



# ***Lyvennet Link***

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Crosby Ravensworth,  
Kings Meaburn and  
Reagill**

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Please do not send Microsoft publisher documents as I am unable to open them.

**Welcome to the November edition of the Link**  
**cover photograph by David Nattrass**

## **Parish Council Minutes/Agendas**

Minutes of, and agendas for, Parish Council meetings are available at:

[www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk](http://www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk)

Planning applications are available to view on the Yorkshire Dales planning portal here:

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/yorkshiredales>

and on Westmorland and Furness Council's portal here:

<https://eforms.eden.gov.uk/fastweb/search.asp>

Please find below a link to the agenda for the next Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council meetings to be held at 7pm on the 3rd of November 2025 at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/agendas/>

Or directly to the PDF's here:

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/03-November-25-Ordinary-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/03-November-25-MMRGT-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

# **Services at your parish church of St Lawrence in November**

(As ever, all are welcome at these services. For alternative ones in the Benefice please see [www.northwestmorland.church.com](http://www.northwestmorland.church.com))

**Sunday November 2nd** /11.00am Holy Communion with  
Rev Jon Russell

**Sunday November 9th 10.45am Remembrance service**  
**beginning with laying of wreath, reading of names, Last**  
**Post and Reveille,** led by Bishop James Bell

**Sunday November 16th** / 6pm Evening Worship with Rev  
Stephen Tudway

**Sunday November 23rd**/11.00m lay led Morning Worship

**Sunday November 30th/** 11.00am Joint Benefice Holy  
Communion with Rev Stephen Tudway

## **Other events:**

Each Wednesday of school term, Youth Group for those at  
secondary school meets in MMVI 4.15 til 5.30pm.

**Boon Day** to clear church gutters, water courses, tree  
branches etc will be on Saturday November 15th. All help  
appreciated. Please bring tough gloves, a bucket, loppers  
( name them!). Coffee etc on hand.Thank you.

# **Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council Meeting**

**7pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.**

**Representatives from Viberoptix will be  
attending the meeting.**

Viberoptix are currently working in the Parish on behalf of Fibrus who have won the government backed scheme Project Gigabit.

Viberoptix approached the Parish Council requesting permission to erect two poles on Maulds Meaburn Village Green.

The Parish Council and numerous members of the public have expressed their dismay that they don't need planning permission to erect poles in either a Conservation area or a National Park.

In conversation with a contractor he said there is an alternative to poles which is to dig the road up.

Everyone welcome to come along and listen to what they have to say.

# WIN A WELL FED CHRISTMAS CAKE



**- £1 PER GO -**



It's coming up to that time of the year!

This year's Christmas cakes (yes there are going to be two) have been baked and continue to be fed a tablespoon of brandy every week ready for going to a new home, after the School's Christmas play on **17th December, (which is when the raffle will be drawn).**

Many of you have supported this fundraiser over the years and so will be familiar with how to enter, but for those of you who are not, please read on.

Boxes, marked 'Win a Christmas cake' and some brown envelopes will be placed in the shelters at Crosby Ravensworth/Maulds Meaburn from early November.

To be in with a chance of winning, all you need to do is write your name and phone number on a brown envelope,



place £1 inside, seal the envelope and then pop it in to the box. If you want to have more than one go then just write out that number of envelopes.

The envelopes need to be in the boxes by **5pm on Sunday 14th December.**

The monies raised will go to the Friends of Crosby Ravensworth School to fund extra curricular activities for the school children, which they so enjoy and which enhance their learning experience.

Even if you are not a fan of Christmas cake, why not write out an envelope for a friend or neighbour as a kind gesture.

GOOD LUCK everyone and thank you for your support

## **CROSBY RAVENSWORTH RELIEF IN NEED CHARITIES**

For those who know nothing at all, or very little, about the above Charities we would like to give you a little bit of information into who the Trustees are and as to what the Charities do. You can find this information plus more and a detailed list of all the charities in Teddy Relph's book "Chronicles of Crosby Ravensworth." Teddy served as a trustee (& treasurer) to the charities for 45 years, stepping down in 2019 at the age of 94 ( four months before he died) The Charities - In today's welfare state, people might think that there was no longer any need for the old style charity. Even the trustees who still administer these various monies often find it difficult, in these days of comparative affluence, to decide who are the neediest. Some recipients would take all they could get, some even if in reduced circumstances are too proud or do not feel the need to accept what is offered to them. The charity commissioners are aware of this problem, and of the difficulties in interpreting the wishes of the benefactors perhaps 200 years ago, who lived in times when the poor were very poor and their needs obvious.

With these things in mind all ten charities formerly administered by the Parish Council (as successors to the overseers for the poor) were amalgamated in 1974 at the instigation of the then vicar, Revd. Ambrose Southward. Under the new title of 'The Crosby Ravensworth Relief In Need Charities' they are now administered by ten Trustees, that is the Vicar for the time being, Five appointed by the local Council and Four Co-opted. Communities would be responsible for the old people, the poor, the sick and infirm. Some of the work

of relief was carried out by great religious houses, in other cases gifts were doled out by the wealthier classes. Since the amalgamation of all the charities, we no longer have widows receiving loaves of bread at the church door, or Trustees trudging round the lanes with winter blankets. Yet it is felt that in spite of many changes the original intention of the donors, which was to help where the need was greatest, is still being carried out. Income comes from the rent off houses and land owned by the Charities. The bulk of this is given out in gifts and money to the elderly and sick by way of :-

- \* The Winter Fuel allowance - anyone of the age of 65 years and over and have lived in the Parish for 1 year or more are eligible for this. (This is paid per household NOT per person)

- \*Gifts - It used to be A Basket of Fruit for anyone who has been in hospital for at least Two nights, today there is a variety of gifts from fruit, flowers, plants , biscuits, chocolates or a voucher.

- \*Help with travel expenses for people who are undergoing a course of treatment at a hospital so lots of travelling involved.

- \*Small grants towards school uniform, for children within the Parish who are moving up into Secondary school (Applications must be made in writing to the Charities, stating which school they will be attending)

- \*Small grants for students moving into further education to help with costs towards books etc. (Applications must be made in writing to the Charities stating what it is to be used for, Please give as much detailed information as possible)

- \*A thirtieth of the net income of St Thomas Day charity is paid to the School Trustees.

- \*Certain groups may be eligible for help towards buying equipment. ( As above, needs a written application)

- \*Property is repaired and Insured, while the rest of the income is re-invested to help provide for the future needs of the Community

Nursing Aids - The Charities hold a number of aids which anyone from the Parish can borrow at any time, free of charge.

Slotted bath seat, Shower chair, Shower stools, Perching stools, Swivel over bath seat, Grab rails, Toilet frames, Toilet seat raisers with frame, Toilet seat raisers without frame, Brown Commodes, Commodes on wheels, Commode liners, Blue nylon adjustable bed back rest, Over bed table, Over bed /chair tray, Under mattress straps and handles to assist getting out of bed, Kylie home and dry bed sheet, Folding tri-walker with shopping bag, Zimmer frames(folding, with or without wheels), Crutches and walking sticks, Stick aid for steps/stairs, Grabbers, Pedal exerciser, Pressure cushion, Rotating car seat, Sock aid, Adult bibs with waterproof backing, Table trolleys, Magnifying lamp, Back rest cushion,

Folding wheelchairs, Fixed chair raiser & individual chair /furniture raisers, Pack size 5 pads, Interlocking white plastic steps and a Reclining Armchair. For Information and Enquiries regarding the Nursing Aids please contact :- Hazel Blenkinship - 01931 715377, Margaret Jarvis - 01931 715441, Joyce Raine - 01931 715223, Freda Smith - 01931 715381, Jill Winder - 01931 715496

The Charity Trustees are :-

Mrs Hazel Blenkinship - Chair, Crosby Ravensworth.

Mrs Margaret Jarvis - Treasurer, Maulds Meaburn

Mrs Joyce Raine, Crosby Ravensworth

Mrs Jill Winder, Crosby Ravensworth

Mrs Freda Smith, Crosby Ravensworth

Mr Frank Jackson, Reagill

Mr John Wood, Crosby Ravensworth

Mr Brian Bowness, Crosby Ravensworth

Mr Andrew Harris, Reagill

Revd Stephen Tudway, Morland

We hold 3 meetings per year - February, May, October. Any grant applications need to be handed in in time for them to be discussed at one of these meetings, any other urgent matters are dealt with as and when they arise.

If you are eligible for the Charities winter fuel allowance and are not yet on our list please let us know as soon as possible so you can be included this year. (Age 65 and over and to have lived in the Parish for at least one year) Our October meeting sees us updating this list, we do try our best to include everyone who we think is eligible but there may always be the odd one who slips through the net!

**Jill Winder**

# **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

### **A Real Pain (15)**

Mismatched cousins David and Benji reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their grandmother following her death. Their adventure becomes complicated as old tensions re-surface while exploring their family history. Starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kieran Culkin. Check out a clip of the film [here](#).

**Chilli/Sweet 'n' Sour Supper at 7.00pm**

**Vegetarian Option Available**

**Film starts at 8.00pm**

**Film & Supper £10 | Film Only £5**

**07584 251352 or [lynn-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com) to book**

***\*booking essential\****

# **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 12-2pm**

## **Festive Ploughman's Lunch**

### **Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

A glorious plateful of festive food and plenty of tempting seasonal puds to choose from too!

£10 adult | £5 child

*All proceeds to village hall funds ... for more solar panels!*

# **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November,**

**6.00-8.00pm**

## **Christmas Coffee Evening**

### **Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

A social evening with musical entertainment from The Sun Singers, festive stalls for gifts & cards, tombola, raffle, cakes.

£5 adult | £2 child – to include seasonal refreshments

*All proceeds to village hall funds ... for more solar panels!*

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December,

2.00-4.00pm

## **Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop**

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

A relaxed and sociable afternoon of making a beautiful festive wreath under the skilful supervision of John Thexton & David Ryland of Hazel Cottage, Armathwaite. Materials and refreshments included.

**£25.00**

To book, ring 07584 251352 or email [lynn-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com). Limited places.

# **MMVI YARN CLUB**

**Embroidery, Knitting, Tapestry, Crocheting or  
anything you fancy doing or just pop in for a  
natter & a coffee**



**Join us at MMVI  
on the fourth Tuesday of the month  
from 10.30-12.00**

**Bring along a new project,  
something you've been meaning to finish,  
learn new skills get inspiration ....**

**Enjoy a coffee and a chat with friends old  
and new £3.00 a session**

Contact Jo Backhouse [croftends.jb@gmail.com](mailto:croftends.jb@gmail.com) 07973165917

## NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

We hope that the children enjoyed their half term break.

We begin with an update from the Harvest coffee morning which was held at MMVI on 4<sup>th</sup> October. From apples to marrows, potatoes to broccoli we did ourselves proud and along with some other very kind donations were able to fill 16 boxes of produce which were silently auctioned off that morning. The monies raised added to the raffle proceeds and sale of hot drinks and sweet treats came to an amazing total of £418.50 which has been sent to the Upper Eden Food Bank. Thank you everyone for your support. It just shows what can be achieved when we come together as a community which we are so good at.

This month the Robins have a 'Basic Moves' fun morning session to look forward to taking part in lots of different PE activities.

With Christmas looming, the children will be joining in the shoebox appeal and bringing in their filled and decorated boxes full of gifts to be given to children in other parts of the world who might otherwise not receive anything.

Also the children will be starting to practice their lines and learning the songs for this year's school Christmas play.....more about that next month, but in the meantime add **17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** to your calendar, as it's always an evening not to be missed. Talking of the Christmas play, that is the night when the winning envelope is drawn to see who has won a home baked Christmas cake. Please see the separate article 'WIN A WELL FED CHRISTMAS CAKE' for details as to how to enter. This

has been a fundraiser for school for many years now, starting when Sarah's daughter, Katie was a pupil here. Katie is now in her final year at secondary school, but Sarah continues to donate a home baked Xmas cake which over the years has raised many hundreds of pounds to help fund extra curricular activities. Each year's winner has thoroughly enjoyed the cake and this year Sarah tells us that there will be two cakes and so 2 winners. So please buy an envelope for £1. Envelopes will be in the local shelters and will be on sale before the play too.

Our next 'Pop in and Play' is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. All children currently not in school or pre-school, from birth up to 5 years are welcome to join us from 9.30am until 10.30am for fun and games. Please phone on [01931 715265](tel:01931715265) to let us know if you'd like to come. Parents must accompany children. Please do pass on the message to anyone who you think might also like to know. This session gives you the opportunity to visit our fantastic school and meet the staff and pupils, whilst taking advantage of our terrific early years provision and your little ones can enjoy fun filled activities. If you are unable to come to this one, don't worry there is another session on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Before we close this month's update we need to ask for your help. There are some veg beds in the school grounds which unfortunately are not getting the attention they need and have become a bit neglected. School is looking for an individual or a group of people to work on a rota to help tend to the veg beds. So if there are any keen gardeners out there, who have some spare time, in or around the Crosby/Maulds Meaburn area, please pop in to school or ring 01931 715265 and speak to Abi on reception. Thank you in advance.

Until next month.....



MAULDS MEABURN  
VILLAGE INSTITUTE  
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR

# CRAFT FAIR

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10.30AM TO 3.30PM

QUALITY, LOCAL CRAFTS AND GOODS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

Treat yourself  
or find the perfect gift!





# Butchers Arms

## BRUNCH

SERVED SATURDAY 12pm - 2.00pm

STARTING 1st NOVEMBER

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Butchers Big    | 2 pan fried breakfast sausage, 2 back bacon<br>2 fried hens eggs, homemade black pudding<br>buttered mushrooms, baked beans<br>homemade hash brown, confit cherry tomatoes<br>2 toast + butter | 13 |
| Butchers Small  | 1 pan fried breakfast sausage, 1 back bacon<br>1 fried hens egg, homemade black pudding<br>buttered mushrooms, baked beans<br>homemade hash brown, confit cherry tomatoes<br>1 toast + butter  | 10 |
| Butchers Veggie | 2 veggie sausage, 2 fried hens egg,<br>buttered mushrooms, baked beans<br>homemade hash brown, confit cherry tomatoes<br>2 toast + butter (v)                                                  | 10 |
| Wild Mushrooms  | Buttered wild mushroom, grilled halloumi,<br>toasted farmhouse bread, poached egg (v)                                                                                                          | 9  |
| Eggy bread      | Butter fried eggy bread (v) (gfr)                                                                                                                                                              | 7  |
| Smoked Salmon   | Toasted seeded brown bread, smoked<br>salmon, scrambled egg, watercress                                                                                                                        | 10 |
| Pancakes        | American style pancakes, fruit, maple syrup                                                                                                                                                    | 6  |

Please advise a member of the team of any allergies or dietary requirements

(gf) - Gluten free (v) - Vegetarian

(gfr) - Gluten free on request, please tell a member of the team

## **FELLRUNNER EXCURSIONS 2025**

For the people living in the North Westmorland Group of Parishes and surrounding areas, The Fellrunner Village Bus Company have again kindly offered to provide a 16 seater bus for community use this year. A list of the proposed trips is given below and if you would like to make a booking please contact Mike Roulson on 01931 714457 to enquire if seats are available. Please note that for some visits there will be an entrance charge payable as well as the bus fare.

March 1st....Boundary Mill, Colne, a favourite for shoppers. Top brands represented with lots of discounted goods for sale.

April 5th....Salts Mill, Saltaire, Shipley, Nr Bradford. Another visit to this interesting area with a village built by Titus Salt for his workers. The large Grade 2 listed mill building houses a David Hockney exhibition and numerous independent retail outlets, cafes and restaurants.

May 10th....Holehird Gardens, Windermere. A 10 acre garden managed by the Lakeland Horticultural Society with magnificent views to Lake Windermere and beyond. Entrance by donation.

June 7th....Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott. Situated on the banks of the river Tweed and set in magnificent formal gardens. A self guided house tour will be arranged.

July 5th....A visit to Haworth, the hillside home of the Bronte family. Visit the Parsonage that echoes with the legacy of its famed sisters and walk the steep cobbled streets of the village.

August 2nd....A visit to Dumfries in the south west area of Scotland. Walk along the river at The Sands or visit the many shops in the town. Coffee en route will be taken at Powfoot a small village near Annan on the Solway coast.

September 6th....A visit to Fleetwood a town which had one of the largest fishing fleets in the UK, home to the “Fishermans Friend “. There is a covered market and independent shops, parks and gardens, or take a walk on the promenade.

October 4th....Raby Castle, park and gardens, Staindrop nr. Darlington. One of England’s finest medieval castles. Explore these wonderful surroundings at your leisure.

November 1st...Ripon in Yorkshire. A cathedral city steeped in history and home to many magnificent historical buildings. There is a small Saturday market and independent shops...something for everyone.

November 22nd.....

(date to be confirmed ) Ulverston Dickensian Festival. A favourite destination before Christmas to enjoy a town full of wonderful stalls, street entertainment and costume parades through the historic town streets.

December 6th....Gretna Gateway and Houghton Hall retail outlets. A visit to popular places to top up your Christmas shopping.

# **THE BARGAIN**

**by William Wood**

The approach to the market, a small clearing of beaten earth in the bush, was by a narrow path through a tunnel of grass which grew a man's length again above shoulder height. When people came the other way he or they stepped aside into the grass stalks to let the other pass, the Kawaja, as white men were called, muttering a nervous, "Hi there!" or "Hello." In most cases the incurious black faces would break into a smile and say "Good morning," or "Salaama" or utter some similar greeting. Most were old women carrying buckets of produce, plastic containers of water or sacks of charcoal on their heads. Of the men, one carried an axe, another a spear, but not in any menacing way.

The market was small and poor, obviously serving only the immediate vicinity. The fruit and vegetables were set out on the ground in little piles, here a few heaps of tomatoes, there a dozen purple sticks of sugar cane, some ground nuts, maize. One old woman had three pineapples, a man had some dark mounds of tobacco, enough to fill only a few pipes. The major activity was the meat stall where butchers hacked at the freshly killed flesh, chopping it on wooden blocks.

Despite the fact that white men were seldom seen in this area, no one took much overt notice of the nervous Kawaja stepping gingerly among the squatting vendors, the only person for fifty

miles around to wear shoes. He could buy the whole market, he thought, for less than one day of his consultancy fee, and there was nothing he wanted. Until he saw the ideal purchase and his eyes lit up. At last something really different, really ethnic, something to justify the long dusty journey.

"How much?" he shouted at a boy standing near it. The boy thus addressed froze, cast his gaze to the ground, not understanding and afraid to move. "How much is that?" repeated the man, pointing at the brown loaf, or cake as he guessed it to be. Another man stepped in, more alert, "Yes? What do you want?" he asked.

"That cake," said the expert pointing.

The man's eyes followed the direction indicated and he laughed aloud.

Others gathered, attracted by this spontaneous, incredulous but gay and unmocking laughter.

The white man smiled, caught up in infectious, harmless humour, said "I'll give you five pounds."

"Ten," said the man and the bystanders roared their approval.

"Seven," shouted the white man.

"Eight," replied the self-appointed vendor.

"Done," agreed the white man.

"Okay, all right is good," confirmed the vendor.

Everyone in the market now stood around the white man as he counted out eight pounds, more than most of them saw in a fortnight. It awed them for a moment to silence. Was he really going to pay so much? He did and they murmured their amused approval again. The

consultant beamed at the ring of black faces who evidently were so pleased with him. He felt very popular. Then he hesitated for he realised no-one was going to wrap his cake, his authentic village delicacy. He bent to pick it up off the ground. It was crusty and brittle, difficult to carry without cracking and it seemed to have a soft centre. He raised it gently in both hands, laid it on one arm, his prize, his find, and eased his way through the people who stepped aside to let him pass, muttering now in astonishment as he walked off with his trophy, with his sun dried cow pat.

# Photographs by David Nattrass









## **GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE BUS SHELTER COLLECTIONS HAVE STOPPED.....BUT.....**



We are no longer running the 'Bus stop' collections from your village on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, so please don't leave any donations there.

The GREAT news is we have now employed a driver that lives very close to you. This means we can collect your donations for us ANYTIME you wish. You no longer have to wait until the Bus Stop run!

Just contact us to make your collection appointment.

Complete an online form -

<https://www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk/support-us/fundraising/recycle/clothing-collections/>

Or call us on 01325 308139 to arrange a collection. We love to accept any clean clothing, coats, belts, shoes (in pairs) and handbags.

Unfortunately we're UNABLE to collect any household textiles such as towels, bedding, curtains and table cloths and books/bric a brac

as these cost the charity to be taken away which isn't great for our funds.

We employ all of our drivers and own all of our vans so you know that ALL of your donation come to us direct. We receive no Government grants, we totally depend on your donations to keep saving lives in your area.

We haven't put bags out door to door for a year now in order to save plastic waste.

All of our donations are by pre-arranged collection only.

Thank you for your donations in advance!