

Lyvennet Link

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



An extra edition of the Link with apologies for the items that were missed out of the first.

Into the strange summer of 2020 at Crake Trees



Being involved in tourism and the hospitality business for many years means that our family reckon to have seen it all !

Opening our home, and the farm, to people from all over the world has enhanced our lives and educated us like nothing else. We've had loads of ups and downs, traumas and excitement, and hundreds of happy moments.

But the life changing events over the last few months have hit us hard. They will hopefully not be repeated in our lifetime.

I have done Bed & Breakfast for almost 40 years. Starting at Hill House when we first got married, then many happy years at Meaburn Hill, and the last 20 years at Crake Trees Manor.

Last back end we made a decision. Crake Trees Manor would change to Big House

Self Catering for 16 guests. Together with The Brew House, our cottage for 2, The Shepherds Hut and a pending planning application for Glamping Pods we were all set for a busy 2020.

But, after severe damage by Storm Dennis and Ciara in February our business was stopped for flood repairs, not a good start to the year.
Then Coronavirus.....and the rest is history in the writing.

It is now the middle of June. I am sitting at my computer surrounded by a virtual mountain of regulations, recommendations and 'tick lists' regarding the hospitality industry.

We hope to re-open around the 4th July.

You can follow our story on Instagram www.instagram.co.craketreesmanor

6th July Update.....

With my "Were Good to Go" accreditation in place, we have indeed managed to reopen this weekend.,

It has been a "soft opening" with just one Glamping Pod and the Brew House having visitors.

The Shepherds Hut is almost fully booked from Wednesday and Crake Trees Farm House from the 17th.

The whole process of getting ready, preparing and stripping out the properties has been quite demoralising, as I feel that a lot of what makes us unique is now not allowed.

No books, magazines (including Lyvennet Link) ornaments like local pottery, no throws or extra cushions, homemade cake or even salt and pepper!.

But the visitors arrived with big smiles.....so relieved to be out and about.

The Glampers texted me to say that walking through our fields on the footpaths we have mown through the meadows to Maulds Meaburn felt like they were in a film, it was so surreal. Walking to the pub, flying a kite, even trying to light the Fire Pit in between the storms of Saturday, that was all they needed to feel refreshed. Our worries of Social Distancing, Deep cleans and Sanitization didn't stop them enjoying the Lyvennet Valley.

So, once I get my new App working, that will give our visitors access to information and instructions that are normally done face to face, maybe life will gradually get into rhythm once more.

Tea Break Quiz



- 1.) What do the initials in 'ICI' stand for?
- 2.) Which artist does not wear make-up on Thursday's?
- 3.) In the TV comedy "*Porridge*" which county is HMP Slade set?
- 4.) The '*Herald of Free Enterprise*' capsized and '*Everything I Own*' by Boy George had two weeks at No.1 – the month and year?
- 5.) Three rivers run through Carlisle, The Eden is one – name the other two?
- 6.) A question for mum and dad – what connects the following?
A flightless bird, a bloodsucking fly, a softly spoken utterance, a French novella, steamed semolina and some exceptionally able people.
- 7.) Mental Maths - what is 3^7

Answers are on next page

Darren Rogers.

Tea Break Quiz Answers

- 1.) Imperial Chemical Industries
- 2.) Jess Glynne
- 3.) Cumberland
- 4.) March 1987
- 5.) Caldew and Petteril
- 6.) Each is an example of a word consisting of two repeated sections – Dodo, tsetse, murmur, Gigi, couscous and hotshots
The title mentions Mum and Dad. Mama and Papa also have this property.
- 7.) 2187