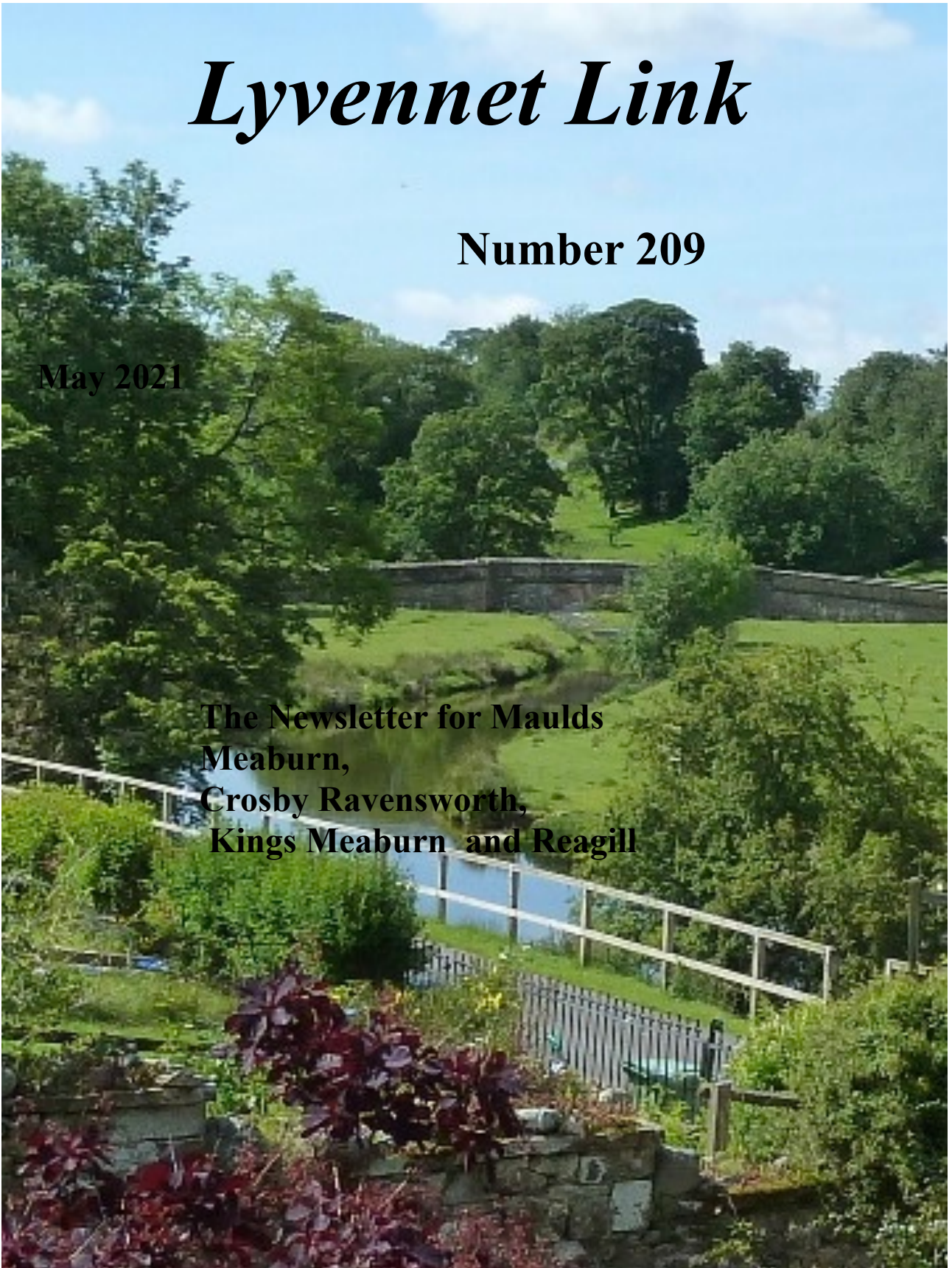


# ***Lyvennet Link***

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



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**Welcome to the May edition of the Link.**

It has been kindly distributed by Darren and Sarah Rogers and Kitty Smith. Their contact lists will not reach everybody, so please feel free to distribute this as you wish. If you are not on any of these lists and would like to be please email me at the email address above.

Many Thanks to all contributors and in particular the Rogers, Kitty, Vicky and Joan who regularly help make these lockdown Links varied and interesting.

Not to forget the superb photographs from David Nattrass and others.

Again, this Link is only being sent out via email. I have no plans currently to move back to producing a printed version, though I am open to comments about this.

Many thanks to all contributors and again to Darren Rogers and Kitty Smith for distributing the Link through their contact lists.

**Nick Thomas.**

## NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

The canopy extension to the outdoor play area outside class 1 has been completed and the younger children are already enjoying the changes made. We have been able to show it off in the recent filming of a promotional video for school. The video was shot to encourage more families to join our school and we'd encourage everyone to watch and 'share' it when released this month on our facebook page. Please help us to make it 'go viral'-it could make a big difference to us and our village!

With the return of the sunny weather, we have planned our annual sponsored walk for Wednesday 26th May. As usual, there will be three walks of varying distances for the children to choose from, according to their ability. We were so disappointed not to be able to do the walk last year, due to COVID and so are really excited about this year's event. Our children have sponsorship forms and so please support them if you are able to.

The children are also putting their art and design skills to the test in a national competition to design a stamp to celebrate a COVID hero. The competition is open to all age groups and cash prizes will be awarded to the winning children and school.

Our breakfast and afterschool clubs continue to run with activities ranging from tennis and badminton, to learning the ukulele and the history themed Regency Rebels (described as the best club ever). We are able to provide wrap around care from 8am to 5pm.

With us now being in the summer term, and looking ahead to the new school year, we have already had some enquiries for nursery places in school, and we'd encourage anyone who wants to know more about the possibilities to get in touch, by ringing us on 01931 715265.

Until next month.....

**Services at your parish church of St  
Lawrence in May**  
**[Church is open every day for private  
prayer, candles to light, peace - well  
behaved dogs welcome too ]**

**Sunday May 2nd Easter V**  
Worship at Morland

No service at Crosby 11.00am Morning

**Sunday May 9th Easter VI**  
Clark

11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Sheila

**Sunday May 16th Easter VII**  
Fyfe

11.00am Morning Prayer with Rev Stewart

**Sunday May 23rd Pentecost**  
Fyfe

11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Stewart

**Sunday May 30th Trinity**  
Bell

11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James



## **LAKELAND COFFEE VAN**

After a successful day the coffee van will be  
Returning to MM on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May.  
Location Mike Winterburns driveway centre of the  
Village.

Time 10am to 3pm.

Serving Carvetti coffees, various teas & The Full Monty  
Hot chocolate created by Anna.

Mags lovely homemade Tray bakes.

We look forward to seeing you again. Thank you.



### **DID YOU KNOW.....?**

**You can now buy duck eggs in Maulds Meaburn.**

**They are FOR SALE outside Hill House, Hopper Hill,  
CA10 3HN**

**which is the white house, on the left, two before MMVI, if  
coming from Crosby OR second on the right after MMVI coming  
the other way.**

**They are priced at £2.50 for six duck eggs.  
(Honesty Box)**

**Meaburn Wildflowers  
Wildflowers  
&  
Seedballs  
For Sale  
Kings Meaburn  
Tel Martin 07770 500105  
Grown in Cumbria**

## **AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS**

The collections are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every  
Month.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Items collected are Curtains, bedding  
(no duvets or pillows ) towels, clothes,  
Shoes, belts, hats, scarfs, books ( hard  
& soft back) handbags, costume jewellery  
Cd's, videos, ink jet cartridges, mobile phones,  
used stamps in a clear plastic bag.

**Please no Bric a Brac.**

**Please bag items and tie securely to ensure that they are  
waterproof!**

**Leave items in the bus shelters at CR,MM,  
Reagill & KM before 9am collection on the day.**

Further info contact Kitty 01931-715375

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It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.  
*Henry David Thoreau*

Start every day off with a smile and get it over with.  
*W. C. Fields*

Happiness is a direction, not a place.  
*Sydney J. Harris*

The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But  
above all, the world needs dreamers who do.  
*Sarah Ban Breathnach*

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of  
weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten  
thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming  
grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.

*Washington Irving*

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into  
enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to  
order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a  
house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

*Melody Beattie*

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the  
right to do what we ought.

*Pope John Paul II*

Money can't buy you happiness, but it can buy you a yacht big  
enough to pull up right alongside it.

*David Lee Roth*

Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness,  
generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything  
else, it is about how we treat other people.

*Dennis Prager*

*sent in by Vicky Welch*



With the government starting to lift restrictions, the committee have the task of deciding if we can open this season.

Do you have some free time during the summer?

Could you volunteer at our open swimming pool?

We have a small shop that serves hot and cold drinks, ice creams and sweets. We need volunteers to help at the pool with the running of the shop, pump room and cleaning between May and September. Would that be something you would be interested in?

If you think you would be interested, get in touch for more information.

Message the Facebook page or give Teresa a call on 07517673361



# Coast to Coast?

## From California to Cumbria. Part VIII

And so that's how we came to be sitting in the departure lounge at Manchester airport....AGAIN!

Yes we had made plans before saying our farewells to the Californians to meet once again two years hence in Canada and that's why we appeared once again to be at Manchester airport, heading towards Toronto and meeting up with those crazy people yet again! The year is now 2018...ten years after that first meeting on the Coast to Coast and look where we've travelled since then!

Although we were a merry band over in Canada, we were missing two of the original ladies, Wendy and Mo, but we were still a party of seven and were raring to go once more. Jane had given the accommodation reins to Tom and he made a superb job, Jane having plotted a route from Toronto, to then travel to the Algonquin region north east and towards Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, then alongside the mighty St.Lawrence river up as far as Les Escoumins to whale watch from our accommodation window! We couldn't leave the Niagara on the Lake region without a visit so that's where we spent our last few days.

It's an enormous country, and as with California, we saw but a smidgeon of the place, so as with all our other Dreamer encounters we hit the ground running (as they say!). After a night's stay in the Toronto suburbs we headed off (in a bright blue - sunglasses required - Jeep and a Chrysler) towards the Lake of Bays region to Muskoka, which was a drive of about four hours with several comfort stops and all laced with many food breaks!! It is a breathtaking area and the accommodation was superb situated on the edge of one of the several lakes. One of the highlights was a trip on a large vessel which once served the area but in steam; it had been converted to diesel some years earlier but still had the majesty and magic of a bygone age. It's sister ship the Segwun was out of service awaiting parts for her engine but we managed to have a quick tour of her engines courtesy of the skipper of the other ship after our trip on the water. With Gordon's interest and volunteering as a steam engineer on the National Trust's steam yacht Gondola this was a must for him I suppose!

So after three days we moved on to the Algonquin area around Ottawa, the country's capital, and visited the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Stables and museum; that was terrific - what beautiful and powerful horses they are with very committed and loyal horsemen and horsewomen. The weather had turned very warm for early October and a leisurely drive through the Algonquin forests treated us to some spectacular colours which eastern Canada is renowned for.

Ottawa, the capital, is at the entrance to the Rideau Canal, but my word, what huge lock gates they have in Canada! Ottawa is a very clean city, with really helpful and enthusiastic inhabitants. We were made to feel very welcome wherever we went in Canada but exceptionally so here. After a day in Ottawa we spent the late afternoon at the Museum of Air and Space which had a special place for Jane as her father had been a "rocket scientist" for NASA so she definitely wanted to delve into that one!

From here we then drove up to Quebec City where we stayed in a quirky town house and spent a couple of days exploring the city, particularly the famous hotel - Chateau Frontenac - which dominates the city sky line and attracts thousands of tourists daily to simply stand in front of it and just stare! The city is full of European architecture, cobbled streets, and fortifications. Close by the hotel is a funicular (rack and pinion elevator) which takes passengers down to the lower city level near to where the gargantuan cruise ships berth.

On leaving the city we made a detour to the Montmorency Falls, which although lacking the sheer size of Niagara's Falls have a greater drop, and fortunately we arrived at 09.30 which gave us a head start on the hundreds and hundreds of Chinese tourists which descended on the popular places soon after breakfast each day! Impressive the falls certainly are and well worth the diversion but it was a super taster for what was to come later on in the trip.

We took a long, long drive north alongside the St. Lawrence river arriving in Les Escoumins and a fabulous river side house where we watched whales of different types for three days on and off. Jane had booked a whale watching boat trip for us all and it was terrifying; ridiculously overloaded with a few French speaking Canadians, a few English speaking Canadians and us together with three full decks of Chinese speaking tourists. I'm sure they all had three cameras each but the lady on the PA system gave a commentary....unfortunately although we didn't see any whales, every time the lady said she could see whales on one side of the boat, everyone surged over to that side...crazy!! We spent three hours rocking and rolling without sight of

anything apart from a lot of water and cameras, then returned to our accommodation to look out of the window and see several minke whales and dolphins!

Returning to Quebec City to break the long trip south towards Montreal, we stayed in a mixed dormitory.....mmm different, but as there were 7 of us and 8 beds, the unfortunate student sharing our room made allowances for us!! The following day we drove to Montreal and deliberated on the delights that awaited us tomorrow.

The Notre Dame Basilica is absolutely wonderful, and wandering into the main body of the cathedral rendered me speechless, such was the beauty of the stained glass and statues within. There was to be an organ recital later that evening and we tried to buy tickets but it was a sell out, so accepted the fact we wouldn't hear the organ exacting perfection from the pipes ..... however, as we were wandering around, one of the performers started practising for the evenings' concert. What a sound and how lucky to hear it; she played for about 20 minutes and treated everyone inside to a mini concert for free! The next day we drove up to Mount Royal where there is a wonderful view point across the city and beyond; there is a huge cemetery there too where Jane was researching a relative and found the grave stone with surprising ease after enquiring at the cemetery office. We then continued up to the view point where we queued for a view!! Yes, you've guessed it, we were surrounded by the same Chinese tourists I'm sure that we'd encountered on the rolling boat!! However, when we managed to get to see the view my camera worked overtime and later that night on examining the photographs I'd taken, I realised that on zooming in on one particular shot there was a huge painting of Montreal's own Leonard Cohen on the side of a building in the centre of the city - what a tribute.

After all the hustle and bustle over the last couple of days we ended it at the Botanical Gardens and three hours was about ten hours too few to see all that was on offer; a brilliantly laid out garden museum.

On leaving the Montreal area the next day we travelled a long, long road towards Niagara on the Lake, staying in the wine region. We had a lazy morning following the drive down then had a look at the canal built to bypass the Falls called the Welland canal; enormous ships passed through and we made our way of course to the locks at one end of the canal. It certainly put Bingley Five Rise into perspective! There was a log listing the ships which had booked passage through that day, time due, their tonnage, country of origin, destination and shipping line; their approach to the lock was extremely measured and slow from the canal approximately 500 yards wide before the lock gates, reducing to approximately 100 feet. It was quite mesmerising

and we all were totally absorbed in the area, visiting the small museum, adjacent to the locks, charting the evolution of the waterways there and their people.

And so to Niagara Falls.....well, I can only say that if you ever have the chance to visit this place then snap off the hand of the person who suggest it to you! No matter how many photographs or videos you watch of this river, seeing is definitely believing; the guide books are accurate when they advise that the Canadian side is the best side from which to view the spectacle. We of course took the Maid of the Mist boat to the bottom of the waterfall, donned in recyclable plastic ponchos, getting soaked nonetheless, trying to protect the camera equipment and simply in awe of the thunderous volume of water coming down. To give you an idea of the force, the boat's engines struggled to keep us sailing towards the waterfall, but not content with this magnificent view, after landing back on dry land we walked to the "brink" where the river Niagara "falls" over the edge. I could not believe the sheer volume of water which was pouring over every second....3160 tons apparently. The drop is estimated at 176 feet, and there are 8 million visitors to the area every year.

We spent around five hours exploring most of what the Falls area had to offer, a meal in the Hard Rock Cafe, a glance over to the American side, full of skyscrapers advertising Coka Cola, Pepsi, Budweiser and Mac Donald's and then the light started to fade, giving us the added bonus of seeing the light show which occurs after dusk. They certainly know how to capitalise on a good thing here.

The following day we had a much less dramatic one, visiting several wineries, and learning about their ice wines. Grapes are picked when frozen and turned into wine, and it's quite a delicacy if a little expensive but as often happens it occurred by accident one year when the harvest was blighted by an exceptionally early frost. In desperation the grapes were harvested, processed and hey presto! Ice Wine was created. It's a much sweeter concentrated wine and therefore quite sought after. But our time was slowly ebbing away and we had to pack up our cases once last time and start thinking about where we go from here...(apart from back to the airport and home)... as we were two Dreamers down we didn't want to plan anything before deliberating destinations with everyone.

The drive back to Toronto airport was going to take around three hours, through some very up market residences on the Lake Ontario region and we found a superb lunchtime eatery ranch style, very busy, very noisy and extremely friendly with half of Canada having Sunday lunch there...well nearly. When my father was 2 years of age, in 1923, he lived in the outreaches of Ontario with his mother, and two older

brothers whilst his father was a journeyman shoemaker and had a contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police making their riding boots. The depression began to hit hard, they couldn't pay him and the family returned to Old Hill, now Halesowen in the Midlands, penniless. Hard times....

But back to present day and we were saying our fond farewells once more to our holiday making friends of ten years, not knowing when we might meet up with them next, and not knowing on which continent or hemisphere that may be.

As time went on we received an email from Jane and Tom.....and once again you know what's coming next don't you?!

Yes, that exactly how we found ourselves sitting in the ARRIVALS lounge at Manchester airport.....other airports are available!

Seeing as there's only one more chapter left I thought the reader might like a glimpse of the "Dreamers"!

As you view the photo, from the left, Krista, Mo, Wendy, Jane & Bev on the approach to Glaisdale Ridge on the North York Moors.



**Vicky Welch**



These are photos of a little pipe I found on the bank of the Lyvennet where they have put the bends back in the river. The maker initials are IL. I wonder if anyone else has found any pipes by the same maker? I'm told it probably dates back to about 1800. Caroline Harbot.





## Caption Competition



Vicky Welch

Please email any suggestions to [nickthomas@macace.net](mailto:nickthomas@macace.net) for inclusion in the next issue.

## Suggestions for last months photo:

‘Hope.... and envy, from Castlehowe Scar’  
can’t plant anything til May up here! Alex  
Barbour

I don't think you'll get away advertising that  
for a glamping holiday!  
Anne Hughes

‘When I say we live out in the sticks....’  
Nick Thomas



### Takeaway Menu

**Week Commencing Wednesday 3rd March 2021**

Please place orders by ringing us on 01931 715500

#### OPENING HOURS

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE

[www.thebutcherscrosby.co.uk](http://www.thebutcherscrosby.co.uk)

12" Pizza (gfr) - Margarita (v)	£10
- Veggie Feast (v)	£10
- Meat Feast	£10
- Four Cheese + Basil (v)	£10
- Cajun Chicken + Soured Cream	£10
- Ham + Mushroom	£10

Fish, Chips + Mushy Peas, Tartare (gfr)	£10
Stir-Fry Chicken Noodles, Thai Red Sauce	£10
Butchers Double Steak Burger, Double Cheese, Sweet Pickled Red Onion, Iceberg, House Made Mayo, Fries	£10
Sweet + Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Prawn Crackers (gfr)	£10
Spinach, Ricotta + Mushroom Tagliatelle, Parmesan	£10
Crumb, Garlic Bread (v)	£10
Sticky Chilli Pork Ribs, Fries, Slaw	£10
Lamb Tagine, Pea + Mint Cous Cous	£10
Steak + Mushroom Pie, Dripping Chips, Mushy Peas	£10
Plant Based Burger, House Mayo, Sweet Onion, Fries, Slaw (v)	£10
Chicken Caesar Salad, Croutons, Anchovy, Parmesan (gfr)	£10
Scampi Tails, Dripping Chips, Peas, Tartar	£10

(gfr) - Gluten Free On Request (v) - Vegetarian



Sides - Skinny Fries / Dripping Chips / Slaw	£2
Garlic Bread Pizza With Cheese	£5
Kids Pizza (choose from above)	£6
Chicken Nuggets, Chips + Peas	£6
Fish, Chips + Peas	£6
Cheeseburger + Fries	£6

PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR DESSERT SELECTION

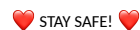
### How It Works

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED OUR SUNDAY  
OPENING HOURS. NOW OPEN 3PM - 7PM**

Ring us with your order on 01931 715500 from **3pm** and **1pm Sunday**.  
Select a collection time. We will limit to 5 minute time slots to make sure we comply  
with advice. Please turn up to collect your order at the agreed time.

Please pay for your order over the phone with a debit/credit card or pay cash when  
you collect

We thank you for your custom AGAIN and we very much look forward to resuming  
back to the normal personal service we usually offer.







### **The Mini Eden Coffee Outreach Van**

The wait is over! Barista prepared coffees, teas, plus cakes and snacks are coming to your village! Locally sourced artisan produce, lovingly prepared, at affordable prices. Our Van will also be fitted with lego play and activity panels, to help make your visit fun for the little people, too. Children's clothing and gifts from our Kirkby Stephen shop can be brought to you by request, or to browse.

**TEBAY** (by the recycling point)  
Tuesdays 9am – 11am (starting 9<sup>th</sup> March)

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH** (in Butchers Arms car park)  
Tuesdays 12noon – 2pm (starting 9<sup>th</sup> March)

**SMARDALE NATURE RESERVE** Saturdays 11am – 3pm (starting 3<sup>rd</sup> April\*)  
in partnership with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust - 10% of sales will go to the CWT

Card payment preferred, please follow the social distancing measures we have in place

\*Covid restrictions permitting – please do keep an eye on [www.loveminieden.co.uk](http://www.loveminieden.co.uk) or follow us on Instagram / Facebook @loveminieden for regular updates, news, and offers.

# Lyvennet Cookbook

**Have you tried any of the Lyvennet Cookbook recipes?  
How about sending in a photo of the results!**

## Parsnip Bhaji

Boil chunks of parsnip till very soft, then mash.  
Add chopped onion, garlic, turmeric, chilli, cumin, coriander, lemon juice.  
Mix with enough gram flour to make a stiffish paste.  
Shallow fry in non-stick pan.

**Tom Varley, Reagill** invented this sounds good to me. Kitty

### **Mollies Soup**

**Serves 4**

2 carrots - topped/tailed - peeled and chopped  
3 sticks of celery - washed and chopped - top of stalks and rough ends cut off first  
1 large onion - peeled and roughly chopped  
2 large leeks or 3 small leeks - white parts only - trimmed, washed and roughly chopped  
2 tablespoons of butter or vegetable oil

Heat butter/oil slightly in large pan on a very low heat - don't allow either option to burn Sauté all the vegetables in the butter/oil for about 10 minutes on a low heat - stirring frequently then turn the heat right down, put on the lid



and “sweat” for a further 15 minutes until all vegetables are soft. (Add more time if vegetables are not soft) Stir occasionally once the lid is on.

Non vegetarian option - towards the end of the vegetable cooking time dissolve 2 chicken stock cubes into 1 litre of boiling water - stir until all cubes are dissolved.

Vegetarian option - towards the end of the vegetable cooking time dissolve 3 vegetarian stock cubes into 1.5 litres of boiling water / stir until all the cubes are dissolved.

Add the liquid stock cube mixture of either type to the softened vegetables and stir to combine.

Simmer vegetables in the stock mixture for a further 20 mins - stirring occasionally. If heat is too high and liquid disappears then add a little more boiling water.

At the end of the cooking time puree the remaining liquid using a hand blender or other type of blender and blend until completely smooth with no lumps or celery “strings”. Add salt and pepper to personal taste.

Non vegetarian option - at the end of the blending process cool the soup and then add 1/2 litre of semi skimmed milk, stir milk in and reheat when ready to eat. To serve - add croutons and a swirl of double cream if required.

Vegetarian option - at the end of the blending process either add a little more boiling water to dilute to an acceptable consistency (only if it’s too thick) when ready to eat or allow to cool and then reheat as required this time adding cold water to required consistency before heating - add vegetarian croutons if required.

Keeps for 3 days in a fridge once cooked and cooled and freezes well for up to one month either with or without the addition of the milk. Don’t freeze with the final croutons or cream.

**Alison Bold, Reagill**

This recipe is Matt Wilson's of Reagill's new favourite made by his wife Rebecca

Preparation time

**less than 30 mins**

Cooking time

**30 mins to 1 hour**

Serves

**Serves 6**

Dietary



Nigella's jam roly-poly pudding is complete comfort food. It's baked to make cooking a little less challenging, leaving you with a slightly crisp edge rather than complete steamy stodge.



By **Nigella Lawson**  
From **A Taste of My Life**

 Add to favourites

 Shopping list

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## Ingredients

250g/8oz **self-raising flour**

pinch **salt**

50g/2oz light **brown sugar**

125g/4oz shredded **suet** (vegetarians may substitute vegetarian **suet**)

6-8 tbsp water

5 tbsp raspberry **jam**, warmed

**milk**, for brushing

1 free-range **egg**, beaten

**demerara sugar**, to glaze

**custard**, to serve

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
2. Sift the flour into a bowl with the salt and add the light brown sugar. Add the suet and just enough water to create a soft, but not sticky, dough.
3. Place the dough onto a floured work surface and roll out into a rectangle about 20cm/8in x 30cm/12in.
4. Brush one side of the pastry with the warmed raspberry jam, leaving a 1cm/½in border all around the edge. Fold the jamless border in and brush with milk.
5. With the short side of the pastry sheet towards you, roll up the pastry loosely and seal the ends well.
6. Place the pastry roll onto a greased baking sheet with the sealed edge underneath.
7. Brush the pastry roll all over with beaten egg and sprinkle with demerara sugar.
8. Place into the oven to bake for 35-40 minutes, or until golden-brown and cooked through.
9. Remove from the oven and sprinkle on a little more demerara sugar.
10. To serve, place generous slices of the roly-poly into bowls and serve hot with custard.

# Yet Another View from The Veggie Box!

Yet another view from the veggie box....this time for May

When did we last have a really good downpour of rain? No, I can't remember either....so it's really important to give everything outside a soaking as soon as you can. I was reading today that if you don't provide enough water for some veggies and other plants then their roots go further down, taking moisture from too far down and can upset the carefully balanced soil structures. Not going into too much detail, it's quite easy to upset the status quo in the soil kingdom, so I have been warned!!

How's the veggie plot looking today? What have you planted outside and what's growing merrily inside on your kitchen windowsill, reluctantly waiting for the day when you put it outside?! Have you grown lots of things from seeds or are you happy to buy, either in a shop or online, seedlings and more mature plants ready to be popped into a welcoming bed?

Have you declared war on dandelions yet? Every year I wage an attack on them and every year they have the last word, whether I use an implement - a family heirloom - to extricate them, or a general grass improver/dandelion and daisy annihilator. I remember 50 years ago collecting dandelions with my father on St.George's Day; it had to be that day and preferably when the sun was shining. We were making dandelion wine and to this day I always feel guilty when I don't pick them all with this end in mind!

By now I expect you've mowed the lawn a couple of times perhaps; with the dry spell of weather too close a cut won't do the grass any favours but grass is very resilient and comes back quickly once the rain arrives. Someone said to me a couple of days ago that yes, they'd like a drop of rain for the crops but the trouble is....once it starts, it never knows when to stop!

And we all know that living where we do that sooner or later the wet stuff will come back and with a vengeance - but I'm digressing and we have our own weather reporting guru so without further ado I'll get on with ....tomatoes I think today.

I always start them off from seed, sometimes keeping seed from the previous year's crop, but however I arrive at the seedling I inevitably grow far too many for the space I have in the greenhouse (if they are destined for there) or for



outdoors. So what I end up doing is passing them on to unsuspecting friends and relatives....or the Maulds Meaburn bus shelter of course! This year I've been really measured in my approach, sowing 20 [?][?], and fortunately only 11 have made it for whatever reason so today I potted on 8 of them into 5" pots and brought them back inside to carry on making good progress.

At the moment the nights are so cold that unless you have the luxury of a heated greenhouse then it's safer to keep them indoors if at all possible. So that's where mine are living, for now at any rate. When you are ready to kick them out of the house, then there are several options to take: grow bags (make sure you don't let them dry out), large pots or straight into soil/compost if that's what you have in the greenhouse. Don't forget they will need supporting eventually with canes or tying to the frame of your greenhouse and a proprietary feed such as Tomorite or similar is worth investing in at around £3 for a bottle. Although it's a very rewarding plant to grow, it does require a lot of attention over the summer before the delectable fruits of your labour are ready for enjoying, so good luck if you decide to grow them.

As I say each time, these musings are simply my slant on growing things, you will have a better system i am sure so why not share it with us ....

Happy growing .... [vickyveggiebox@gmail.com](mailto:vickyveggiebox@gmail.com)

### **And from the Flower Box**





This is known as a Gin & Tonic plant!  
The other is a Camelia. **Vicky Welch**

## **April 12th, 2021, Ordinary Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.**

### **Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr R McIvor & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

1 member of the public was present.

**Apologies:** Cllr A Beatham Cllr D Hewitt, (lambing) Cllr N Hughes CCC

### **Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and a member of the public to the meeting. A minute's silence was observed to Mark the deaths of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and former Parish Councillor John Hall.

### **Public Participation**

A local group was looking to refurbish/update the Parish Play Area in Crosby Ravensworth. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owner to seek permission to extend the lease. The council was asked if would act as 'accountable body' for the receipt & payment of funds to replace playground equipment. It was AGREED that the group would research their proposals further and present them to the parish council for approval at a future meeting.

A resident had expressed disappointment at the felling of mature Lime Trees on farmland to the rear of Woodyard, Crosby Ravensworth. The felling of important trees went against the objectives of the tree group. It was said that the trees had been dangerous and that damage arising from falling overhead branches had occurred to the roof of a property in Woodyard. The trees were outside the conservation area and were not known to be the subject of a tree preservation order.

### **Planning YDNP**

E/03/23B Crake Trees Manor, Crosby Ravensworth, PENRITH, CA10 3JG Full planning permission for retrospective consent for erection of steel frame building to form utilities block and store; installation of sewage package treatment plant; replacement of 2 No. glamping pods with 2 No. shepherds huts; creation of parking area and use of field for seasonal tented camping. The applicant was present to explain that the consent was sought retrospectively to regularise a development of Glamping Pods which had been part substituted for



Shepherd's Hut Type Accommodation in a previous application and together with ancillary utility/bathing, parking and toilet facilities. This had occurred because the applicant had been presented with an opportunity to buy the Glamping Pods. Councillors were unanimous in their support of the application. Noting the sympathetic treatment of the site overall.

## **Planning EDC**

21/0170, 21/0154, 21/0155, 21/0151: Site Address: WINTER TARN NEWBY CA10 3EW: All applications described as 'roof over existing silage pit'. Notice had been received today that all the applications had been approved in spite of correspondence sent to Oliver Shimmel (Assistant Director Development) and Jason Gooding (Interim Chief Executive) at Eden District Council raising the council's concerns over developments at Winter Tarn directly. It was noted that the Clerk had contacted the planning department twice to ask for an extension of the deadline to allow the council to respond. All correspondence to the council had been ignored despite the letter to Oliver Shimmel being acknowledged and the applications had all been determined early under delegated powers including previous responses where the council had informed Eden of its intention to attend committee to object. It was agreed that Eden's actions were unacceptable and made a mockery of the planning process in consulting Local Councils. The Parish Council's options were to lodge an appeal with the planning inspectorate or to raise the issue with the Local Government Ombudsman. As these were failures of quality and process it was resolved to take the matter up with the Local Government Ombudsman if the authority did not respond within a set timescale to a formal letter of complaint it was agreed that the Chairman would write.

**Planning YDNP E/03/59** The Flass, Maulds Meaburn, CA10 3HN Full planning permission for erection of an agricultural storage building. The council raises no objection.

## **Maulds Meaburn Schedule of Works**

The Chairman presented a schedule of works which he had prepared after a walk round with Cllr McIvor. <https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/MMVG-Inspection-2021-04-12.pdf>

Highways issues (marked yellow) had been raised with Cumbria County Council and would be programmed into their schedule.



Other Issues were discussed as follows:

1. Waterpipe works on MMVG towards cattle grid on Flass Access Road.
2. Watermain across river upstream of southern footbridge UU on site tomorrow.
3. YDNP Works to Bank. The Environment agency approval process was holding things up. The persistence of the YDNP was to be encouraged.
4. An archaeological survey was thought to be a useful precursor in respect of the scheduled monument aspect of the mill race which looked as if it required maintenance. It was felt that this could be picked up with Westmorland Dales. VH to discuss with YDNPA.
5. The Chairman had obtained a quotation for maintenance of the wooden parts of the shelter however it was agreed that the Chairman would seek additional quotes. Works would be funded by the PC rather than the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust MMRGT because the shelter appeared on the council's asset register.
6. It was agreed the MMRGT would fund ditch works associated with drainage adjacent to Heron View estimated to be in the region of £250.
7. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a letter from the Westmorland Dales about archaeological interpretation. The proposition was not clear. It was agreed that the best approach would be for the Interpretation officer to arrange to put posters in the village shelters encouraging residents to become involved and to contact them directly. CB to feed back.
8. Damage to the green from frequent tractor manoeuvring was assessed. The council would identify and speak to the tractor driver and ask for repairs to be carried out. Other measures would be considered if this was not successful.

**Call for Evidence Remote Meetings Consultation.** The Clerk would feed back as follows: Councillors agreed that standing powers (but no duty) to hold remote and hybrid meetings should be given to local councils, however a presumption in favour of Face to Face 'in person' meetings should be maintained. A justification for remote meetings should be required. It was noted that remote meetings could extend opportunities for participation and reduce expense.

**Unitary Council Consultation.** Councillors did not have a common view and it was resolved not to respond as a Parish Council to the consultation.

**Damage to verges at Castle Howe Scar.** It was resolved to pass this issue onto the Highways Authority.

**Air Ambulance Collections.** It was agreed that donations to the Air Ambulance should be required to be bagged and tied securely in order to be waterproof and that donors should be reminded that no bric a brac was requested/allowed. JR would feed back to the organisers.

**Post Box.** It was agreed that Paving Slabs would be laid up to the post box. The Chairman would arrange for this.

**Re Location of Bench on Meaburn Edge.** Two quotations had been received the lower price was accepted at £120.00

Date of next meeting May 6, 2021.

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