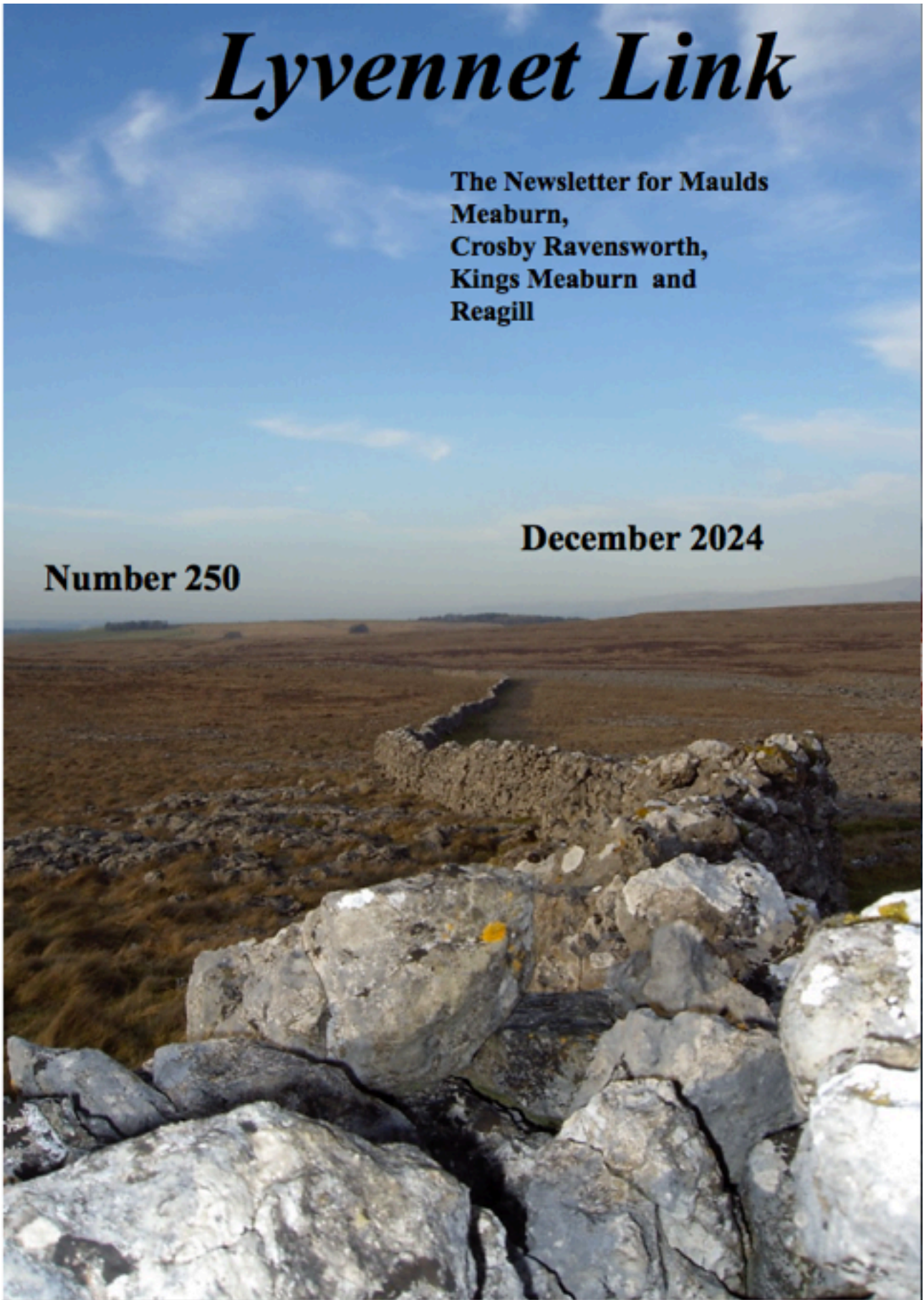


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# LYVENNET LINK

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**Copy deadline 27th December 2024**

**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

edited by Nick Thomas e-mail: [nickthomas@macace.net](mailto:nickthomas@macace.net)

Articles and contributions etc., would be appreciated preferably by e-mail [nickthomas@macace.net](mailto:nickthomas@macace.net). Please send items as either text in the body of the email or as a word document. (apple-mac files acceptable)

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

## **Parish Council Minutes.**

Minutes of 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 meeting held on the 2nd December at 7pm at MMVI**

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/20240212-Ordinary-Meeting-Agenda-02-December.pdf>

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

[ for more information please see [www.westmorland.church](http://www.westmorland.church)]

**Sunday December 1st** ADVENT SUNDAY 11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday December 8th** 11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday December 15th** 6.00pm Evening Prayer with Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday December 22nd** - see Special Events below

**Wednesday December 25th** CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION  
10.30am with Bishop James Bell

**Sunday December 29th** Joint Benefice Holy Communion 11.00am at Great Strickland

### **SPECIAL YULETIDE EVENTS:**

**Gifts of Hope and Joy**, as advertised on the invitation popped through your door back in October.

**Thursday December 19th 6-7pm:** Our annual parish community and school Carol Service, in church, followed by refreshments.

Wrap up, bring a torch, come to sing your hearts out at this special time of year. All welcome to join us.

**Sunday December 22nd 3-4pm:** Informal family carols around the piano in church - time to crack out the pretty costumes, the Santa kit, the hats and the goodwill. As above, all are welcome. Carol sheets provided, you choose the carols, the songs, the Twelve Days of Christmas.....

refreshments here too. Joined by Rev Stephen Tudway and Ruth Hutchings

### **January 2025 services at St Lawrence**

**Sunday January 5th The Epiphany:** 11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday January 12th:** 11.0am Holy Communion Rev Sheila Clark

**Sunday January 19th:** 6pm Evening Prayer with Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday January 26th:** 11.00am All age worship and Baptism, 11.00am with Rev Stephen Tudway and Ruth Hutchings

## **Gift of Music concert in St Lawrence November 17th**

As a well -attended part of our seasonal **Time of Gifts**, for which we popped invitations through each parish household door in October, this was a concert full of hope, faith and love expertly performed by Samantha Green of MM and Jim Walker of Appleby.

Those who had not heard Sam sing before were amazed at her range, control and ability to relate to the audience. Jim, who plays the refurbished Wilkinson organ for services at St Lawrence when he isn't playing elsewhere on a Sunday, performed several pieces and accompanied Sam beautifully. We all enjoyed music ranging from arias by Handel and Purcell to 'Somewhere over the rainbow' and 'You lift me up'. I think my favourites were Sam's rendering of Steiner's 'God so loved the world' from the Crucifixion and Jim playing a Bach fugue.

When all was said and done, the fantastic audience, revived by warm spiced apple juice, tea, coffee and cake seemed really to have a fine late afternoon out. The generous donations amounted to £282 at the time then a further £200 came in. This is split between ongoing church costs [eg we have a nasty and inconvenient leak in a valley gutter] and our new and growing Youth Group work led by Ruth Hutchings.

Thank you all.  
Alex Barbour



**Please come along and support** this annual fundraising concert featuring our very own Linda Bainbridge and Sarah Rogers, of the Sun Singers. It's always a lovely and entertaining evening.....

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

in aid of

**Hospice at Home**

Carlisle and North Lakeland

Local Care for Local People

**Appleby Public Hall**  
**7th December 2024 at**  
**7.30pm**

**Featuring:**

Appleby Town Band

Michael cave (Flute) accompanied by Brian Tanner

Sun Singers

**Tickets £10**

*To include a glass of wine and a mince pie  
(£1 for school children)*

**Tickets available from:**

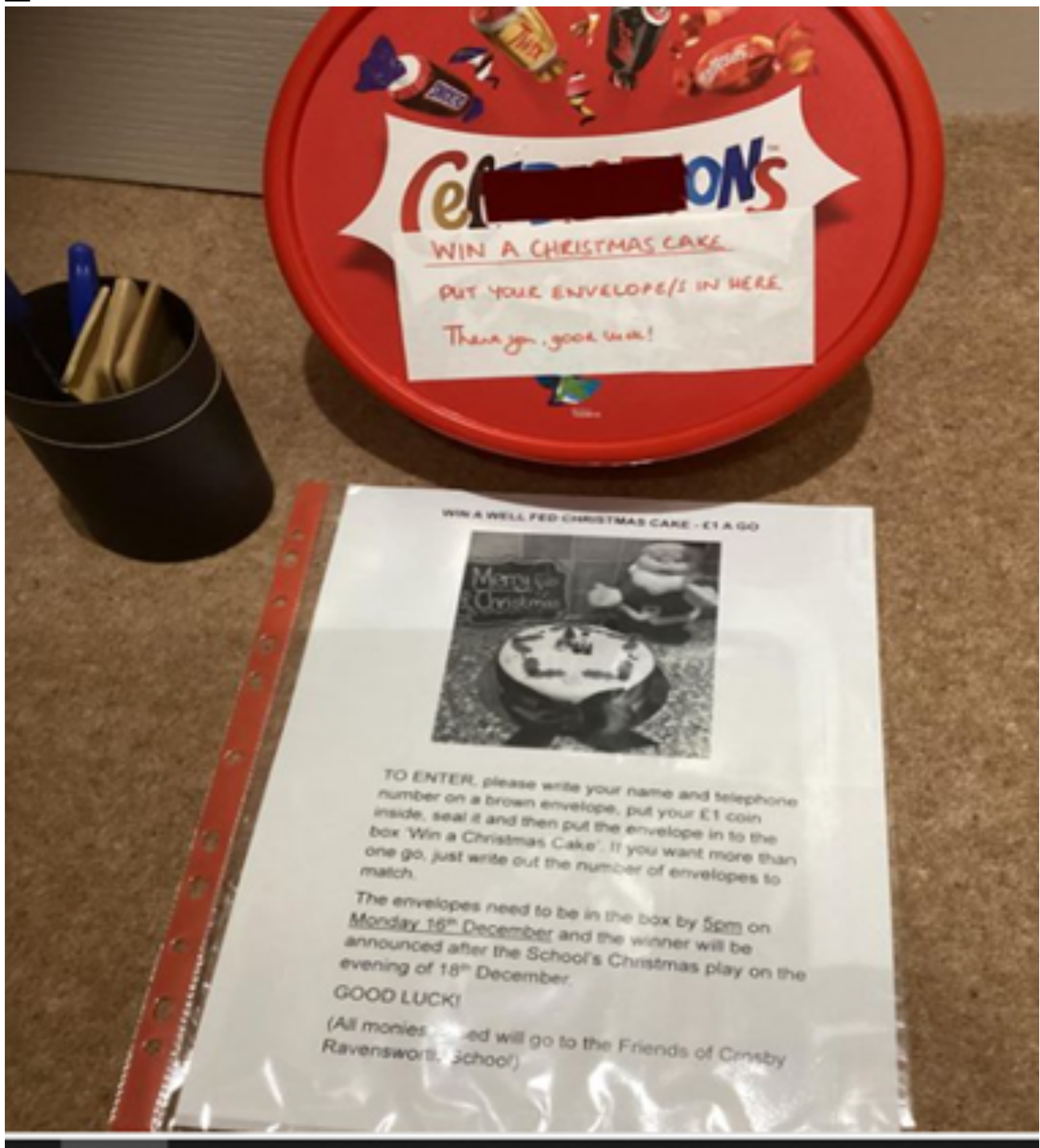
Appleby Tourist Information Centre or pay on the door

Tel: 017683 51177

WIN A WELL FED CHRISTMAS CAKE -£1 A GO







It's coming up to that time of the year! This year's Christmas cake has been baked and continues to be fed a tablespoon of brandy every week ready for going to its new home, after the School's Christmas play on 18th 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, tubs, marked 'Win a Christmas cake' and some brown envelopes have been placed in the shelters at Crosby Ravensworth/ Maulds Meaburn. 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 tub. 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 Monday 16th December.

The monies raised will go to the Friends of Crosby Ravensworth School and help provide our children with those extra curricular activities which they so enjoy and which enhance their learning experience whilst at school.

Even if you are not a fan of Christmas cake, why not buy one for a friend or neighbour as a kind gesture. GOOD LUCK everyone.



# Maulds Meaburn Village Institute



## **Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Regular Activities**

Mondays...

9.30-11.30am Badminton in the main hall. Newcomers of all abilities including beginners, are always welcome. Coffee and a chat afterwards.

2-4pm (apart from public bank holidays) the Post Office provides an outreach service, saving you a trip to Appleby/Penrith.

The first **WEDNESDAY** of the month is Coffee Morning, 10.30am- midday. All welcome.

If you have bits to sell etc and you would like a table in the main hall please contact Karen to arrange.

Tuesdays...

On the second Tuesday of the month, Book Club meets between 10.30am and midday.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month, Yarn Group meets between 10.30am and midday. Bring along your latest project whether that be knitting, crocheting ,sewing, embroidery, tapestry, whatever your craft may be.

Thursdays...

Meeting of the Wine Group (meets bi-monthly) 7pm onwards. New members always welcome-come along to see what it's like. Please contact Pete on [tighmara@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tighmara@yahoo.co.uk)

Fridays...

The Gather Inn occasionally happens on the **second** Friday of the month, (please check with Karen if there is nothing specific advertised). The bar will be open for all Gather Inn's. If nothing is happening you are welcome to hold your own 'Gather Inn' free of hall fees if proceeds are for the village hall.

Maulds Meaburn WhatsApp Group/email contact

Maulds Meaburn has a very successful Whats App group. It's a good way to keep in touch with things that are going on, ask questions and ask for help etc. It is not 'just for Meaburn residents'.

If you would like to join the group and are happy to put up with the occasional message not meant for the group... please email me with a mobile number and I will add you.

Alternatively, if you would like to receive a personal email outlining events at MMVI this is also an option.

Karen Asquith

All welcome to  
Maulds Meaburn Coffee Morning  
Please join us in the Village Hall for coffee  
or tea and a chat on the first **Wednesday**  
of the month  
December 4th  
February 5th  
March 5th



Donations welcome!

10.30 'till 12 noon

**New... POP UP CRAFT STALLS**

Please contact Karen on [hollyhowel5@me.com](mailto:hollyhowel5@me.com) if you would like a table to sell produce.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE A COFFEE MORNING IN JANUARY.



MMVI

# Christmas Gather Inn

**Friday 13th December**


**6pm (prompt) start on the Terrace**

♪ Carols around the Brazier

♪ Brass Players

♪ Mince Pies

♪ Mulled Wine



Jingle Bells

JOY TO THE WORLD

**All Welcome!**

HARK! THE ANGELS



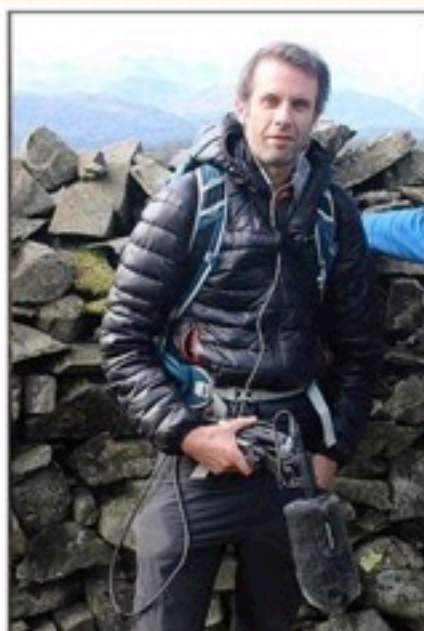
# DAVE FELTON

## *Lands End to John O'Groats*

As an accomplished publisher and broadcaster, Dave will provide a wide-ranging talk based on his 'LE-JOG' walks and his deep knowledge of Cumbria and the wider landscapes of Britain. Dave's talk will be illustrated with photographs he has taken on his travels.

<https://www.inspiredbylakeland.co.uk>  
<https://www.countrystride.co.uk>  
<https://www.daveslejog.co.uk>

**INSPIRED BY  
LAKELAND**



Dave founded and runs the Keswick-based publishers *Inspired by Lakeland* which has won awards including **Lakeland Book of the Year** for Amy Bateman's *Forty Farms* and *The Lake District in 101 Maps & Infographics*, and the **Holyer An Gof Children's Book of the Year** award for *The Cornwall Sticker Book*. He records and produces the acclaimed podcast *Countrystride*.

**Maulds Meaburn Village Institute**

**Friday 24th January 2025, 7.00pm**

**MMVI.org**

**Tickets £5.00**  
Bar open from 6.30pm

Book places via  
Karen Asquith at  
[hollyhowe15@me.com](mailto:hollyhowe15@me.com)



Maulds Meaburn Village Institute. Saturday 22nd February 6.30pm

Join us for this stargazing evening with our local astronomy group. All welcome.



Sat, 22 Feb 2025 at 18:30

**[11] Exciting Stargazing Night with Eden Valley and Penrith Astronomy Group**

February 22nd 2025 6.30 - 9.30pm

Price: £6 inc tea and biscuits, soup and roll. Under 18's free...see more

★ Event by Dark Skies Festival and Tourism Ydnpa

***Come and support fabulous live performance at  
your local venue!***

*Highlights Rural Touring presents ...*

***Polaris The Snow Bear***  
***Thursday 12th December, 6.00pm***  
***Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall***

A boy and a bear embark on the most amazing of winter journeys. Their search for snow takes them on a magical quest around the globe and shows them the true meaning of friendship.

From the team that brought you 'The Mice Who Ate Christmas', 'The Elves and the Carpenter' and 'The Snow Dancer', expect a classic family show for ages 4+. With the usual comedy, puppets, songs, mayhem and a touch of snowy wonder!

*“Badapple Theatre Company triumph in a tour that takes the magic of theatre to remote venues”* **THE STAGE**

*“It is hard to over-estimate the positive benefits of getting out of the house and attending a joyful, inexpensive, communal event in your own locality. Badapple Theatre Company is providing just this experience and not only that, but the cast and production were superb, and we totally loved it”* **Clare Granger, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire**

*“You might be sitting in a village hall somewhere but what you will get will be up there with West End standards of performance, lighting and design – and at a fraction of the cost.”* **YORKSHIRE POST**

This is a brand-new show from writer Kate Bramley that goes back to the company's 'Pixar-style' storytelling roots which create shows for the young and the young at heart. This has a 4 years + advisory as the storytelling is physical and fast paced, and although NOT a pantomime there is plenty of visual entertainment with dramatic puppets and upbeat songs to keep all generations laughing along!

A wonderful show for children aged 4+ and every adult who loves a good story.

Tickets are available from the Highlights Rural Touring website [here](#).. Alternatively by ringing 07584 251352 or emailing [lynn-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com).

Adult £8 | Child £6 | Family £24. Doors open from 5.45pm.

# Christmas Table Centre Workshop

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00pm-4.00pm**  
**Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

Create a beautiful centre-piece for your Christmas table under the careful guidance of John Thexton & David Ryland of Hazel Cottage, Armathwaite.

The framework and a selection of seasonal greenery will be provided but please bring with you any particular foliage or special items that you'd like to incorporate, ie, baubles, dried fruit, fir cones, cinnamon sticks, ribbons.

*(If you have secateurs and gardening gloves, bring those along too!)*

Festive afternoon refreshments are included.

£20 (cash on the door)

Places are limited. Please phone 07584  
251352 or

email [lynn-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com) to book.



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Children's Christmas Party!**  
**6.00pm-9.00pm**  
**Crosby Ravensworth**  
**Village Hall**

*including a screening of* **Wonka** (PG)

Willy Wonka is chock-full of ideas and determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time, proving that the best things in life begin with a dream...

**PLUS GAMES & REFRESHMENTS**  
**FREE TO PARISH CHILDREN**

***HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM***  
***CROSBY RAVENSWORTH***  
***VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE!***

**For more info contact 07584 251352**

# Butchers Arms

Have your little ones made the nice list this year?



The big man himself will be visiting us at **THE BUTCHERS ARMS** on Christmas Eve at 4pm.

If you would like to join us for a sing song and meet Santa in person before he gets on his way for a busy night, please contact one of the team on 01931 715500

We ask you provide a wrapped present with your Childs name on it, no more than the value of £10, ideally before Christmas Eve

# **FILM NIGHT**

## **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

### **Wilding (U)**

This is the story of a young couple who bet on nature for the future of their failing, four-hundred-year-old estate. Battling entrenched tradition, they rip down the fences and give the land back to nature - entrusting its recovery to a motley mix of animals both tame and wild. It is the beginning of a grand experiment that will become one of the most significant rewilding projects in Europe. Based on the best-selling book by Isabella Tree, Wilding charts the rewilding at Knepp Castle in an inspiring call to arms to transform our relationship with nature.

**Meat & Potato Pie Supper 7.00pm**

**Vegetarian Option Available**

**Film starts at 8.00pm**

**Film & Supper £10 | Film Only £5**

**Tel. 07584 251352 or email**

**[lynn-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com)**

**\*booking essential | cash only on the  
door \***



# Crosby Preschool Pop in 'n Play



We offer parents and children aged 0-4 yrs a monthly opportunity to visit our fantastic preschool. Come and meet the staff and pupils, take advantage of our terrific early years provision and enjoy fun-filled activities!

**9.30 –10.30am at Crosby Preschool**

**Please let us know you're coming.**

- 14th Oct 2024
- 9th Dec 2024
- 3rd Feb 2025
- 24th Mar 2025
- 12th May 2025
- 7th July 2025



*"Teaching staff take good care of children in the early years. They get to know these children well. Teachers build good relationships with children and their parents and carers."*

**OFSTED**



## Crosby Preschool: Small Steps Towards a Big Future

For any more information please call school on: 01931 715265  
[admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk)

*A love of learning for life in all its fullness John 10:10  
Courage, Compassion, Community*



# Admission to Crosby Preschool January 2025 (Spring Term)



If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st December 2021, they will be eligible to receive 15 hours free universal nursery education from January 2025. Some children may be entitled to 30 hrs per week, depending on family circumstances. To find out more visit: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).



More information and an SA13 application form is available on the [council website](#). Forms should be returned to school, together with a copy of a birth certificate and utility bill as proof of address.



**Preschool hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-3.30pm**

*Choose your 15 hours from within this or pay to top-up.*

*Children may bring their own packed lunch or stay for a school dinner.*



For more information or to arrange a visit please contact the school office:

Phone: 01931 715265 or email:

**Crosby Preschool:**

[admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk)

**Small Steps towards  
a Big Future**

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## A Look in the Past

This will be our final delve into the book '*Some Westmorland Villages*', published in 1957 by members of the Women's Institute throughout the county. We conclude with the final parts of the chapter concerning Reagill.

Firstly though it is worth mentioning an extract from the book's introduction that not all villages had a Women's Institute and some villages chose not to compile the stories of their villages.

With Reagill sharing a chapter with Sleagill, I can only presume that back in 1954/55 when the various institutes were compiling 'their stories' that there must have been a Reagill and Sleagill Women's Institute.

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Reagill must have been bigger in former days – but the houses are still strong and good, having been well-built of stone.

The early name for the village was Renegill (or Reynard's Gill), the fox valley.

The common green, beside the village, is still open and available to all, but much land has been enclosed.

One old lady, who did not understand the enclosure laws, was not very interested in the thirteen acres of Pithills that was allotted to her.

So she allowed the agent of Lowther Estates to crop it for her, saying "*You can pay me when you sell the first crop*".

The ground was planted with oak trees which take nearly seventy years to yield a crop of acorns so no dues were paid and Pithills Plantation became Lowther property.

In the mid-nineteenth century, the two brothers Bland lived in Reagill.

William was married and farmed at Wyebourne, but Thomas was an artist and sculptor who devoted his skill to making an Italian garden in the centre of Reagill village and decorated it with statuary and oil painting, portraying a wide range of characters from history and literature.

It was customary to hold coffee feasts here – an annual festival on 24<sup>th</sup> May celebrating Queen Victoria's accession.

On occasions as many as 1,400 guests were present, having travelled long distances. A band was engaged and there was dancing on the green.

Thomas Bland also made several monuments which were erected locally, one at Maulds Meaburn, one at the head of The Lyvennet and a figure of Britannia facing Shap Wells Hotel, all of which can be seen today. (\*\*)



**\*\* These monuments – can anyone shed any light on the one in Maulds Meaburn?**

The other two are more straight forward, first the one at Shap Wells



(AT NGR NY 579 098)

Then the one at the head of The Lyvvenet, I guess that we all know about this one, but not necessarily that it was made by Bland

Monument erected c1851 by Thomas Bland of Reagill to commemorate the occasion in 1651 when Charles II drank from the source of the river Lyvvenet on his way south from Scotland. ....



Inscription reads:

"HERE, AT BLACK DUB/THE SOURCE OF THE  
LYVENNET/CHARLES II/ REGALED HIS ARMY  
ON THEIR MARCH/FROM  
SCOTLAND/AUGUST 8TH, A.D. 1651" ....."

Darren Rogers

The book also references the book of 1910  
'*The Vale of Lyvvenet*' by John Salkeld Bland  
I've never seen it, but I know of one person  
who has a copy – over to you.

# **NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL**

Our last update of 2024!

The children are very excited about our planned trip to go ice skating at 'Another Place, the Lake' on Ullswater on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It promises to be a fun day.

Our Christmas celebrations continue with a non uniform day planned for 6<sup>th</sup> December. We are looking forward to seeing those Christmas jumpers. Then of course, that same evening, between 5 and 7pm we have our Christmas Fayre. The children have been working hard at afterschool clubs coming up with ideas for their stalls and putting them in to action. Please do pop in to support their efforts. There will be a raffle, Christmas games and crafts, side stalls and refreshments along with hot food will also be on offer. It's always a lovely evening. And if you haven't bought an envelope yet to be in with a chance of winning a well fed Christmas cake, now's your chance.

We would love to see the village hall packed out on 18<sup>th</sup> December when the children will be performing their nativity play "Prickly Hay". The children have been very busy learning their lines and practicing the songs. The performance will begin at 6pm. At the end of the performance the winner of the Christmas cake will also be announced.

On 19<sup>th</sup> December it's the Christmas Community lunch in school with the children, at midday. You are welcome to join us for a special festive three course traditional meal, for the amazingly good value of £7. This is a ticket only event and so please contact the school office if you would like to reserve your place. Then later in the evening at 6pm you are welcome to join us in Church for School's Christmas Carol Concert.



We also need to tell you about our next 'Pop in and Play' session which is on Monday 9<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 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Before we close this month's update we are still looking for a **clerk for our governing body**. We are certain that there is someone in, or just outside of our village who would be perfect for the role. If you are organised, detail-oriented and passionate about supporting education then this role offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the governance of our school, working closely with dedicated governors and staff. Full induction and training will be given. We are also looking for a **midday supervisor** . For further details, visit the vacancies page of our school website. <https://www.crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk/vacancies/> .

Until next month..... we just want to thank you for your continuing support and wish you a very Merry Christmas.....looking forward to 2025.

# **A Bishop Bewitched**

**by William Wood**

Since this is a true story I will not name the town where it took place. Suffice it to say that it was in a region of Southern Sudan that was steeped in witchcraft.

It was also a Christian area, though Christianity in this town was skin deep, but for many it offered an escape from poverty, an education and a full stomach; for a few it offered influence.

When the bishopric fell vacant the citizens expected a popular local clergyman to be appointed. However he did not get the job. A cleric from a neighbouring tribe was selected. He was not popular. Indeed he was not liked at all.

Now one way of getting rid of people in this area was by witchcraft. An evil eye, or the picture of one, was stuck on to the victim's back. That way everyone knew that that person was cursed and would die. Invariably it worked.

Imagine the thrill, then, of the hostile congregation when their new bishop, a stocky, vain little man with a shiny, perspiring black face strutted up the aisle to take the service. For, displayed on his back, securely fastened to his purple robe, was the sign of the evil eye.

When he realised what people were staring at, did he denounce their superstition? Did he rise above the witchcraft? Did he proclaim the superior truth of Jesus Christ? Did he heck. He rolled his eyes in terror. He tore the robe off in front of the delighted congregation. He ranted at his staff, foamed at the mouth and died on the spot.

Among the ululation of some women rose a cry of "Allelulia." The bishop's rival, the vicar who had been passed over, stepped forward, clasped the dead man's hand, looked up to the heavens and said sweetly, "Yea verily, it is His will." Whether or not he had been complicit in the plot, he expressed some well-rehearsed, Christian sentiments at the funeral of the hated bishop. Then he stepped into his shoes.

Oddly enough, about a year later I had another, albeit indirect encounter with this bishop. There were at that time scores of young English men and women working for the Sudanese government in rural schools across the country. They were poorly and irregularly paid, living in

much less well supported conditions than the VSO volunteers, for example.

One of these young men was Paul and I would look him up and give him a meal if I was passing through. It was during one such improvised meal that he told me his story.

Paul was a good-looking lad with a pleasant smile and an easy manner. He got on well with his pupils and fellow teachers. Though in no way aggressive he was a big man and perfectly capable of looking after himself. Perhaps it was his very stature that tempted some people in the town to want to pick quarrels with him, though no one went so far as to give him the evil eye.

White men in small towns were a rarity and we became used to the cries of “kawaja” thrown at us from children, curious more than insulting. When a young woman, however, ran up to Paul as he walked home from school and screamed abuse at him, he was quite taken aback. Particularly because unlike most of the townsfolk she spoke English very well.

“You white people,” she screamed, “you murderers! You are all murderers! You drive round in your big cars, you stir up the dust, you knock down our children...”

“I have no car,” interrupted Paul in his lazy manner. “I don’t even have a bicycle.”

This calm rejoinder stopped the woman’s invective but instead of abusing him verbally she hit him on the jaw. To his surprise Paul fell down. “Too much money. You have too much money,” she yelled at him. Paul got carefully to his feet and brushed himself down while trying to keep this mad woman at arm’s length. Her last remark stung. In fact he had no money. Like all government teachers he had not been paid for three months. Unlike many of his Sudanese colleagues who were able to grow some of their own food, Paul had no land and no money to pay for his meals.

“Now listen here,” he said, “I do not hit women, but there has to be a first time.”

Whereupon she got her second blow in before he did, punching him again full on the jaw. This time he got a hold on her and a group of amused on-lookers helped remove her from the scene.

“Is she mad?” he asked one of them.

“Mad? No, she thinks she is important. She is the bishop’s wife.” Then he sucked his teeth African style and added, “some say even she is a witch.”



## 🎄 CHRISTMAS OPENING 2024 🎄

	<u>BAR</u>	<u>KITCHEN</u>
Monday 16th December	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 17th	5pm - 11pm	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 18th	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Thursday 19th	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Friday 20th	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 21st	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Sunday 22nd	12pm - 10pm	12pm - 7.00pm
Monday 23rd	12pm - 11pm	12pm - 8.30pm
Christmas Eve	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>11am - 1pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Boxing Day</b>	<b>3pm - 11pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 27th	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 28th	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Sunday 29th	12pm - 10pm	12pm - 7.00pm
Monday 30th	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
<b>New Years Eve</b>	<b>12pm - 1am</b>	<b>12pm - 8.30pm</b>
<b>New Years Day</b>	<b>12pm - 10pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thursday 2nd January	<b><u>Closed until Tuesday 14th January</u></b>	



Merry Christmas and a Happy new year from us all at The Butchers







## 🎄 CHRISTMAS 2024 🎄

### STARTERS

Smoked haddock fishcake, creamed leeks, poached hens egg	9
Butchers chicken liver pate, red onion marmalade, hot toast, butter (gfr)	7.5
Pan fried king prawns, garlic, nduja sausage, tomato, parsley, crusty ciabatta (gfr)	9
Black pudding + Cheddar hash brown, caramelised apple, brown sauce, crispy bacon (gf)	8
Cheese + caramelised onion puff pastry tart, buttered wild mushrooms, Comté cheese, red pepper syrup (v)	7.5
Homemade soup, crusty ciabatta, salted butter (v)	6.5

### MAINS

Butter roasted turkey breast, dripping roasties, sprouts + lardons, crispy parsnip, carrot + swede, braised red cabbage, pigs in blankets, cranberry stuffing, proper gravy	17	1/2 13
Steak + ale pie, dripping chips, mushy peas, gravy	18	
10oz Rib-eye steak, pepper sauce, dripping chips, pan fried mushrooms + tomatoes, pickled onion rings (gfr)	25	
Pan fried smoked haddock fillet, dauphinoise potatoes, buttered greens, poached egg, parsley sauce, confit cherry tomatoes	19	
Battered haddock, dripping chips, mushy peas, lemon, tartare (gfr)	16	1/2 12
Vegan spaghetti + meatballs, vegan cheddar cheese, crusty ciabatta (ve) (v) (gf)	16	
Pan fried duck breast, buttered greens, crispy leg croquette, creamy mash, charred tender stem, plum sauce, walnut granola	20	
Breaded halloumi + hash brown burger, iceberg, beef tomato, pickled red onion, sweet sriracha (v)	16	
Pan fried chicken breast, parmentier potatoes, smoked bacon, button mushroom, sautéed chard, rich tomato red wine sauce, honey roast parsnip, carrot, charred tender stem	19	
Cheddar stuffed steak burger, mozzarella, iceberg, beef tomato, pickled slaw, onion rings, fries (gfr)	17	
Pulled beef brisket picadillo, chilli, feta, parsley, soured cream, loaded nachos	19	
Sweet potato, lentil, spinach + chickpea curry, braised rice, pappadum (gf) (v) (ve)	16	
Pan fried lambs liver, creamy mash, crispy bacon, caramelised onion gravy, buttered greens	16	
12oz horseshoe gammon steak, fried hens egg, roast pineapple, dripping chips, garden peas (gf)	16.5	
Sides	beef dripping chips 4 / pickled onion rings 4 / skinny fries 4 / sweet potato fries 4	

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

(gf) - Gluten free (v) - Vegetarian (ve) - Vegan  
(gfr) - Gluten free on request, please tell a member of the team

## Wine

### Fizz

	175ml Glass	250ml Glass	Bottle
Prosecco, Ca' Belli, Italy			25.00
Champagne Brut Reserve, Bernard Robert, France			56.00
Prosecco, Belino, Italy 200ml single serve bottle			6.75

### White

Roos Estate Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa, 12.5%	5.00	6.20	18.50
Pinot Grigio, Bella Modella, Italy 12%	5.25	6.60	19.50
Chardonnay, The Accomplice, Australia 12%	5.40	6.80	20.00
Sauvignon Blanc, Kono, New Zealand 13%	6.50	8.90	26.00
2022 Solaris, Dunesforde, NORTH YORKSHIRE 12.6%	7.65	11.10	33.00
Small batch/limited edition, only 790 bottles produced, we are the only pub restaurant stocking this in the UK			

### Rosé

Sauvignon Blanc Blush, Roos Estate, South Africa 12.5%	5.60	7.00	21.00
Pinot Grigio Rosé, Dea del Mare, Italy 12%	5.60	7.00	21.00
Zinfandel, Headlands Cove, California 10.5%	5.60	7.00	21.00

### Red

Roos Estate Shiraz, South Africa 14%	5.00	6.20	18.50
Merlot, Pacifico Sur, Chile 13.5%	5.20	6.40	19.00
Tempranillo, Condessa Luna, Spain 13.5%	5.40	6.80	20.00
Malbec, Sin Rodeo, Argentina 14%	6.35	8.50	24.00
2023 Pinot Noir Précoce, Dunesforde, NORTH YORKSHIRE 12.3%	7.65	11.10	33.00
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#### Tides Descriptions Act

It is not always possible to guarantee the wines in this list and in some cases a suitable alternative may be offered.  
Still wine served by the glass are served at 175ml or 250 ml measure, a 125ml is available on request.  
The alcoholic strength of wine served by the glass is shown as a percentage in the description.

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!