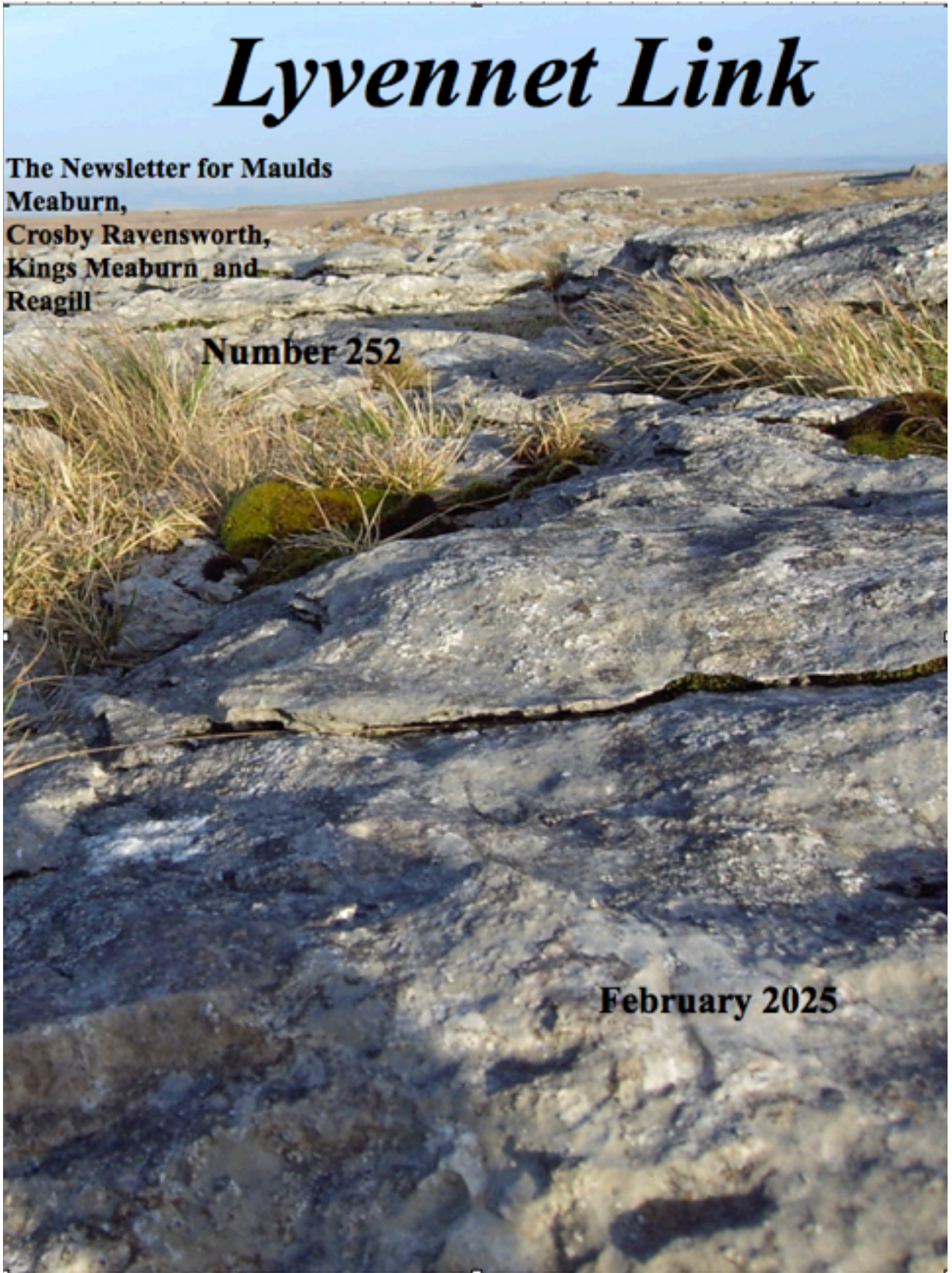


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**The Newsletter for Maulds  
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Crosby Ravensworth,  
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Please do not send Microsoft publisher documents as I am unable to open them.

## **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 Monday 3rd February at 7:00pm at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute**

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/20250601-Ordinary-Meeting-Agenda-03-February.pdf>

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

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

**Sunday 2nd** 11.00am Rev Sheila Clark /Candlemas Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th** 11.00am Rev Stephen Tudway/ Holy Communion

**Sunday 16th** 6pm Lay Led Evening Prayer

**Sunday 23rd** 11.00am Ruth Hutchings/ Morning Worship

**Sunday March 2nd** 11.00am Bishop Janes Bell/ Holy Communion

## **Letter from Judith Cove, late of Maulds Meaburn.**

**Happy New Year,**

**I hope you are well. Has snow been a problem for you?**

You will be pleased to know that I am so happy living in my apartment, The people living in Wainwright Court, Kendal ,people in St. Thomas' church have been friendly and welcoming. I have links. with people from many walks of my life even school ,,,,,,,I want to say a big thank you for cake and coffee,plants,roses ,cards,,,,,, all lovely thoughts to send me on my way,,,.

Judith

[judithcove@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judithcove@hotmail.co.uk)



## St Lawrence's Flowers



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**Would you appreciate having flowers in Church to remember a loved one or to mark the date of a significant event in your life?**

**Would you enjoy having the opportunity of arranging flowers in a beautiful setting?**

If so do contact the flower team at St Lawrence's Church

You could either arrange the flowers yourself or make a donation and we can arrange the flowers on your behalf.

Speaking personally I love being in church doing the flowers as it is so peaceful. I do a lot of private thinking (or is it perhaps a form of prayer) whilst arranging them. It has always been a privilege for me to be involved especially as St Lawrence's is such a beautiful Church.

If you love arranging flowers but feel unsure about how to do it in a Church setting we are very happy to help.

You can sign up on the notice in the Church porch or contact

Judith Harrison - 07730200320- [Judith@performconsult.co.uk](mailto:Judith@performconsult.co.uk)

or Jill Winder on 715 496 or [jillwinder01@gmail.com](mailto:jillwinder01@gmail.com)

# Smardale Gill Railway

Exhibition: A landscape embedded in People & History

by Jill Brown Art

16 JANUARY -1 MARCH 2025



**West**

Leave

	arr	depart	arrive
Redcar	5.38	11.40	2.15
Middlesboro	6.22	11.57	2.35
Stockton	6.34	12.07	2.45
Darlington	7.13	1.06	4.35
Barnard Castle	7.55	1.40	5.10
Lartington	8.07	1.46	----
Bowes	8.18	1.57	----
Barras	8.21	2.17	----
Kirkby Stephen	8.45	2.33	6.10
Appleby	9.10	3.08	6.41
Penrith	9.45	3.40	7.10
Smardale	9.50	3.55	----
Newbiggin	9.58	4.45	----
Gaisgill	9.03	5.4	----
Tebay arr	9.15	10.55	----

**East**

Leave

	arr	depart	arrive
Tebay	8.15	10.50	4.15
Gaisgill	8.20	----	4.10
Newbiggin	8.23	10.05	4.10
Smardale	8.30	----	4.05
Penrith	8.40	10.20	3.30
Appleby	9.00	10.50	4.00
Kirkby Stephen	9.15	11.35	4.25
Barras	9.00	----	4.00
Bowes	9.15	11.47	5.10
Lartington	9.40	11.57	5.20
Barnard Castle	9.55	12.15	5.30
Darlington	10.05	12.45	6.10
Stockton	10.50	2.10	7.30
Middlesboro	11.05	2.20	7.45
Redcar arr	11.25	2.40	8.05

9 AM - 5 PM

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

FREE ENTRY (DONATION WELCOME) TO THE PEOPLE'S GALLERY

NB: Step access to gallery space

STATION ROAD

KENDAL LA9 6BT

01539 814700

Jill is a resident of Maulds Meaburn.

# **Maulds Meaburn Village Institute**



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**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.

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.

Wednesdays...

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.

We have a youth group currently held on a Wednesday after school.

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

[hollyhowe15@me.com](mailto:hollyhowe15@me.com)



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  
5th February  
5th March  
9th April  
7th May



Donations welcome!

10.30 'till 12 noon

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

Please contact Karen on [hollyhowe15@me.com](mailto:hollyhowe15@me.com) if you would like a table to sell produce.



**MAULDS MEABURN  
VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

invites you to our



**NOT the Valentine**

**QUIZ**

**Friday 14th February**

Doors open **6:30pm** for **7pm start**

**£20 per team** (4 to 6 people)

or **£5 per person** (to join a team)

email **hollyhowe15@me.com** to book



Raffle prizes! Interval nibbles!  
Trophy and glory for the winning team!  
Wooden spoon for the losing team!



# Build your own cigar box guitar

with blues guitar maestro



## Howlin' Mat

[www.cigarboxsocial.com](http://www.cigarboxsocial.com)

*Tickets for the workshop Just £40  
[plus booking fee] and give free  
entry to the evening performance -*

*[3 to 5pm] available at*

*[wegottickets.com/event/646641/](http://wegottickets.com/event/646641/)*

*Tickets for the evening concert [7 to 9pm] are £10 plus booking  
fee available at [wegottickets.com/event/646645/](http://wegottickets.com/event/646645/)*

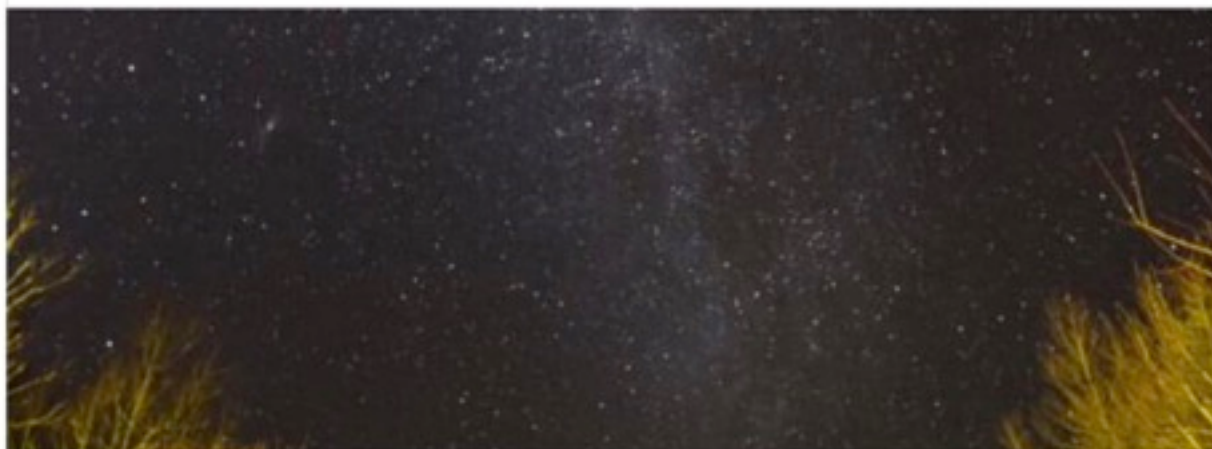
**MAULDS MEABURN VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**Saturday 8th March 2025**



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

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

So here we are in 2025....a New Year, and some new class names to introduce you to along with some new members of staff. Our early years class, made up of reception and pre-school children, is now known as 'Wrens'. They come together on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Key stage 1, years 1 and 2 are now called 'Robins' (taught by Mrs Pattinson and Mrs Corrie) and key stage 2, years 3 to 6, 'Herons' (taught by Mr Priestley). We welcome Miss Hill, our new teacher for the 'wrens'. She has settled in really well



and is enjoying leading her new class. We've also got a new midday supervisor, namely Sharon Thwaites and a new school business manager, Abi Ruehorn-Hyde. So, once again we are a full team.

A few days in to the spring term and the Robins together with the Herons enjoyed a trip over to the Theatre by the Lake at Keswick to see the stage adaptation of 'The Jungle Book'. The children recognized the loveable characters and enjoyed the catchy songs.

A new term means new topics. The Wrens are learning about what is/makes a home and have already been out and about locally looking at the different types of homes there are. The Robins are looking at 'Where am I' and the Herons are learning about the Tudors and what life was like living in Tudor England.

This month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Herons will be joining in the Fun Swim Gala at Appleby Leisure centre for the afternoon.

We also need to tell you about our next 'Pop in and Play' session which is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. 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 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.

Until next month.....

## 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.

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# 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 April 2025 (Summer Term)



If your child was born between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022, they will be eligible to receive 15 hours free universal nursery education from April 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)

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# Kuypers Retires

by William Wood

We never really knew what Kuypers did. We all agreed it was not much, but he was a familiar presence. When the ding of the lift announced the rattle of the coffee trolley emerging on to our floor, Kuypers was always at the front of the queue, chatting courteously to anyone who would listen. He was a very nice, elderly Belgian, harmless and perhaps because of that likeable. In our multinational hothouse of intrigue and ambition Kuypers posed no threat.

He received a long service medal on his retirement and gave a farewell lunch in a restaurant to which he invited all of us in the Development Division of the European Commission. It was a pleasant occasion but since we all lunched out so often to fill the void between mid day lunch and the three o'clock reappearance of the coffee trolley, it was not particularly memorable. It was all quite low ~~key~~ and relaxed. There were no speeches.

The Christmas holiday break came soon afterwards and we did not expect to see our colleague again. We probably would not have missed him or thought about him at all. Then to our surprise we found him back in the office in the New Year. He had taken a special contract to work on some unspecified project. Although it was emphasized that this was temporary and short term, he turned up more often and stayed later than in his full time days when he was either on a cure, a mission, leave or had gone to Switzerland to have his pacemaker checked.

On the day his special contract ran out he asked us all home for a meal in his modest third floor apartment off the Avenue Louise. It was done in great style. Those who arrived first drank a sparkling rosé while they waited for everyone else to come up.

The shaky old cage lift was capable of hoisting only three people at a time and it occurred to no one to use the stairs. When plump and flighty Nicole stepped in to make up her trio the lift refused to respond. She got upset when Gerhardt joked, if indeed the serious German had meant it as a joke, that Nicole must weigh enough for two. However he immediately made amends by stepping gallantly outside and clicking the folding grill shut behind him. The rickety lift shook and struggled up with Nicole and the petite Madame Malaise who, rummaging in her bag for her homeopathic pills had not even noticed the contretemps.

Nicole had no time to sulk. She had to prepare her face and hair for her entrance to the salon, where upon arrival each guest was invited to draw a ticket from a top hat and keep it safe. The little flat was crammed full of a variety of small tables at which we were urged to take our places. We were waited upon by a butler and a maid in uniform and served with a choice of rich paté with cocktail onions and gherkins. The main dish was cassoulet, this too almost entirely meat and very rich. To refresh our palates a salad followed and we finished with ice cream and champagne. Before the dessert, however, we were given a break to open the parcels which were distributed according to the number on those tickets we had drawn on arrival.

The "presents" were false noses, comic hats, costume jewellery, self adhesive moustaches and beards. A young French colleague nick-named Le Faux-Marginal who had an unkempt beard in keeping with his professed revolutionary tendencies got a little moustache which he stuck to his forehead. Some of our more serious colleagues were very embarrassed, but most embarrassed surprisingly were the office jokers. Suave Lothario refused to wear his beard and moustache, two others could not put on their false



noses because the own noses were bigger, Nicole would not try on her pretty paper crown because it might have spoiled her coiffure, but Le Chameau, who always appeared miserable, fixed on his pirate earrings without a second thought and continued to look morose. He needed only a parrot on his shoulder.

I wondered whether Kuypers was laughing at us all but I do not see how he could have manipulated the lottery to this extent. Any embarrassment was soon dissipated by the champagne and we sobered up with strong espresso before making our farewells.

We returned severally and very late to the office having, as I thought, said goodbye to Kuypers and his wife for the last time. But adieu it was not. Back in the gloomy building I bumped into the old man again still stalking the corridor. We were both a little embarrassed. I thanked him again for the lunch. He thanked me for having come. I could think of nothing more to say. Kuypers looked at his watch and by way of apology remarked that his contract still had one hour to run.

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!