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Letter from the Editor

Dear Link Readers

Well Spring is finally Sprung it would seem and my sweet peas are sown but not yet germinated - I'm not feeling terribly positive so watch this space. I have a magnificent display of Narcissi and the daffodils are about to reach their prime. I'm afraid I've used Editor's privilege and used a photo of the garden for the front cover.

We have all sorts of Spring events scheduled for April including an Easter coffee morning courtesy of the Yew Tree Hall Committee. If, like me, you have no idea what 'Egg Dumping' is you'd better

come along to find out. Another Spring favourite is the Bluebell Service on 10th May and we also have various Spring talks about wildlife and nature including one about bird watching and another about gardening in Cumbria.

Other talks include one about Alfred Wainwright and another about a lifelong interest in birds and bird watching as well as a talk about the history of the Yew Tree Hall.

Rosemary Riley

STOP PRESS - the first few sweet peas have germinated



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Our front cover photo this month is of High Barn Garden in it's Spring Glory, taken by Rosemary Riley



Holding onto hope

I'm guessing that when this edition of the Link is printed, and even by the time you sit down to read it, the conflict in the Middle East will still be raging. Its consequences – including, in this country, a hike in the cost of living that many people will struggle to accommodate – will certainly still be playing out.

What gives you hope in times like these? Perhaps not hope that world peace or economic justice are around the corner, but enough hope to give you the energy to get up in the morning and support the people, and the causes, that matter to you most?

The sights, sounds and smells of spring are something to be hoped for in the depths of winter and to relish when they arrive. The lambs, the daffodils and the clamour of birdsong in the valley remind us that, however bad things get, the world still turns, the sun still rises, that 'weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning' in the words of Psalm 30.

Some find hope in spending time with children and young people. Many of us in the churches have the joy of leading worship and assemblies in our primary schools – where the children regularly ask us really challenging questions. Their eagerness, curiosity and open-mindedness can surely make the world a better place.

In my role as Community Chaplain, there's daily encouragement from seeing the generosity and dedication of people who support their neighbours in so many different ways. Deb and Pip from our own Valley Wheels lift-sharing group came along with me this month to a Community

Transport conference beside Ullswater where we heard about various bus, car and cycle-share schemes, each set up by a handful of volunteers; that had, in a few years, transformed mobility and access for people in their local areas. I am optimistic about what we can achieve together here, too.

Also in the past month, the launch of the Cockermouth Community-Led Plan process, with almost 200 people taking time out of a sunny Saturday to drop into the URC and play their part in building a vision for the future of the town, was inspiring. Their interest, commitment and imagination for something better is another encouragement.

But, of course, for people of faith, there is another dimension to hope - the belief in a presence or power greater than ourselves - a 'hope for things not seen'.

And for Christians the existential 'reason for the hope that is in us', as Peter puts it, is that empty tomb on Easter morning – our belief that, out of love, God sent his only son to show us how to live and that he suffered, died and rose again to rescue the whole world from chaos and darkness into fullness of life.

For that reason, Easter morning is the pinnacle of the church year and we will be celebrating the Easter season from the 6am service on Memorial Gardens in Cockermouth for seven weeks until Pentecost. Whatever you celebrate and cherish and draw hope from in these difficult times, may you have it in abundance in the coming weeks. Happy Easter!

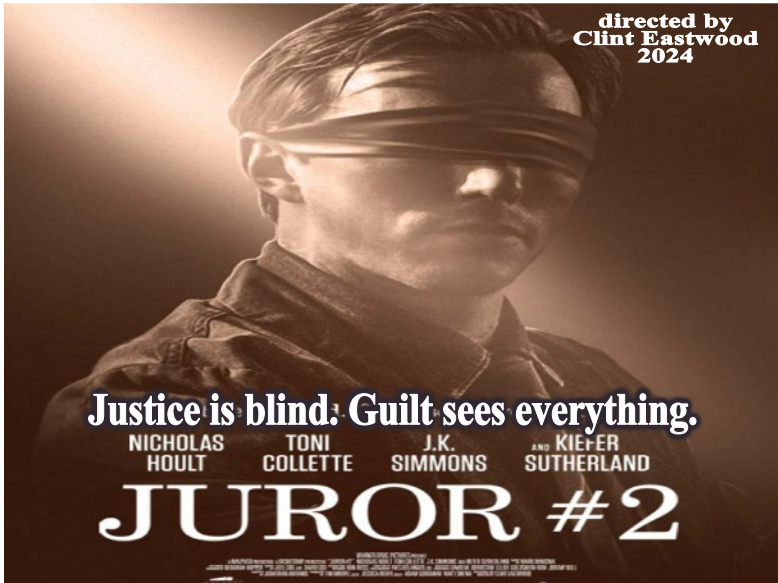
Lois Sparling

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March in the Club was a lunchtime meeting and again this year a full house of 30 filled the Veranda Room of the Hunday Manor Hotel, for a meal and an after dinner talk by Professor Emily Clark about The Cumberland International Youth Camps.

These were innovative gatherings of British and European students who met for a fortnight's adventure camp here in the Lake District. The movement, initiated by the Cumberland Education Committee and the British Council, became the model for a Europe wide series of camps designed for school and college students, to bring peace and understanding between nations. It started here in Cockermouth in 1944 and as one participant of the scheme said "It encouraged me to think internationally, which is surely the basis for world peace." It took an American, Emily Clarke, to bring together the work of her Cumbrian co-authors, to publish a book to inform us here in Cumbrian of our own important place in European history. Many thanks to Emily and her husband Ron for joining us and giving such a great insight.

Our next meeting is an evening talk by the author, Mark Richards and is titled "Reflections on Alfred Wainwright". Mark is an artist, writer of the Lakeland Fell Ranger Guides, one time friend of Wainwright and in recent years, host of the podcast on www.countrystride.co.uk. Our evening meeting at Loweswater Village Hall on April 21st at 7.30pm. Includes a raffle and refreshments.

Looking forward, we have a second visit from the Whitehaven Male Voice Choir a month later and a summer trip to The Devil's Porridge Museum at the wartime munitions factory at Gretna still to come. Hopefully three great events to enjoy as the summer approaches.

an illustrated talk by
Mark Richards
REFLECTIONS ON ALFRED WAINWRIGHT



Mark is an accomplished author of the Fell Ranger Books about walking the Lake District fells. He was a personal friend of the late Alfred Wainwright.



Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm
Refreshments will be available

Loweswater Village Hall
Free to Members, £5 for guests: All welcome

Contact Roger Hiley on 07740 461059

Coleridge in Lorton

It was a pleasure to read the entertaining piece in the March Link by Nev Mills, on the essential history of Lorton. One fact briefly mentioned was that William Wordsworth brought his mate Samuel Taylor Coleridge to Lorton.

If Coleridge were not long dead, he would claim a right of reply to being described as stumbling rather than wandering through Lorton, under the influence of laudanum. He would claim to have set out on foot with Wordsworth that day, 11 November 1799, from the Inn at Ousebridge. That evening they stayed at the sign of the char in Buttermere, admiring a famous serving-girl. The next day the 26 year old would continue on to Wasdale Head via Scale Force and Floutern Tarn.

This tour was Coleridge's introduction to the Lakes. He, William, and Dorothy had been living in Somerset, but they had spent most of 1799 in Germany, where living and studying philosophy was cheaper. Soon after this tour, William and Dorothy settled in Grasmere, in genteel poverty at first, while Coleridge and his family moved to Keswick.

As evidence of his visit to Lorton, Coleridge might show his notebook, in which he had managed to scribble a few words about places, people, and scenic description; at many locations during the walk that day, over the fells through Embleton, Lorton, Brackenthwaite, Loweswater and Buttermere.



Passed thro' Lorton. ... Just over the Bridge (there the brook flings itself down a small chasm of rock) – a field on the Right Hand a yew prodigious in size & complexity of numberless branches flings itself on one side entirely over the river, the Branches all verging waterwards over the field it spreads 17 Strides - - On its branches names numberless carved – some of the names being grown up appear in alto relievo ...

In 1799 Lorton was famous only for its yew tree, which Wordsworth wished to present to Coleridge. The tree was huge and prominent. No brewery buildings, no Yew Tree View, and William Jennings would not build his maltster's premises, now Corner House, until 1809. A vegetable landmark of prodigious spread, to match Coleridge's prodigious talent. Sadly, a storm ruined one and laudanum, eventually, ruined the other.

Derek Denman



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LORTON NOTES

Here is my update on the Carbon Fast Challenge with Carbon Stewards. Following on from Week 1 my subsequent Carbon Fast Challenges were as follows:

Week 2 - Fast from unnecessary buying - I've done quite well here - mandatory purchase of Great Nephew's birthday present but pretty much nothing else

Week 3 - Fast from funding climate chaos - rather more difficult as it is all about ethical funding and praying for those investing our funds - an area to work on for next year I think

Week 4 - Fast from food waste, meat and dairy - pretty good on the food waste front - we only buy what we need and plan menus around what we do buy. Less good on the meat front but having found an excellent supplier of Vegan cheese 10/10 for dairy.

Week 5 - Ditch the car to drive down emissions - tricky when you live in a remote spot but I did car share for a trip into Cockermouth on Wednesday and for a trip down to Windermere on Thursday. This was a gardening workshop so hopefully I'll be growing even more of my own. Also cycled to Church on Sunday. Plus my car is only 1200 CC.

Overall score - perhaps 75% - and it certainly makes you think.

You will see from the poster on the facing page that Futureproof Cumbria are having a fund-raising week in April and will very much appreciate your support.

We are now fast approaching the festival of Easter and I hope some of you will attend our special services during Holy Week and come along to help decorate the Church on 4th April at 10am.



Rosemary Riley



Cumbria is a special place for all of us who live, work or holiday here. However, the effects of climate change have become difficult to ignore, with more frequent storms, flooding and changing temperatures impacting our homes and businesses and leaving their mark on the countryside that we love.

On 22-29 April, we will again be holding our annual Big Give appeal, aiming to raise £20,000 to help us continue to stand up for a low carbon future for our county, safeguarding it for the next generation.

You may have generously donated to our previous Big Give appeals - thank you. Because of you, positive action is being taken to push forward the policies and projects that make our homes, communities and the county that we love more secure.

Plus, the brilliant thing about this appeal is that all donations will be doubled through match funding — but we need early pledges to help us unlock as much of that funding as possible.

You help to build this movement. This April, take the next step towards a more sustainable future for Cumbria: double your impact with our match-funded appeal by pledging your support today.



At <https://futureproofcumbria.org.uk/>

Thank you,

Beatrice Stanley

Fundraising Officer

Futureproof Cumbria



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Thursday 23rd April

Loweswater Village Hall, CA13 0RU

7:30

£3.00 entry, teas/coffees on arrival

All welcome!



NOTES FROM ST BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST JAMES'S

The spring equinox has passed and was preceded by a few days of lovely warm weather, perfect for gardening. It's good to have longer hours of daylight too. By the time this issue of the Link is published we will be rapidly approaching Easter. Our Holy Week services will follow the established pattern and Loweswater will be holding the Three Hours service on Good Friday followed on Sunday celebrating the Easter Eucharist followed by an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard. All service information is as usual on the back page of the Link. We will be decorating the church on Saturday morning.

Our APCM will take place on 19th April at 12 mid day after the service at Loweswater. All are welcome to attend and contribute to discussion. This is the occasion for the election of PCC members, Church Wardens and the annual report to be read.

The high winds, gales, of 2 weeks ago took their toll on Buttermere church, blowing the Wainwright window out. We are grateful to Harvey's prompt action in boarding the window up to avoid further damage and ensuring it is safe for our many visitors and congregations. Subsequently, we have had a very helpful visit from a conservator who specialises in church and historic house windows so are in very good hands for future repairs.

Our popular annual Bluebell Service will take place on 10th May at 3pm in the field by Rannerdale Knots. We hope for good weather and a beautiful display of bluebells, bring a chair or blanket if you wish.

By way of a reminder future services at St.James are now at 6pm as the clocks change next weekend, 29 March.

Wishing all a very happy Easter, and some good weather for children on their holidays and our visitors.

Eleanor Ella



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NATURE NOTES - COLOUR IN BIRDS



All bird species, more than 10,000 of them, can see colour and also ultraviolet light. For example, a blue tit's head glows brightly under uv light, helping to attract a partner - the ultimate beanie!

There are three main reasons for colour and markings in birds.

Firstly, they can outshine their rivals and attract a mate, so colours are at their brightest during the breeding season.

Secondly, patterns and hue provide camouflage protection from predators in their environment, as in the ptarmigan seen here half-way to its white winter coat.

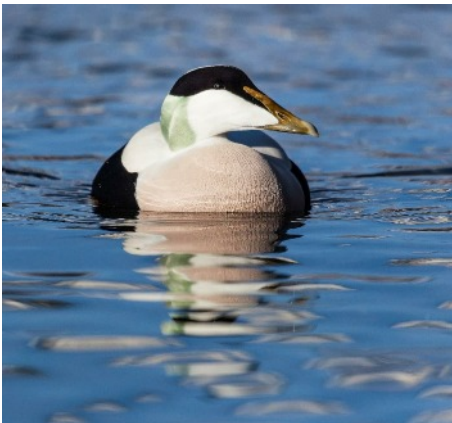
Thirdly, bright colours may warn off predators.

The colouring of birds' plumage is a remarkably complex issue involving both colour pigments, and complex structural adaptations in the feathers.

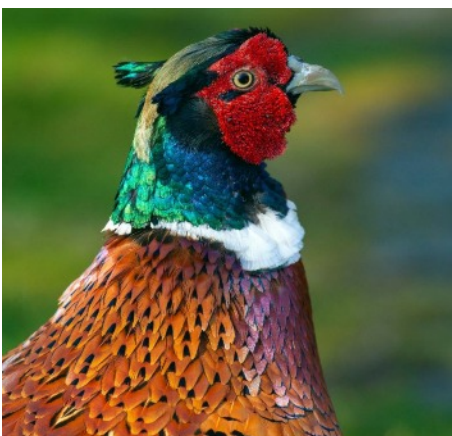




Pigmentation is derived from their food and include **carotenoids** for bright reds, oranges and yellows, as in the goldfinch (previous page) and yellowhammer seen here, **melanins** as colour granules in the skin and feathers, which produce blacks, greys and brown, as in the goldfinch, ptarmigan and eider duck, and **porphyrins**, which result in a range of vibrant colours from pinks through browns, reds and greens, as in the eider duck.



Structural colour may be produced by microscopic structures in the feather barbules acting as a prism, refracting the sunlight and causing iridescence – seen here in our common but fabulous pheasant.



Blue feathers are usually produced by tiny air pockets in the barbules that scatter light, preferentially reflecting shorter wavelengths such as blues and violets (as in the blue tit).

Research shows that blue tits are undergoing a change in the intensity of their colouration, correlated with global warming.

Words & photography by
Rosamund Macfarlane

!!CURLEW ALERT!!

Curlews are returning to the valley now. The Curlew Recovery Project would really like to know where they are! So, if you see or hear any curlews, we would be very grateful if you could enter a record on



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(it is straightforward to use!), or alternatively phone Chris Mills on 07720 434 057 giving brief details of date, time, location, and what the curlew(s) were doing.

Thank you!!

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MELBREAK WILDLIFE GROUP COFFEE & CAKE - MARCH 14TH

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who organised and supported the Wildlife Group Coffee & Cake morning on Saturday March 14th. It was wonderful to see so many people in the Yew Tree Hall – there was plenty of cake (thank you bakers!) but emergency coffee supplies were required!

We are very grateful for everyone's generosity in supporting Wildlife Group projects and cards for Ukraine.

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If you missed dropping in to the launch of the **Cockermouth Community-Led Plan** on Saturday 18 March at the URC - to share your hopes, concerns and ideas for the future of Cockermouth - it's not too late!

Please take five minutes to answer the same questions online, and sign up to hear where the process goes next, here:
<https://forms.gle/7fj9WU5WEMYKB1Wb6>

The survey is open until Friday 17 April and more information is available at cockermouth.org/CCLP or on the Cockermouth Community-Led Plan Facebook page.

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st Mar 2026

1st prize of £25	No 4	Mary Baker
2nd prize of £10	No 107	Diane Gordon
3rd prize of £5	No 10	David Walmsley

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

Loweswater Ladies March Report

Our March meeting featured a talk by Barbara Thompson entitled Walking the Kumano Kodo Pilgrim Trail, although the evening explored the culture, religion and environment of Japan more broadly. Mementos, maps and books relating to Japan were displayed for us to enjoy. The giving of gifts as a mark of respect and to strengthen relationships is central to Japanese ritual. The gifts must never be in sets of four or nine, which is seen as bad luck or death, and never in a red envelope, which signifies a funeral. We began with a practical session where we were all invited to make a "Noshi". This is a form of origami (paper folding) which is made from Washi paper derived from the inner bark of the mulberry tree. It is made with respect, contains a small strip of abalone or dried fish and is tied with Mizuhiki, a type of cord. There are three types of knots that are used depending upon the occasion. There are 70 patterns of origami, passed down from mother to daughter. We all produced a lovely Noshi!

Next, Barbara told us of her experiences of travelling in Japan with a slideshow of photos. She has visited twice and has found the country to be very clean and the people to be kind, helpful and polite. Barbara and her son were in Japan for four weeks in all, visiting various

historic, cultural and religious sites. A highlight was the Golden Pavilion built by the Samurau Buddhists showing many layers of their world view.

Shinto and Buddhism are the two main religions that co-exist in Japan. Shinto is the indigenous, nature-oriented spirituality focusing on life, purification, and kami (spirits), while Buddhism is concerned with the afterlife, soul, and funerals. The Kumano Kodo is a 1000 year-old Trail on the Kii Peninsula used by Buddhists to go into mountains to pray to the Gods. It took 8 days following a self-guided package through steep, volcanic mountains, reefs and tsunamis hazard areas. The Trail is dotted with shrines, many with bells to be rung to summon the Gods of the mountains. The Tea Huts provide welcome sustenance of the journey. Luggage was transferred along the route and many delicious local meals were enjoyed.

Many thanks to Barbara for relaying to us her love of Japanese culture and traditions.

Our next meeting is 8th April 2026 in LVH at 7.15pm. This is a talk by Philippa Chadwick of West Cumbria Rivers Trust on Pearl Mussels. Visitors and friends are always welcome.

Sue Severs
Secretary



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Penny's Piece

Before I begin, I hope you have remembered to alter your clocks. If you have spent the last few days wondering why you seem to be late for everything, your answer might be there. Of course, most clocks now alter automatically, which is even more confusing if you haven't remembered. Those of you with young children or having grand-kids spending Easter with you. . . good luck!

Our school lunches have had a bit of an overhaul in the last few weeks. I, for one, am really liking them. But I wasn't the only one who was confused on apple crumble and custard day, when most of the kids would not have/ try any. They didn't know what it was. My flabber, was gasted. How can they miss out on pudding? Especially a classic. I can't be the only person who looks through a menu and flicks right through to the end to have a look at the desserts before deciding what to order. It's why you can have two starters and a dessert, instead of starter main and no room for dessert.

I had my first journey of the year down the M6 the other week. Glad I wasn't going north. There were 2 different junctions closed- one planned and the other must have been an accident at some point as they were turning the traffic round from the back. On my way back north there was an interesting detour somewhere near Warrington. Not really sure. Just a big arrow, lots of signs and cones basically saying, get off the motorway. They had a lot of roundabouts covered in daffodils, so that was nice but it did remind me of Milton Keynes- less good. I was just pleased there was no stopping.

Do you ever meet someone, have a conversation with them/ see someone and honestly wonder how they have managed to stay alive and not win a Darwin award? Examples: a colleague who was handwriting the multiplication symbols onto a worksheet because she couldn't find the symbol on the keyboard. You can't find an x? Someone else who wasn't in their own car one day so had parked off site as the car they'd borrowed didn't have reverse according to them. Another who thought the Gruffalo was real but just extinct. I wish I was joking. I should have asked her, her views on Father Christmas and the Tooth Fairy. That could have been interesting.

I first went to Words by the Water at Theatre by the Lake in it's first year. I can't remember who I saw

speak on that occasion but over the first ten years I heard about reporting in war zones from Kate Aide and Martin Bell and life in news with George Alagiah and the Icelandic Sagas from Magnus Magnusson- yes the, Magnus Magnusson from Mastermind. Richard E. Grant had driven up from London to talk about Wah-Wah. His book about growing up in what is now Eswatini. It was a wet night and he told us he was driving back to London that night. All I could think about from that point on, was the part in Withnail and I, where they drive up to the lakes in a Jag which only had a working passenger side windscreen wiper. I could picture him driving back in this way, quite vividly. Thankfully this year, I have finally got to hear crime writer Val McDermid speak (she was a no-show one year as an accident closed the motorway. I had to choose between money back or Ann Widdicombe). I did see her when she signed my book but during the talk all I really saw was the top of her head. I was up in the rafters, off to one side. On a rather uncomfortable swizzly stool. It was preferable to the ones in the stalls with half a back. I have decided no back is better than half a back. If anyone knows someone who works there, get them to get some bar stools with decent backs as the 2 variations they have are not great after anything more than half an hour. Clearly the designer who came up with the idea and the buyer who bought them, didn't sit on them for longer than a few minutes. Getting back to Val McD. I liked finding out more about her and her past as well as her latest crime book. Thanks to my childhood with Scottish TV because that was where the best signal came from for a long time, I could at least understand her. She is broader than I expected, which makes her use of dialect in character's speech, real. When I read it, I mebbies 'hear' the accent. I wonder how well others around the country cope with it? Hope there is enough sun over Easter to sit out and read a good book. Penny



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February and March have been busy months for social activities at the hall and we would like to thank everyone who has supported these events. Our Spring performance from Arts Out West in February came from local musicians Bob Pritchard and Mike Ames who invoked fond memories of Flanders and Swann. In March we were delighted to repeat the Magnificent Melbreak Showcase, with talented members of the community providing the entertainment with lively performances ranging from classical and jazz musical recitals, poetry, shaggy dog stories, monologues and novelty acts. The evening was rounded off with a “Good Old Days” style sing-along. Once again Mother’s Day was celebrated with traditional Afternoon Teas, served to a full hall of very appreciative family groups.

Loweswater Village Hall is a popular venue, serving the local community, for meetings, training sessions, workshops, sports activities, dances, parties and wedding receptions. Please see our website, (loweswatervillagehall.co.uk), for booking availability or contact us by phone on 01900 85718 or email at bookings@loweswatervillagehall.co.uk.



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LORTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL

**Save
the
Date**

**SUNDAY
28th JUNE
2-5pm**

**Cream Teas
and
Village Trail**



**Scarecrows
Wanted
Big or small
Just get Creative**

**Contact Liz Irlam (tel 07776 410814)
if you hope to make a scarecrow**

St James' Church, Buttermere

4th Bluebell Service

Rannerdale Knott



Sunday 10th May at
3pm

Service of Songs and Praise

Castlegate Singers

&

Cockermouth Mechanics Band

Free carparking, Bring a chair or rug



A Melbreak Communities Event



COFFEE & CAKE ^{£4}

and Raffle

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

**Wear your
Easter Bonnet**



*Pace eggs
Egg dumping
Kids corner*

hosted by the YTH Committee
Please park responsibly



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DIARY DATES

APR

- 4 Sat Easter Coffee and Cakes at YTH, 1030 to 1200 - see poster
8 Wed Loweswater Ladies - LVH 7:15pm - Pearl Mussels
13 Mon Balsam Group - Strimmer training - Rivers Trust
13 Mon Community Lunch, Lorton School at 1.15pm. SEE POSTER
14 Tue Balsam Group - Strimmer training - Rivers Trust
16 Thu Crafternoon - LVH 2-4pm. All welcome.
16 Thu Lorton Garden Club "Pottering in North Cumbria" at 7.30pm. SEE POSTER
18 Sat Lorton 10k Run - 10am from Lorton School.
21 Tues Loweswater 77 Club talk - LVH 7.30 pm
23 Thu Lorton Film Club "Juror 2". 7pm for 7.30pm. SEE POSTER
23 Thu Melbreak Wildlife Group talk - 'Dotterel Days' by John Callion. LVH 7.30 SEE POSTER
24 Fri Friday Social at YTH 6.30 - 9pm . All welcome. SEE POSTER
30 Thu r Malthouse Club "History of the YTH" talk by Adam Baker 6.30 for 7pm. SEE POSTER

MAY

- 6 Wed Lorton Parish Council 7.30pm YTH
7 Thu Loweswater Parish Council 7.30pm Loweswater Village Hall
11 Mon Community Lunch at Lorton School at 1.15pm. SEE POSTER
13 Wed Loweswater Ladies - LVH 7:15pm - Fraud Prevention
14 Thu Border Fortress: The Turbulent History of Carlisle Castle, L&DFLHS talk with Dr Max Loth-Hill, 7.30 pm, YTH
16 Sat Coffee morning hosted by Lorton Vale Gatden Club 10.30am YTH. Plant/ seed stall
21 Thu Crafternoon - LVH 2-4pm. All welcome.
29 Fri Friday Social at YTH 6.30 - 9pm . All welcome. SEE POSTER
31 Sun Loweswater Ladies Cream Teas - 2-4pm LVH

Please note that Table Tennis takes place in YTH every Wednesday from 7-9p.m. unless otherwise notified. There are Keep Fit sessions in LVH every Monday 9.00-10.00a.m and every Friday 5.30-6.30p.m. These will not be listed every month in Diary Dates but can be found on the Melbreak

Communities diary page - www.melbreakcommunities.org.uk

WHEN ATTENDING EVENTS AT THE YEW TREE HALL PLEASE ENSURE YOU PARK RESPONSIBLY

The United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere

April 2026

1 st April 7pm	Wednesday of Holy Week Candlelit Compline	Buttermere
2 nd April 7pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	Lorton
3 rd April 12 noon - 3pm 2pm	Good Friday The Three Hours Devotional Service	Loweswater Loweswater
5 th April 10.30am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Loweswater
12 th April 10.30am 6pm	Easter 2 Matins Holy Communion	Lorton Buttermere
19 th April 10.30am	Easter 3 Holy Communion	Loweswater
26 th April 10.30am 6pm	Easter 4 Holy Communion Evensong	Lorton Buttermere

Service information for the Grasmoor Mission Community and news of other events is published weekly on a Friday in our Staying Connected news sheet. The sheet is available on the GMC website or if you would like it sent directly to your inbox please email Sue Lake on gmcoffice@grasmoormc.church with your request.

Deadline for May is Friday 24th April all articles, photos (especially for the front cover), funny stories, letters to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by this date. Thank you

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