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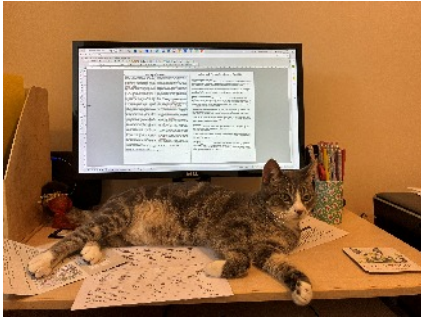
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Letter from the Editor

Dear Link Readers

I am pleased to announce an addition to the The Link editorial team - a new sub-editor called Charlie the Cat. Here he is supervising proceedings.



If you look closely at the Loweswater Ladies report you will find his contribution to the magazine. He is only one year old and very lively so if you happen to visit our house expect to be welcomed enthusiastically.

You will see that the cover photo is of the Yew Tree Hall (see caption below) and there are other articles this month highlighting the good news that planning permission has been granted for the first phase of development. I understand that fund raising for the restoration of Buttermere church is also going well and there should be a report about that next month.

Events in the village this month include the Big Green Week Climate Sunday Service and Community Lunch - more details can be found on pages 12 and 13. Take a look at the colour centre-spread for information about the grand Scarecrow Festival taking place on the 28th June. There are instructions about how to make a Scarecrow and details of the event itself. I do hope many of you will be inspired to create a scarecrow of your own.

The regular Community lunch at school take place on the 8th June and another regular event - Coffee and Cakes - takes place on the 13th, this time hosted by the Book Club.

On the 26th June we all have the opportunity to say our farewells to Olivia Harrison, Headmistress and former pupil at Lorton School. I do hope she has carried out a risk assessment for the rounders match!

Sadly we also paid our final respects to Pat Williams whose funeral was in May. Pat was a long term resident in the valley and was an accomplished musician and chorister, playing the organ and running the choir for our churches. A full obituary will be published in the July/August Link.

I hope you all enjoyed a fun Bank Holiday weekend and will relish the few days of sunshine we are forecast.

Our front cover photo this month celebrates the granting of planning permission for the first phase of improvements to the Yew Tree Hall, Lorton. The photo was taken by Andrew Campbell, son in law of Rachel and Ken Williamson



In my last Vicar's Letter back in February I gave a plug for this year's Grasmoor Mission Community Gathering Morning on the topic of 'Faith, Fear and Flags: a gospel response to Christian Nationalism'. This took place on Saturday 9th May with guest speakers Nick Spencer from Theos Think Tank and Markus Campbell-Savours, MP for Penrith and Solway. Recordings of their talks and the following Q&A session are available on the Grasmoor Mission Community website for those who weren't able to be there in person.

Flags tend to be one of those things we don't particularly notice, they're just there in the background. Then something happens to draw our attention to them and suddenly they seem to be everywhere. National flags like the Union Jack or the St George's Cross, regional flags like the blue, white and green Cumberland flag with its three Parnassus flowers, flags of political parties, sports teams, membership organisations, ideological movements – the catalogue is endless. Flags typically don't include words but they nevertheless speak eloquently. Some are designed to draw people together. Others are designed to set apart a particular group. Often flags perform both these functions at one and the same time, uniting some of us against others of us. It's worth asking ourselves when we choose to display a flag, what it is we're trying to say and how we hope to be heard.

A key takeaway for me from our Gathering Morning was the realisation that for all our differences we human beings mostly want the same things. We want to live in peace and security, we want to be able to care for our loved ones and give our children a good start, we want to live lives that have meaning and purpose, leaving something good behind for those who come after us. The problem is that we have such different ideas about how to achieve these goals that it often feels as though we are altogether at cross purposes. It's tempting to retreat into our separate 'bubbles' where we'll only encounter people who already share our point of view.

What might change if instead of closing ourselves off from one another we cultivated a spirit of curiosity? What do we believe? Where does our belief come from? Why is it important to us? Are we curious enough and respectful enough to want to find out more about what others believe and if so how might we go about creating opportunities to do that?

With God's blessing.

Jane Charman
Grasmoor Mission Community Leader

For anyone wanting to receive home communion or in need of pastoral support, please contact:

Revd. Barbara Robinson, 01900 85234 or 07961902075. Please leave a message and I will get back to you asap. If your need is urgent please contact Revd. Jane Charman, Mission Community Leader on 01900 828028

Notice of Meeting

Yew Tree Hall - AGM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Yew Tree Hall, registered charity no. 223947, will be held at the Yew Tree Hall, Lorton, CA13 9UJ, at 7pm, Monday 6 July 2026 to transact the following business:

AGENDA

1. Present & apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held 14 July 2025
3. Matters arising
4. Trustees' Annual Report – Chair
5. Trustees' Annual Report – Treasurer, accounts y/e 31 March 2025
6. Notification of Representative Members
7. Election of six Elected Members
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the coming year

Notified by YTH Charity Trustees
Adam Baker, Chair of Trustees
June 2026



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On the evening of May 19th we welcomed back to the club Whitehaven Male Voice Choir. The choir had entertained us wonderfully last year and this was reflected by the excellent attendance of 55 members and paying guests. The repertoire again covered a wide range of popular numbers and we are already looking forward to a return visit next year!

On June 16th we have our Summer trip. This year we are visiting The Devil's Porridge Museum (with lunch) at the Wartime Museum's factory at Eastriggs. We move on to enjoy an afternoon tour of the Annandale Distillery where refreshments will be available. This promises to be an excellent day out and at the time of writing we only have eight remaining spaces on the coach. The cost is £40 per head (excluding afternoon refreshments) and it would be brilliant if we could depart with a full coach.

To book the remaining places please contact Keith McNeil on 07810772192 or Carolyn Davis on 07785981934.

Tuesday 16th June

SUMMER OUTING

**Cost £40-
Incl. coach and Lunch.
(Tea at Distillery extra)**



**Depart
Mitchells
Auction
at 9.30am**

The Club has organised a visit to the Devil's Porridge Museum (with lunch), which is located at the Wartime Museums factory at Eastriggs. Together with an afternoon tour, and refreshments, of the Annandale Distillery.

**Booking is essential, please contact
Keith McNeil on 07810 772192**

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Artists and Prints: Cumbria Illustrated in Early 19th Century Prints

Thursday 11 June, 7.30 pm at YTH following a short AGM.



This talk looks at the profusion of prints which appeared from the late 18th until the mid-19th century which played a major role in formulating the public's visual conception of the Lake Counties. Dr Michael Winstanley will present the artists who depicted Cumberland and show examples of prints local to our area with a focus on Thomas Allom among others.

Developments in printing techniques, including engraving and lithography, made mass reproduction of artworks possible. Prints quickly became popular

with the artists and the public. Who were the artists and publishers behind them? How were they produced? Why were so many produced at that period? How much did they cost? What can they tell us about life in the region at the time?

Dr Michael Winstanley was Senior Lecturer in the Department of History at Lancaster University until he retired in 2010. He is an honorary member of the Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society and a popular speaker.

All welcome, visitors pay £4 cash including refreshments, or you could take advantage of the half-year subscription available on the day of £6 per person (or £10 for two people at the same address). This would include the three talks remaining this year and a subscription to our periodical the *Wanderer*.

Forthcoming talk after the summer break:

10 September, 7.30 pm
In Search of Arctic Wonders: Cumbria and the Arctic in the 18th and 19th Centuries by Dr Rob David.

Buttermere Camino - Saturday, 1st August

Calling all pilgrims!

Grasmoor Mission Community will be holding its annual mini Camino (pilgrimage) from St Cuthbert's, Lorton to St James, Buttermere, via St. Bartholomew's, Loweswater, on Saturday, 1st August.

Starting at Lorton church at 10am, there will be times for reflection and prayer along the way, with the option at the end, to join in a short Communion service. The walk is about 11 miles and we hope to arrive in Buttermere at 4pm. There will be an opportunity to join or leave the walk at Loweswater at 1pm.

We recommend sharing lifts, arranging pickups from Buttermere or leaving cars there, as the buses are likely to be busy. Please bring a packed lunch!

More information available at <https://www.poiema.community/buttermere-camino-2026/>

If you plan on coming, please e-mail Poiema Community at info@poiema.org.uk

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Buttermere News

West Cumbria Rivers Trust will be giving a talk about their recent investigations into Buttermere lake water quality given its declining condition. Wednesday 24 June, 7-9pm, Loweswater Village Hall. See the poster on the facing page for more details.

You may have noticed large vehicles bringing tracking and other equipment towards Buttermere. Katana Films are shooting a feature film between Buttermere and Crummock. We're told "Our film is fantasy based and is along the lines of "Lord of the Ring" so lots of visual effect and dragons but the main feature is the beautiful backdrop that is Crummock". Equipment will continue to come on weekdays until 3 June (technical trucks arriving from 8pm that evening, hopefully with an escort and I'm told they aim to not be working through the night). The actual filming is 4-5 and 8-10 June between 05:00 and 20:00. Then from 11 June they start taking everything away again (more big lorries) with everything gone by 23 June.

United Utilities have withdrawn their Crummock application, for now. See their website for further information.

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. For more information, please contact me hfdwann@gmail.com or Mike Milner, clerk, buttermereparishclerk@gmail.com

Also, not strictly Buttermere related, but Crafternoon at Loweswater Village Hall is taking a break for the summer. We'll be back in September.

Harriet Fear Davies
Chair, Buttermere Parish Council

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Care about Buttermere's water?

Buttermere Nutrient Investigations Project

Wed 24 June, 2026, 7 - 9pm

Loweswater Village Hall, Loweswater, CA13 ORU

Buttermere lake is a special place, but its condition is declining. One of the main issues is excess nutrients, especially phosphorus, which can lead to poor water quality and algal growth. We've been working to better understand where these nutrients are coming from and what can be done to protect the lake and its surrounding environment.

We've been looking at:

- How wastewater systems cope with visitor numbers
- The impact of everyday activities like dog walking
- Ways to support farmers with nutrient management

Practical changes that could improve water quality

Find out what we've learned and what happens next

Queries: bethany@westcumbriariverstrust.org

The 17th Cockermouth LIVE! returns in July promising to be bigger and even better than ever ! Running from Thursday July 2nd to Sunday July 5th there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

It's an eclectic mix of ticketed music this year, ranging from [Yoko Pwno](#), a Scottish 7 piece who mix traditional styles with soundscapes reminiscent of dub reggae; jazz supremos [The Snake Davis Band](#) full of saxes, flutes and whistles; [The Paramount Brass Quintet](#) in collaboration with Cockermouth Music Society ; and we welcome back the brilliant [Sam Millne and the Virants](#) !

But Cockermouth LIVE! 2026 will, as ever, mainly be about free events for everyone with local performers. Following on from the successful expansion of the festival last year, there will again be more space for slightly longer sets and more time to perform. There also promises to be a number of new venues across town taking part, a Blues night special tie-in with Cockermouth School and pop up events right around town.

There will also be The Mechanics' concert picnic at the Castle as well as Cockermouth Community Orchestra's annual festival finale at Christ Church on Sunday evening. We will update plans as they emerge and will put out regular messages as performances are confirmed. Sunshine is already booked !

Finally. We need all the support we can get to make this fantastic, accessible town event happen. You can now become a Friend of Cockermouth LIVE! to support us – all details [here](#).

Tom Speight

Chair, Cockermouth Live!

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Nature Notes - What's in a Name?

In 2007 the powers that be removed nearly 50 words related to the natural world from The Oxford English Junior Dictionary. The stated aim was to keep the dictionary relevant to the lives of modern children. So bluebell was dropped in favour of broadband, beech for blog, and conker for cut-and-paste. To add insult to injury that most beautiful of spring flowers, the cowslip, was replaced by that most oppressive and dangerous of places, the chatroom. Nothing is more redolent of the close connection between humankind and Nature than the myriad colloquial names we have created to identify wild flowers. Rather than consigning these to the dustbin of lexicological history the OED would do better providing a comprehensive appendix on the subject.

What child, or adult for that matter, would not take delight in such noms des plumes as Sticky Willy, Jack-Piss-a-Bed, or Smutty Naked Ladies? Who would fail to wonder at Adam and Eve, Rats' Tails or Bee Bums? What could possibly be the reason for calling a plant Bulls and Cows? It's also known as Lords and Ladies, Jack in the Pulpit and Cuckoo Pint, all of which carry exceedingly bawdy connotations. On the other hand, what more lovely name could there be than Queen Anne's Lace? Although beware, the same plant is known by some as Mother, Die! Do you know your Bog Star from your Cuckoo Flower?

Today more forward-looking doctors prescribe gardening or visiting woodland in their efforts to help heal troubled minds; they advocate taking a walk or joining a local parkrun in their efforts to help heal troubled bodies. They advise immersing ourselves in Nature, not divorcing ourselves from it. Although even they might stop short of prescribing Jack-Piss-a-Bed in their efforts to help heal an issue of water retention.

But has the OED recanted? Far from it. It has refused to alter its policy of listing 'only those words that reflect language as it is used rather than seeking to prescribe certain words or word usages'. So that's it, fait accompli, bye, bye, bluebell, hello blog. I know which I'd rather have.

In case you're wondering, here's a list of better-known names of the wild flowers mentioned above:

Sticky Willy – Cleavers (also commonly known as Goosegrass)

Jack-Piss-a-Bed – Dandelion

Smutty Naked Ladies – Wild Colchicum

Adam and Eve – Pulmonaria (also known as Lungwort)

Rats' Tails – Ribwort Plantain (also known as Granny, Granny, Jump out of Bed)

Bee Bums – Himalayan Balsam

Bulls and Cows, Lords and Ladies, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Cuckoo Pint – Wild Arum

Queen Anne's Lace and Mother, Die! – Cow Parsley

Bog Star – Grass of Parnassus (the County Flower of Cumbria)

Cuckoo Flower – Lady's Smock (also known as Mayflower)

Enjoy them all!

Peter Battrick

LORTON NOTES

BIG GREEN CLIMATE SERVICE AND COMMUNITY LUNCH

St Cuthbert's Church, Sunday 14 June

To mark the end of this year's Great Big Green Week, St Cuthbert's is excited to be holding its first ever sustainable community lunch in our beautiful churchyard and we would love YOU to join us. This will follow our special Climate Sunday church service at 10.30 that morning which will be on the theme of sustainability and supported by singing led with guitar and keyboard

After the service, we will be hosting our picnic lunch in the churchyard (or in the pews if wet!), and serving as much fresh, local produce as we can source at this time of year including strawberries from just over the border. Any offers of produce from local gardens and allotments warmly received, with a little notice so that nothing gets wasted!

If you would like to join us, please let us know whether you can bring some pre-sliced tray bakes to share, and you will need to bring your own liquid refreshments (whether it's flasks for hot drinks, water bottles or wine coolers) and a blanket or chair to sit on if we're outside. Catering facilities at the church are very limited but we can provide crockery, glasses and cutlery.

With our sustainable theme in mind the event will be (single-use) plastic free so we're asking picnickers to bring reusable cups or flasks for refreshments and tubs or boxes to take home any uneaten supplies.

There will also be some 'green' activities for all ages, but at the time of going to press they are not finalised - but I'm sure they will be fun!

Please also see the poster on the facing page with details of who to contact to let us know you are coming.

Rosemary

From the Register

Burial 18/5/26 - Pat Williams



Celebrating
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BIG GREEN CLIMATE SERVICE and **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

St Cuthbert's Church (in church if wet)

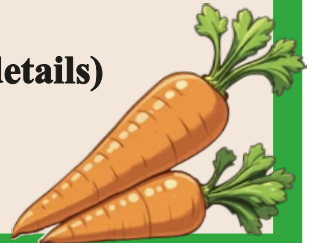
**Service to start at 10.30am
Community Lunch from 12-2pm
SUNDAY 14th JUNE**

**Savoury course from local producers
& suppliers. Bring and share desserts**



**“Do let us know if you’re
planning to attend by phoning
or messaging Rosemary on
07885 360353.”**

(See link article for further details)



Lorton SCARECROW and Village Trail



SUNDAY
28th JUNE
from 1pm
onwards



Scone Cream Teas £4 - available Yew Tree Hall
between 2-4pm

Trail Map £1 - available YTH from 1pm

Parking - Lorton School Playground

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Sunday 28th June, from 1pm onwards

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May, June & July

May 11th

June
July

8th
13th

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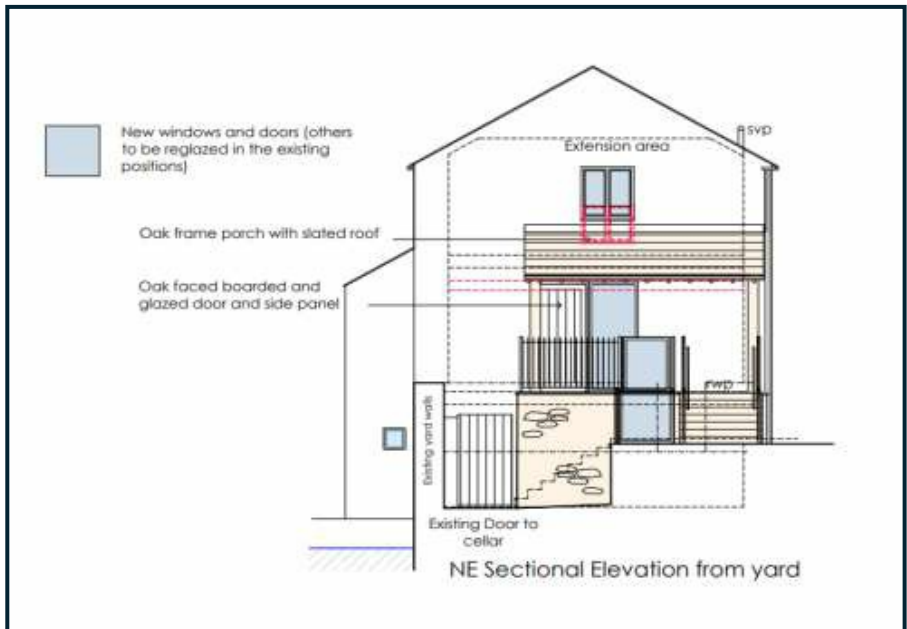
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YEW TREE HALL PLANS APPROVED!!

We are delighted to report that both planning permission and Listed Building Consent were granted on 8th May 2026.

The only change that needed to be made was the introduction of a lean-to style roof on the entrance porch. This style of roof is more in keeping with the industrial nature of the hall and offers a larger covered area at the entrance.



Undoubtedly, the level of support for the planning application from the community was a major factor in securing planning approval. Thank you to everyone that wrote a letter of support as it clearly demonstrated to the planning officers how important the improvement of Yew Tree Hall is to people.

Time to turn plans into reality!!

NEXT STEPS:

The improvement work needs to be undertaken in distinct phases. Each phase can then commence when sufficient funding has been secured. Our target of £300,000 for community donations remains and **we therefore need another £120,000** to complete the entire project.

Phase 1a – Accessibility

This initial phase would involve all the design and construction work for the new exterior access, including a platform lift, and interior works such as the new accessible ground floor toilet, staircase to the first floor, toilets on the first floor and new servery style kitchen - all the improvements up to the door to the main hall. Work to the main hall, including raising the floor, will be done later.

Although an application for £95,000 has been submitted to the FCC Community Action Fund this does need to be matched by our community donations. A decision on this funding will be made in September, but in the meantime, please keep donating.

Phase 1b – Acoustics main hall

We want to address the poor acoustics in the hall as early as possible, as this is a major concern of the community. These works include the installation of acoustic panels and a new audio/visual system.

Further phases

Other phases will include work to the main hall (particularly raising the floor for level access and new heating), re-rendering the exterior, and fitting solar panels and an air-to-air source heat pump (ASHP).

Every opportunity will be taken to identify and apply for grants from outside bodies to secure the funding needed for all the phases. We are very grateful for the generous donations received from many individuals. **The success of this project is in our own hands, and continued community donations will be essential to make this happen.**

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Yew Tree Hall improvement *is on!*

We did it! A huge thank you to everyone that wrote in to support the plans, it's a major milestone! Our much loved hall has been granted permission to construct its new accessible entrance, downstairs disabled toilet, and other improvements which will enable all of us in the community to use it.

While we can all share in this tremendous achievement, we now need to turn our focus to raising the rest of the money between us to fund it. Our own donations so far have reached £180,000, truly fantastic, but the community target of £300,000 remains. We therefore need another £120,000 to enable us to start the work as soon as possible.

Any level of donation really helps: a monthly direct debit or a one-off donation are both great. And remember, if we sign up for gift aid, our donations are worth an extra 25%. If you'd like a chat about donating, please contact Adam Baker, Chair of Trustees, 07771 977482 or ythlorton@gmail.com

Our bank details for bank transfers are: HSBC, Yew Tree Hall Committee sort code: 40-18-03, account: 81114794. Thank you so much!

Penny's Piece

There are many marvellous and indeed world changing inventions and discoveries, fire, the wheel, electricity (and everything powered by it), vaccines to name but a few. An unlikely but sanity saving one I'd like to add (not in the same line at all) is the Toby Carvery. No faffing in the supermarket or butchers, no prep, no managing cooking times, serving and then having to deal with moans about the gravy thickness or the meat choice or tell you after the fact how you should have cooked the roasties. Best of all, no washing/ cleaning up. I was in the one at Carlisle, near Tesco and the auction, the other week and there were 5 meat choices, 3 types of potato and another 5 veg options. Yorkies, thick gravy, stuffing and a range of other sauces were also available. You don't need to worry about the viability of that the sauce has been at the back of a cupboard or fridge for months or years. They get through things on a daily basis. Simple, tasty genius.

We have succeeded in having a dry sports day. We achieved this by moving into May- exam season. Think back. The weather was always cracking the flags when you were sat in an exam hall, trying to breathe less because you were sat near some sweaty teen with bad body odour. We also managed to get the whole school walked up to Whitehaven Academy without losing anyone or having them get run over by the fire station. We had to go up there, because, although the field no longer looks like the Somme, the grass seed has yet to start to grow. Not sure how much will grow as there was a lot of dry weather between it being sown and the first rain. There were also a lot of pigeons about. Even though I am the H&S person, I can say that H&S has ruined sports day. These races we did as a child are no more: wheelbarrow, backwards race, horse and jockey and I don't seem to have seen the 3 legged for a few years. Admittedly in the time I have been teaching there were broken arms as a result of the wheelbarrow and backwards races, so probably a good call. However, given some kids can trip over their own feet taking one step, where do you stop. VAR is still out on the results of the egg and spoon-

definite thumb action in use, especially in the race where the child arrived at the finish line and the spoon was upside down but the egg was still in it! The sack race was as controversial too. I'm all for using your brain, shoving your feet in the corners and running rather than jumping. But it became apparent, some of our sacks are closer to tubes so some kids were running with a sack on! I have nominated our staff crochet clan to mend them for next year. Unless anyone knows where we can get hessian spud sacks? The 'sports' sacks from YPO are not big enough for the junior children, we need proper sacks.

Unless you were away that weekend, you will have noticed we had the Fred Whitton through the other week. This got me thinking. Do other counties have events and things named after people in the way Cumbria does? If I say Wainwrights, Bob Graham and Fred Whitton, you all know what I'm talking about- lots of exercise and mountains. I can imagine the people of Lancashire might link them with buildings, like a Fred Dibnah type. They'd be confused if you then said you were going to do the Bob Graham Round. Though, that then sounds like a drinking challenge like the Micklegate run in York (not sure it exists now as half the pubs have gone). I imagine the types up for a drinking challenge would be horrified to find they were expected to run up mountains. The other thing I also might try next year when the Whitton is on, weather dependant, is to light a barbeque and see is the conversations and yells of 'car' change to comments about feeling hungry and wanting a burger. Cruel I know. Especially if I'm not sure if Loweswater is even halfway in the total distance. A colleague who lives in Keswick had a laugh as she had forgotten it was on and cycled up to Whinlatter, being cheered on by bystanders who thought she was part of it. They would be more confused when she went back the other way. The weather was kind and the bluebell service later in the day was one of the best. Penny

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Anna Stephanou from the Kirkstile Inn is delighted to share she successfully completed the London Marathon and raised £3384 for The MS Trust. She'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated and supported her.

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st May 2026

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| 1st prize of £25 | No 45 | Anne Flower |
| 2nd prize of £10 | No 50 | Betty Coulthard |
| 3rd prize of £5 | No 40 | John Scadding |

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

NOTES FROM ST BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST JAMES'S

Our Churchwarden, Eleanor had a fall last week after moving back into her home. She is at home being looked after by her family. She is unable to write her usual letter, this month. Please hold her in your prayers as her condition slowly improves.

This year is speeding by, Easter is over, the daffodils are finished, the cuckoo is heard, the summer holidays are just around the corner as the swallows are wheeling the turmoils.

The bluebells are in their glory around the Benefice but I feel the Rannerdale bluebells out shine the rest as they are really amazing this year. On a wonderful sunny day, the scene was a spectacular backdrop for our fourth Bluebell Service. Our thanks to the Cockermouth Mechanics Band, Castlegate Singers and all who came and contributed to the success of the day. Our thanks also to the Beard family who allowed us to use their field once again.

Our APCM took place in May with no change to the body of the PCC and the re-elections of Eleanor Ella and Jan Collins-Webb as Church Wardens. They will be admitted at a service in June at St. John's Church in Keswick. Our thanks go out to all who have contributed to the smooth running of both churches and their continuing commitments.

The Buttermere Restoration Project is moving forward, slowly because of a technical complex process, in needing faculty approval from the Diocese, other heritage bodies, and planning boards, etc. The good news is that we have the go ahead to repair the Wainwright window.

From the Baptism Register:
3rd May – Jacob James Cowan

Blessings, Barbara



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FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026
(BACK UP DATE FOR WEATHER FRI 3RD JULY)

5PM ONWARDS AT LORTON SCHOOL

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE



ECO CHURCH/ECO COMMUNITY UPDATE

Eco Church have published an Eco Tips Calendar for 2026, here is what they suggest for June;

Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it's easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with:

Search your local beach with a shore survey: wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch

Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: ukpoms.org.uk

Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6-14 June): arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/

Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk

Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June):

Greatbiggreenweek.com - **By attending our Community Climate Service and Lunch on 14th June**



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DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 8 Mon Community Lunch at Lorton School at 1.15pm. SEE POSTER
- 10 Wed Loweswater Ladies - Walk and Buffet supper
- 11 Thu Artists and Prints: Cumbria Illustrated in Early 19th Century Prints with Dr Michael Winstanley, L&DFLHS, 7.30 pm, YTH
- 13 Sat Coffee Morning 10.30- 12 noon. Hosted by Afternoon Book Club - See Poster
- 14 Sun Big Green Community Lunch, St Cuthbert's, Lorton. 12 noon - 2pm. More details to follow
- 16 Tues 77 Club Summer Trip, Devil's Porridge Museum & Annandale - coach leaves 9.30 am.
- 18 Thu Crafternoon - LVH 2-4pm. All welcome.
- 24 Wed WCRT re Buttermere Nutrient Investigations Project 7-9pm LVH
- 28 Sun Lorton Scarecrow Trail and Cream Teas - .We need your scarecrow! SEE POSTER

JULY

- 1 Wed Lorton Parish Council, 7.30pm YTH
- 2 Thu Loweswater Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Loweswater village Hall
- 6 Mon YTH AGM, 7pm, YTH, Lorton



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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

June 2026

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| 7 th June 10.30am | Trinity 1 Holy Communion | Loweswater |
| 14 th June 10.30am 3pm | Trinity 2 Great Big Green Climate Sunday Service Confirmation Service & Holy Communion | Lorton Lorton |
| 21 st June 10.30am | Trinity 3 Holy Communion | Loweswater |
| 28 th June 10.30am 6pm | Trinity 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 July/Aug is Friday 19th June all articles, photos (especially for the front cover), funny stories, letters to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by this date. Thank you

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