



Lyvennet Link

**The Newsletter for Maulds
Meaburn,
Crosby Ravensworth,
Kings Meaburn and
Reagill**

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Happy New Year

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Articles and contributions etc., would be appreciated preferably by e-mail 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

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 6th January 2025 at 7:00pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/20250601-Ordinary-Meeting-Agenda-06-January.pdf>

Services at your parish church of St Lawrence in January

[for more information please see www.westmorland.church]

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

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Lyvennet Community Trust

- 2 bedroomed property to let in Crosby Ravensworth
- Weekly rent - £147.50
- Application deadline – 10/1/2025

If you're interested in being considered the above property, please contact our Managing Agents Eden Housing Association on 01768 861400 who will answer any queries you may have and provide you with an application form.

Lyvennet Lunch club.

Hosted by the Butchers Arms

Invites you to come and join us for

A discounted freshly cooked lunch for the over 50's

Choice of two main courses

And two deserts

The discounted lunch indicates a smaller portion.

Please note change of date

the Lunch club

will be held on Thursday 16th of January

at 12 noon

Due to the pub being closed earlier in the month for annual holidays

Booking essential

Looking forward to taking your booking

Please call the team on 01931 715500

AND WHO WON THE WELL FED CHRISTMAS CAKE.....

The winning envelope, drawn by Mr Priestley after the School's Christmas play belonged toMarta Ballesteros, a former pupil. Marta left last summer to go up to secondary school but she still has a younger sister at Crosby. The cake was quickly claimed by Marta's Mum, Vanessa , who herself is an active fundraiser for the Friends. The whole family soon devoured the cake over Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who bought an envelope. A total of £180 (a record amount) has been raised for the Friends of School which will go towards funding extra curricular activities for our children at our lovely school.



Calling residents to stand for Crosby Ravensworth Parish council.

Most of us feel privileged to live in Crosby Ravensworth Parish and are passionate about where we live. One of the most important ways of managing our own affairs is through the Parish Council.

The Parish council's logo is **Working for the Community** that community consists of the three villages of Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn and Reagill..

The Parish Council is made up of seven members with various experience and skill sets.

At present the Parish council has two vacant seats, which can be filled by co-opting and one vacant seat which must be filled by an election. if you are over 18 and live in the parish you are eligible to put your names forward for the Parish council, ideally it's good to have representation for all three villages.

We are now a community where most people were born elsewhere; it is good to have a mix of age groups, longer standing residents who have good local knowledge and others with experience they can bring to the table of ideas that have worked elsewhere.

You don't have to commit yourself until the next election, give it a try for a year and if it's not for you at least you will have contributed.

You may be surprised by the various roles that the PC members cover.

Don't ignore it – It could just be the job for you!

If you are interested or require more information please send an email to the clerk of the parish council by Friday 31st of January.

clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk

**Consultation meeting to be held
at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.**

on Tuesday 28th Jan 7.00pm

Following a couple of interesting presentations at the **Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust Meeting.**

The Parish Council invite you to a consultation meeting.

A number of ideas were put forward at The Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust Meeting.

**Are these ideas workable for
Maulds Meaburn Village Green?**

Are they worth following up?

We need your opinions!

It has been proposed that a sub group be put together to produce a consultation for the whole parish, which will probably lead to a working group.

Please see the additional document on Village Greens in this addition of the Link.

Naomi Callaghan

clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk



Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group



BEER AND BACON TO WORK OFF CHRISTMAS EXCESS!

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group are holding a hedge planting open day

Where: Town Head Farm

Meet at Brookside Cottage, Crosby Ravensworth for directions.

When: Saturday 18th January

Time: 10-00am for 3 hours

Objective: To plant 198m of hedging

Equipment: Bring a spade and suitable clothing

Reward: All participants over the age of 18 will be entitled to a pint of beer (or equivalent) and a bacon sandwich in the Butcher's from 1-30pm. Soft drinks alternative for under 18s.

Come and join us!



“It takes a village to run a Village Hall”

**The Annual General Meeting of Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.
Is Thursday 16th January at 7.00pm in the hall.**

We really need help!

For the last year there has only been five people on the MMVI committee, the hall is a great facility but the running costs are big, about £1000 per month or £12,000 per year. Running events to raise that sort of money is just too much for so few people. We need more help.

Please come along to the AGM; see what has been going on, make suggestions for the future, offer help? We really need the community to be part of the hall.

The bar will be open with a free drink available to start the evening.

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

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

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 hollyhowel5@me.com if you would like a table to sell produce.

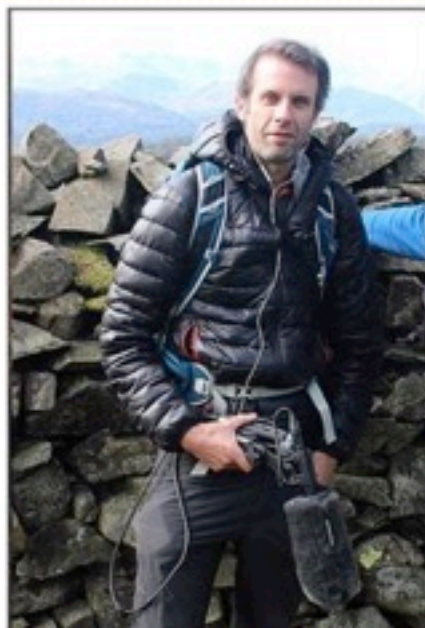
DAVE FELTON

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

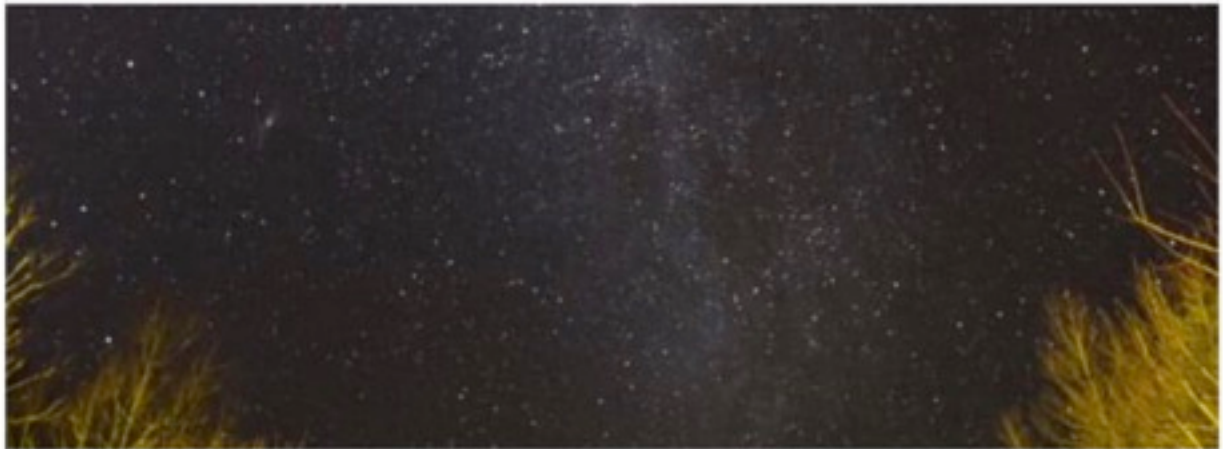
Tickets £5.00
Bar open from 6.30pm

Book places via
Karen Asquith at
hollyhowe15@me.com



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

Parish Wine Group November Report



A very good turn out, no doubt lured by the promise of Philippa's venison casserole, Debbie's sticky toffee pud and Gill's stolen.

I did mean we had lots of wines to try, mostly reds, with one white and two desert wines, and as a bonus a couple of sloe gins!

Contact Philippa for more information philippa.cordingley@curee.co.uk

Next meeting. January.

FILM NIGHT

Friday 17th 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

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

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."

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Crosby Preschool:

Small Steps Towards a Big Future

For any more information please call school on: 01931 715265
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.



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

**Small Steps towards
a Big Future**

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Blind Man

by William Wood

The Benefits Office was sleek and modern. The staff sat like bank cashiers behind protective glass. As in banks documents could be passed through a drawer in the small counter. Conversation took place through a grill. Privacy and human contact were out of the question.

Towards one of these windows a small, neatly dressed man with a white stick made his hesitant but determined way. When he heard, “Yes?” from behind the glass he took an envelope from his jacket pocket.

“I received this letter asking me to come and see you.”

“Yes, that’s right,” said the woman. She was in her thirties, smartly dressed in a way that matched the steel and glass décor of the office. Cool, impersonal and well-spoken.

“The letter asks me,” said the man, who was in his late forties, “whether my circumstances have changed.”

“And?”

“Of course my circumstances have not changed. I’m blind.”

“We send these letters to everyone at regular intervals,” said the woman, bored already.

“Well, it’s pretty stupid sending a letter to a blind man.”

“Haven’t you anyone to read your letters? Who helps you with your bills?” she challenged him.

“No one. Where would I find some one like that in this town?” The woman made no reply and the man warmed to his theme. “I’ve got no one to help me and I have had to come all the way in here to tell you I am still blind. It’s bureaucracy gone mad.”

“We have to check regularly.” She did not add “for fraud,” though it was implied.

“Did you not know that I was blind?”

“There are over 8000 recipient of benefits in this town alone.”

“All blind are they?”

“I have not asked them.”

“Perhaps you ought to. I’m telling you, I am blind. Couldn’t you make a note of that fact on my file?”

“It would make no difference.”

“I mean,” said the man in exasperation, “when you are blind you are blind. The circumstance does not change. And you cannot read a letter.”

The woman yawned audibly. “You should get someone to help if you feel like that.”

“I’ve told you.”

“Yes, yes.” She had no sympathy for time-wasters. A queue was forming behind the blind man. “All we need to know are whether your circumstances have changed.”

“Well, I’m telling you, they haven’t.”

“Fine,” said the woman and made one last, patronising effort at being human. “That’s all we need to know.” She shoved a form through the opening. “Now if you will just write your name at the bottom where it says signature . . .”

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!