minority provider here.

I would ask that you publish "the other side of the story" to prevent even more public money being wasted on BT.

Will Dehany, Middleton

LADFAS

‘Elephants and Archbishops: Matthew Parker and his medieval Manuscripts’

Christopher de Hamel gave a fascinating and hilarious talk which encompassed both elephants and Archbishops and many medieval books.

Matthew Parker was appointed by Henry VIII to be master of Corpus Christi college in Cambridge, before becoming chaplain to Anne Boleyn and subsequently being appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury by Elizabeth, despite having no experience of the priesthood.

As Archbishop, Parker edited the English Bible and constructed the 39 articles of Church faith – including the right of priests to marry—still used in the ordination of the Archbishop of Canterbury today. But above all, he collected medieval and Saxon manuscripts to show the legality of the English Church.

He had copies of Chaucer in English, the oldest maps of England and a folded copy of the route from Canterbury to Jerusalem. He had many beaurities, some by Matthew Paris, depicting – almost correctly - an elephant that Paris had actually seen at the Tower! His most cherished possession was a jewelled psalter thought to have been owned by Thomas Becket our own English saint.

The next talk will be Tuesday 18th April Amanda Herries MA will give a talk entitled "Skin Deep – The Beastly Art of Beauty: Reality and Ridicule at Borwick Memorial Hall 2pm. Lectures are for members only.

Fanny Leech, Old Manor House, 14 Mill Brow, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Dear Sir/Madam

There are not many who know the history of the Auction Mart Yard. As it stands there is no public right of way through the afore mentioned yard. There is a dwindling number of natives who in their early years would climb over the gates at the North end and over the gate at the Southern end next to the open urinal, on the way to the Chippy, all who used this shortcut where trespassing and it’s still trespass to this day.

I worked for Miles Hastewell who had a joinery business in Back Lane, we used to get on many occasions the job of repairing the gates from the Northern exit of the yard. The owners of the Auction Mart Yard employed Mr Gibson who would make sure that anyone trespassing knew they were in the wrong. However as time passed the Auction Mart ceased to function and changes took place, the abattoir became a Joinery shop run by T.W.Eglin, I myself worked there for approx one and a half years. The works vehicles would exit the southern exit, and on return, if the Main Street was blocked, we would enter the yard from the north, the gates would be opened and closed after entering, to preserve the rights of the yard. I understand that residents who have moved here over the last 40 years or so, are voicing their opinions, but not aware of its historical private ownership standing.

There has never been a designated right of way through the yard, it was always wide open for which ever way a person choose to walk or run so as not to get caught trespassing. And no matter what, who ever purchases a home in the yard, they would want their investment protecting and not to have any erosion of their rights taking place.

No doubt this letter and myself will be criticised for writing what was the letter of the day. Yours concerned for the way KL is going. Derek Atkinson
**Chamber website is tops**

Kirkby Lonsdale Chamber of Trade has welcomed new members in recent months, who are now enjoying the benefits of exposure on the Internet.

The town’s own dedicated website, www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk, is one of the most popular town sites on the web. It receives, on average, more than 5,000 visitors each month, peaking to almost 7,000 last December when the town was publicising the new Christmas Market and Fair.

Each visitor, on average, looks at three pages, or three different areas, and research indicates that visitors find the information they’re looking for easily and quickly. In the past year, there’s been a 25% increase in visits, thanks to improvements around content and design. That work continues.

There are excellent benefits for businesses in the Kirkby Lonsdale area, not least the free listing offered to all. Businesses who join the Chamber receive a package of benefits, including more detailed listing, plus discounts when advertising. Listings can be changed or updated at any time.

A social media package includes both Facebook and Twitter pages which are updated regularly with local events, news, and information. The Facebook page currently has over 2,100 likes, an increase of nearly 30% over the last 12 months. In one 30-day period, the Facebook page reached over 20,000 people. There are over 1,900 followers on our Twitter page.

Kirkbylonsdale.co.uk is the number one organic search engine result if you search for ‘Kirkby Lonsdale’ or ‘Kirkby Lonsdale business’. It comes up on the first page of most search results if you use the words Kirkby Lonsdale, especially for ‘Kirkby Lonsdale accommodation’, ‘where to stay in Kirkby Lonsdale’, ‘things to do in Kirkby Lonsdale’ and ‘Kirkby Lonsdale events’.

For more details about kirkbylonsdale.co.uk, which is also used by a large number of organisations and groups, including the Town Council, accommodation providers and eateries, contact the Chamber’s secretary at cjhallam@gmail.com.

**Kirkby Lonsdale Bowling Club**

An open afternoon is being held for prospective new members on Sunday 9th April, from 2.00-4.00. No experience required, equipment and tuition provided, everyone welcome. The Club is offering half-price membership for new players this season.

Come along and learn to play crown green bowls.

**The Rotary Club of Lunesdale**

I am delighted to report that the live Radio Lancashire broadcast from The Hornby Castle Inn on the Rotary Club’s 112th birthday on 23rd February was a lot of fun. It also publicised to a wide audience the importance of the charitable work Rotarians undertake helping people in need throughout the world. As a result of the programme the following week, for 5 minutes each morning on Radio Lancashire, our own Colin Greenhalgh told his fascinating life-story. It made excellent listening.

The International Supper and Auction event on the evening of the broadcast was a big success. 72 guests enjoyed an excellent meal before the auction. Auctioneer Colin ensured that bidding was brisk for the many and varied lots. The total raised was an amazing £2,500 all of which will be divided between the deserving international charities supported by the club. On behalf of President Richard Parsons and International Chair Duncan Hamlett a very, very big thank you to all those who so generously donated. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Excellent speakers enjoyed by club members recently have been David Little of The Lake District Estates, John Clare gave a most interesting job talk and Terry Bond talked about Early Travellers in the Lake District.

The District 1190 70th Annual Conference was held at the Southport Convention Centre on March 10th - 12th. The national RGBI President Eve Conway was present plus the District 1190 Governor Malcolm Baldwin and several other dignitaries including the Mayor of Sefton. In the main hall there were 30 charity stands all of which which are currently being supported by Rotary Clubs in our District or are associated with Rotary in some way. During the 3 days there were some inspirational speakers plus relaxing evening entertainment.

The Lune Walk will take place on Sunday June 4th but more information and details of that will be publicised in May.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Rotary Club please contact 015242 73166 or leave a message on the website www.lunesdalerotary.org.uk

**Spring at Whelprigg**

Barbon and Middleton Branch
North West Cancer Research

Springtime at Whelprigg by kind permission of Mr Henry Bowring

Sunday 16th April at 2pm - 5pm

Of parks and ramps

Kirkby Lonsdale Chamber of Trade plans to change the format of its meetings to make them more informal and attractive to members.

The Chamber also wants to encourage the use of portable ramps to help those with wheelchairs or prams to have an improved shopping experience, and members are being reminded about the benefits of its high-profile website, www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk.

In introducing these changes, the management committee agreed to arrange a short programme of speakers in the coming months. The first topic will be about the benefits of the town now being a gateway to the Yorkshire Dales National Park. A speaker will be invited to the May meeting of the Chamber, which will be open to everyone interested in this topic, be they members or not.

Committee members heard about difficulties experienced by people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters or prams when shopping in the town. Some premises have steps at their entrance, which could be negotiated more easily if temporary ramps were on hand. Businesses are being encouraged to consider investing in portable, weatherproof ramps, which could help increase their turnover.

Robin Sadler, Chairman of the Chamber, said: ‘We know there are narrow pavements and steep steps in some parts of town which you can’t do anything about. But there are other premises where the step may be shallow but is still an obstacle to some people. A portable, weatherproof ramp would make these shops more accessible.’

Mozart Requiem in Holy Trinity Church, Casterton

Casterton District Church Council offers a date for all our diaries!

Carnforth Choral Society, led by Martin Webster, will make a welcome return to Holy Trinity Church, at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday 14 May 2017.

The Society’s programme this year features Mozart’s Requiem, one of the most widely appreciated pieces of classical music of all time. Gustav Holst’s Five Partsongs, Opus 12a, will supplement this famous masterwork.

Entry is free, with a retiring collection. Parking will be in the nearby School Pavilion carpark.

For further details, contact Churchwarden Ron Bulman on 015242 71075. A further article will appear in May’s AKL, and on our website: www.castertonchurch.org

Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Well has spring has finally sprung and we begin the first of our outdoor events of the season followed by our annual coffee morning. We are always looking for extra helpers. If you would like to volunteer either helping to lead walks or serving teas at the coffee morning please do get in touch. Please contact Roger Neale on 015242 41155 for further information or to book any of our events.

Wednesday 12th April 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Family spring walk at Silverdale: Join Liz and Roger Neale on this circular walk as we look for signs of spring, in particular in the trees, and enjoy panoramic views of Morecambe Bay. Activity sheets will be provided for children. Booking required, donations welcome on the day. Meet at Woodwell Lane Car Park, GR: SD 464 744.

Saturday 22nd April 10.00am - 12.00noon
The annual coffee morning organised by the Kirkby Lonsdale Local Group will be held in the Bective Room at The Lunesdale Hall. There will be a raffle, fun quiz, plant stall and home produce stall. Everyone is welcome. Entry is £1.50 for adults and Children are FREE. Refreshments are included in the entry price. Donations of plants and home produce would be very gratefully received.

A rousing response to the Sounds of Silence ...

A capacity audience at the Lunesdale Hall in March was treated to another hugely successful evening of music by 'Simon & Garfunkel' - performed by Tim Chu and Ian Bailey in celebration of the famous duo. Their musical interpretation of the songs, that we of a 'certain age' know word-for-word and note-by-note, was delivered in the authentic style we are familiar with, by two talented musicians who themselves undoubtedly appreciate the sentiment and musical genius of the songwriters. When eighty people of assorted ages are mouthing the lyrics to themselves and heads are bobbing from side to side in time to the rhythm, you know they’ve got it right - we needed no encouragement at all when invited to 'Li-La-Li’ our way through each chorus of 'The Boxer' either!

This was Tim and Ian's second year in Kirkby Lonsdale and the organisers are confident it won't be their last - the 2018 date is already booked. Our thanks also to those shopkeepers who promoted the event with window posters, to the staff at the Kirkby Lonsdale C.I.C. Shop and website for ticket sales, to the keepers of the Licensed Bar on the night and of course to the audience for their support at this and other various events organized throughout the year by the Lunesdale Hall for the community it serves.
MyKL LOYALTY CARD OFFERS for APRIL 2017
www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk/mykl

Going into Kirkby? ... remember to take your MyKL card, and make the most of this month’s offers to get your Easter Gifts. If you don’t have a card yet, apply for yours today through the Tourist Information & Gift Shop at 24 Main Street, or online, and encourage your friends and family to buy one as well. Two week visitor cards are also available. If other businesses would like to get involved in supporting the town through the Chamber of Trade and MyKL, please contact Caroline on 015242 72137.

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Kirkby Lonsdale Chamber of Trade Members Directory

Please support your Kirkby Lonsdale retailers and where you can SHOP LOCAL all year round! If you are not yet part of the Chamber and particularly if you have a retail business in the town then please consider joining. You can’t be part of the new MyKL scheme unless you join. See www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk or call Caroline on 015242 72137 for more details.

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Reach thousands of customers from just £3 per week!

Advertising on the Kirby Lonsdale website is very easy, and great value for money as well. There is one simple quarterly price of £90 and each advert is shown on every page throughout the website. Kirkby Lonsdale Chamber of Trade members enjoy a discount of 50%.

The website receives thousands of visitors every month, ranks highly in Google and is the premier source for local visitor information as well as news and events.

Book 12 months up front and you’ll receive an extra 3 months of advertising for free!
Monthly news and views from the Church and the Community. A Rainbow Parish production by the Church of England in the Lune Valley

April Services

2 Sun LENT 5
Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong
15 EASTER EVE
Kirkby Lonsdale 4.00pm Treasure Chest
9pm Vigil Service
Preston Patrick 7pm Vigil Service

6 Thu Kirkby Lonsdale
10.30am Holy Communion
8 Fri Kirkby Lonsdale 7.30pm Compline

9 Sun PALM SUNDAY
Kirkby Lonsdale 8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Matins
6.30pm United Worship at the Methodist Church
Lupton 9.30am Holy Communion
Barbon 10.30am Holy Communion
Preston Patrick 11.00am Holy Communion

12 Wed Kirkby Lonsdale
7pm Ecumenical Service at The Methodist Church

14 GOOD FRIDAY
Kirkby Lonsdale 11am Good Friday Service (starting in Market Square, processing to the churchyard, Or make your way straight to the churchyard)
12-3pm 3 hours at the Cross

(Please check church notice boards for up to date information)

Kirkby Lonsdale
Methodist Church Services

April
Sunday 2nd 10.30 Mick Pidd, St. Thomas’s Lancaster
19.00 Zanna Dennis, Bradford
Sunday 9th 10.30 Rev Wendy Thornton
1830 Working with God
Sunday 16th 10.30 Rev Richard Teal, Easter Communion
Sunday 23rd 10.30 Christine Wightman
Sunday 30th 10.30 Rev Wendy Thornton
Donald Carmichael

Kirkby Lonsdale town councillors have paid tribute to their colleague, Donald Carmichael, who died on March 12 after a battle with cancer. Donny, as he was widely known, was an active member of the community for many years. He was closely involved with the organisation of the annual Victorian Fair, had been landlord of The Red Dragon, ran his own disco business, and was an enthusiastic member of the Town Council.

Council Chairman Mark Day said: ‘Donald's willingness to challenge and to do that with such good humour made him an effective Councillor and a great representative for the people of the parish.’

Vice-chairman Geoffrey Buswell said: ‘Donald will sadly be missed and my thoughts go out to his family. A man who sticks to his beliefs has to be admired. No more banter during and even after the meetings.’

Former chairman Allan Muirhead, said: ‘A fellow Scot, Donald loved this town. He wasn’t a shrinking violet. He spoke his mind, was always honest, and he had a mischievous sense of humour. He was a committed family man and, in these final months, he dedicated himself to putting his family first.’

Coun Dougie Boyd said: ‘I knew Donald personally and as a councillor. As a friend and councillor, he could be relied on 100% for anything and always had the people of Kirkby Lonsdale’s best interest at heart. As a friend, I will always treasure the memories. On a recent holiday with him, I saw another side to Donny. Although feeling unwell at times, he still entertained us with his infectious humour and quick wit, never letting us know how unwell he really was. I will forever carry that memory of a holiday with some bloody good laughs! My thoughts are with his family. Please know that those who cared for him share your grief and wish you comfort at this very sad time. He will be missed.’

Mel Mackie, another Scot, said: ‘He was a good man. Sorry to lose him.’

Coun Mike Marczynski said: ‘Donald was always there with his comments and opinions, always very personable and personal, and always with good intent. A good guy and a great Councillor, with the good of Kirkby Lonsdale at the heart of his thoughts.’

Coun Nick Cotton, who also serves on the district and county councils, said: ‘Donald added much to the Council and showed a remarkably positive attitude about coping with his cancer.’

Town Clerk Kevin Price said: ‘I was very sorry to hear this news. A minute’s silence at our next meeting, on Wednesday, April 12, is most appropriate.’

His funeral was held at St Mary's Parish Church on Saturday, March 25th. Those present celebrated Donald's life afterwards at Plato’s.

A talk about a walk

In July, 2016, Craig Muirhead resigned from his job in the corporate world, in search of something different, more fulfilling and pleasurable than his previous career. In August, he embarked on the longest walk of his life, the Camino de Santiago. The Camino is the name of a number of pilgrim routes, or ways, to the shrine of the apostle St James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in north west Spain.

Starting from St Jean Pied de Port in south west France, Craig walked the 550 miles to Santiago de Compostella and beyond to the Atlantic Ocean at Finisterre. His walk took almost five weeks and he met people of all nationalities, all walking for their own personal reasons. This walk set Craig on a path of change. He determined to find a role that helped people, particularly people who want to move from where they are to where they want to be in life, career, family life, relationships and more.

Craig will give an illustrated talk about his journey across northern Spain at the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, on Saturday, April 8, starting at 7:30pm. The event is organised by the Friends of St Mary’s. Tickets at £7 include a variety of tapas. There will also be a bar. Tickets are obtainable from committee members, or telephone 71932.

Hutton Roof Defib

Hutton Roof now has its own public access defibrillator (PAD), supplied by the British Heart Foundation (BHF). Hutton Roof raised £485 from carol singing and a safari supper to part-fund the life-saving machine. Hutton Roof resident David Read is the local HeartStart instructor and many people in Hutton Roof and all around the area have been trained in CPR already and regular refreshers are held for local organisations and in all the parish halls.

The defibrillator can be used by any member of the public to help restart the heart when someone has a cardiac arrest. Over 30,000 cardiac arrests happen out of hospital in the UK every year but currently less than one in ten survive. The BHF believes defibrillators should be made more accessible and want all young people to be taught CPR and PAD awareness at school.

Hutton Roof Village Hall Chairman, Charles Wilson said, ‘We are delighted to have raised enough money to help fund the defibrillator which is sited outside the village hall in a heated cabinet so people have the best chance of survival should they suffer a cardiac arrest.’

To find out more about defibrillators and how to place one in your organisation or community visit http://www.bhf.org.uk/
**Plant Sale In Casterton**

Come to Casterton Village Hall on Saturday 29th April from 10.00am-12.00 and choose some new plants for your beds and borders. This is an ideal time to perhaps introduce a new ‘look’ to your garden!! Then enjoy a coffee and homemade cake.

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**

For NW Cancer Research In Lunesdale Hall  
Saturday 6th May 10.00am to 12.00

Come and stock up for a new look to your garden from a wide selection of plants on our plant stall. We are always tempted by the odd new item for our garden and this will give you the opportunity to select something different. We are also serving coffee and scones so just come anyway and have a chat with friends and support this vital charity.
Easter Holiday Dance Camp

For kids! Celebrating dance, movement, imagination and creativity using themes from Moana, Frozen and Angelina Ballerina, in our 3 day dance camp! 18th, 19th, 20th April 9:30am - 2:30pm Contact 07983000450. hollywoodstudioperformingarts@gmail.com for more information and to enrol!

Yoga and meditation classes

Men and women of all ages, abilities and spiritual beliefs welcome - no experience required.

Chair Yoga - all the benefits of the popular Mindful Yoga classes, while sitting and standing as much as you like. Chair Yoga is perfect if you want to practice useful exercises at work or at home, to ease out tension and stretch out stress.

Meditation - after some gentle exercises to warm and loosen us up, we learn simple but highly effective meditation and relaxation techniques to help calm your mind, boost your health and soothe your soul!

Mindful Yoga - learn calming and invigorating exercises from Yoga and Chi Gong with relaxation techniques and brief meditations. These ongoing classes are often full so please book fast to secure a place. I operate a waiting list each time the classes fill up so it’s always worthwhile leaving your details.

Morning, afternoon and evening classes in Barbon Village Hall with classes for 1-2-1 and small groups in Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale. Private classes also available. Shiatsu, Reiki and EFT treatments and new Wellbeing Consultations available in Barbon and Kirkby Lonsdale. £5 discount on all treatments and gift vouchers in April to all My KL card holders.

Please contact Zoë for more information: www.yoga-shiatsu.co; email@yoga-shiatsu.co and telephone: 07483 214210.

Hyperfast B4RN

Fibre Optic Broadband for Barbon + Middleton

In just one year Barbon and Middleton residents have worked together to bring B4RN Hyperfast Gigabit (1,000 Mbps) broadband to both communities. Starting mid-March 2016, the route was planned and volunteer work to install FTTH (Fibre To The Home) begun Summer of the same year. We now have approaching 25% of 200 properties connected direct to the fibre optic service.

Launch meeting at Barbon Village Hall April 2016 – packed with people. Very good interest from both villages, so we started immediately. Since, we have installed many miles of B4RN fibre optic tube underground from Casterton parish boundary, to Middleton and up Lunesdale towards Dent. Residents of Barbon and Middleton now can have broadband access at up to 1,000 Mbps, plus they can move away from expensive older generation telecom services.

We understand that having B4RN fibre optic benefits higher house prices plus can be cheaper than conventional broadband services. See B4RN website www.b4rn.org.uk for benefits of the B4RN Gigabit fibre broadband service and to express an interest.

We have all learnt on the job – it’s great fun, you meet others in both villages and it contributes to future proofing our two rural communities.

St Mary’s Hospice

Volunteering opportunities. Meet new people, help your community, learn new skills!

You could support and help our patients directly enabling them to attend groups such as Day Care, have a person drop in to visit each week or have a Hospice at Home nurse care for them in their own surroundings.

You could help raise funds by making the most of our donations, replenishing collection tins in your local area and volunteering in the Orangery Café.

Plus there are many more opportunities to help.

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS from 14 years old welcome.

Volunteers help us in all sorts of ways for more information please contact the Volunteer Team on 01229 580305 email volunteers@stmaryshospice.org.uk.

A few hours a week can make a huge difference to the type of care local people can access in our communities.

The Lunesdale Hall

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in The Bective Room

All welcome
Tea & Coffee available
Dates for your Diary

(KLLH KL Lunesdale Hall; AVH Arkholme Village Hall; KLMH Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Hall; BVH Barbon Village Hall; CVH Casterton Village Hall; CSP Casterton School Pavilion; WVH Whittington Village Hall; HRVH Hutton Roof Village Hall; WOM week of the month)

MONDAY
1:30-3:30 pm Over 50s Monday Club (1st/3rd WOM) KLLH
10:30-7:00pm Brownsie – KLMH
6:15-7:15pm Beavers - St Mary’s Primary School
6:00-7:30pm Cubs - CVH
6:00-8:00pm Scouts - HRVH (fortnightly)
7:30-9:00pm Bible study group - KLMH
8:10pm Barbon Bowling Club (Mon & Thur) - BVH

TUESDAY
9:30am Ecumenical Prayer Group – KL St Marys Church
9:30-11:30am Baby/Toddler Group (Tue & Fri) – CSP
10am Baby Clinic & Edward Bear (4th WOM) St Mary’s Church
10:30-12pm Sight Advice Support Group (2nd WOM) – KLMH
12:30pm Over 50s Lunch Club (3rd WOM) The Orange Tree
10:30am Baby Clinic & Edward Bear (4th WOM) St Mary
9:30am Ecumenical Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY
7:30pm Lindy Hopping Dance Class
7:30pm Scottish Dance Class
6:30-5:30pm Carers Association (2nd WOM)
12pm Hearing Aid clinic (3rd WOM)

THURSDAY
9:15-11:30am See + Know meet 0-5yrs old - KLMH
10-12am Farmers’ Market (KL Square) / Country Market (KLLH)
10-12am MacMillan / Age UK drop-in (1st & 3rd WOM) Library
10-3pm KL Embroiderers’ Group (3rd WOM) - BVH
2-3pm SLDC Planning Surgery - KLLH
3:30-8pm Danceworks Dance classes – BVH & Fraser Hall
6:15-7:30 Mindful Yoga—BVH
7pm Boxercise – CSP
7:30pm KLCS - KLLH
7:30-9:30pm KL Art Society Evening sessions - Fraser Hall, CB
8-8:30pm Ballet & Pilates CVH
8-10pm Barbon Bowling Club (Mon & Thu) - BVH
QES Police drop-in – QES

FRIDAY
9:15-10.30 Mindful Yoga– BVH
9:30-11:30am Baby/Toddler Group (Tue & Fri) – CSP
9:30-11:30am Baby/Toddler Group Cowan Bridge Village Hall
10-11am Zumba Fitness – Whittington VH
10-30-2pm Friendly Friday Coffee & Chat (2nd WOM) – KLMH
7:30-9:30pm Church Ringing Group – KL St Marys Church

SATURDAY
9:45-1:30pm Danceworks Dance classes - BVH
10-12noon Fairtrade Coffee Morning (2nd WOM) – KLLH
10-30am Preston Patrick Quakers, Sunday Worship
10:30am Briggflats Quakers, Children’s Worship
Barbon Quiz (1st WOM)

May

Sat 6 NW Cancer Research Plant Sale KLLH 10-12noon
Sat 13 Gardening Association Plant Sale KLLH 10.30-1pm
Sun 14 Carnforth Choral Society Holy Trinity 7.30pm
Fri 26 Ayrton Family WVH
Sat 27 Hutton Roof Country Fair & Fell Race 2-5pm

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Sat 1 Knit & Natter Sale KLLH 10am-3pm
Tue 4 Coffee Morning Middleton Church 10-11.30am
Thu 6 Tech Thursday Churchmouse at Barbon 10.30-12.30
Fri 7 Friendly Friday KLMH 10.30-2pm
Sat 8 KL Brass Band Jumble Sale KLLH 2pm
A talk about a walk KLLH, 7.30pm

Sun 9 KL Bowling Club Open Day 2-4pm
Wed 12 Gardening Association, KLLH, 7.30
Cumbria Wildlife Trust Walk 2-4pm
Sun 16 Spring at Whelpigg 2-5pm
14-16 Taste Cumbria Festival

Tue 18 Lunesdale Hall AGM KLLH 7.30pm
LADFAS, Borwick Hall 2pm
Sat 22 Cumbria Wildlife Trust Coffee Morning KLLH 10-12
28-30 KL Beer & Music Festival
Sat 29 Plant Sale CVH 10-12noon

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