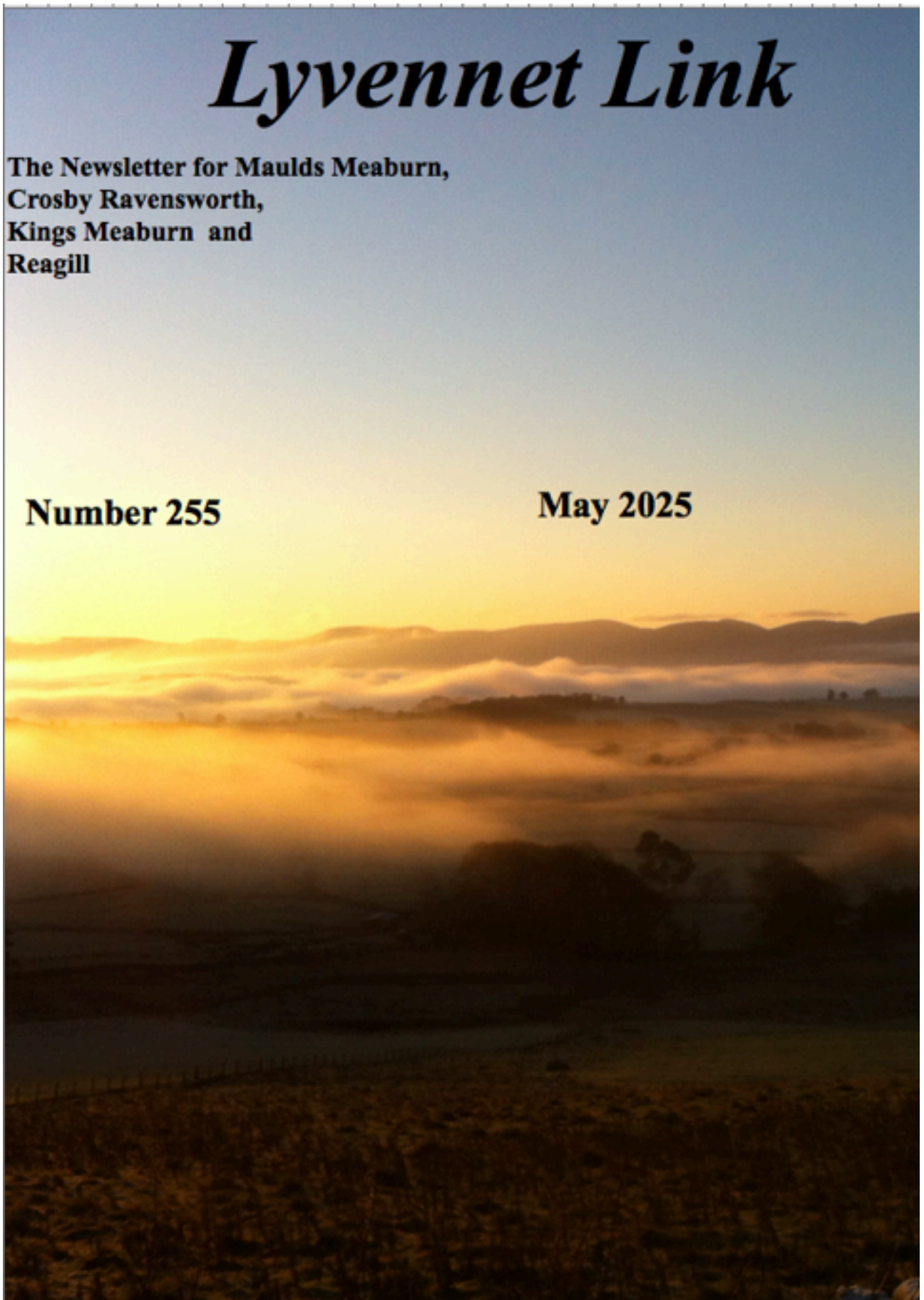


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Please do not send Microsoft publisher documents as I am unable to open them.

Welcome to the May edition of the Link

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

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/agendas/>

Services and events at your parish church of St Lawrence

Sunday 4th May 11.00am / Holy Communion with Rev Shiela Clark

Sunday 11th May 11.00am / Holy Communion with Rev Shiela Clark

Sunday 18th May 6.00pm / Evening Prayer with Rev Stephen Tudway

Sunday 25th May 11.00am / All age worship with Ruth Hutchings followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which you are welcome to vote if on the current Electoral Roll

FUTURE EVENT FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd June OPEN GARDENS, Westmorland teas and exhibition of artefacts, flowers and dresses all illustrating 'From cradle to grave'

Trees in Maulds Meaburn

Crosby Ravensworth Parish council as trustees of Maulds Meaburn recreation ground trust have recently commissioned a tree safety report, for insurance purposes.

At the moment we are seeking quotes for the work to be carried out over the timeline suggested.

We require planning permission before we carry out the work.

Sadly trees don't heal themselves and the decay is only going to get worse.

Due to the condition of three mature trees and their prominent position near the highway we have been advised to remove them.

The legal duty of a landowner to prevent features on or associated with their land causing harm is enshrined on the Occupiers Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 case law.

We know how passionate people are about trees, however the Parish council from the Health and Safety aspect is obliged to follow the expert's advice.

The full tree report is on the PC website.

The PC have received complaints about a number of tree related issues, tree houses and rope swings have appeared recently, please could we ask parents to discourage their children from this kind of leisure activity. The PC will be liable if an accident takes place.

Sadly there is on record the death of a young boy who fell from a tree in Maulds Meaburn.

Joan Raine

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.

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 currently host a youth group after school on a Wednesday.

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 Philippa on philippa.cordingley@curee.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

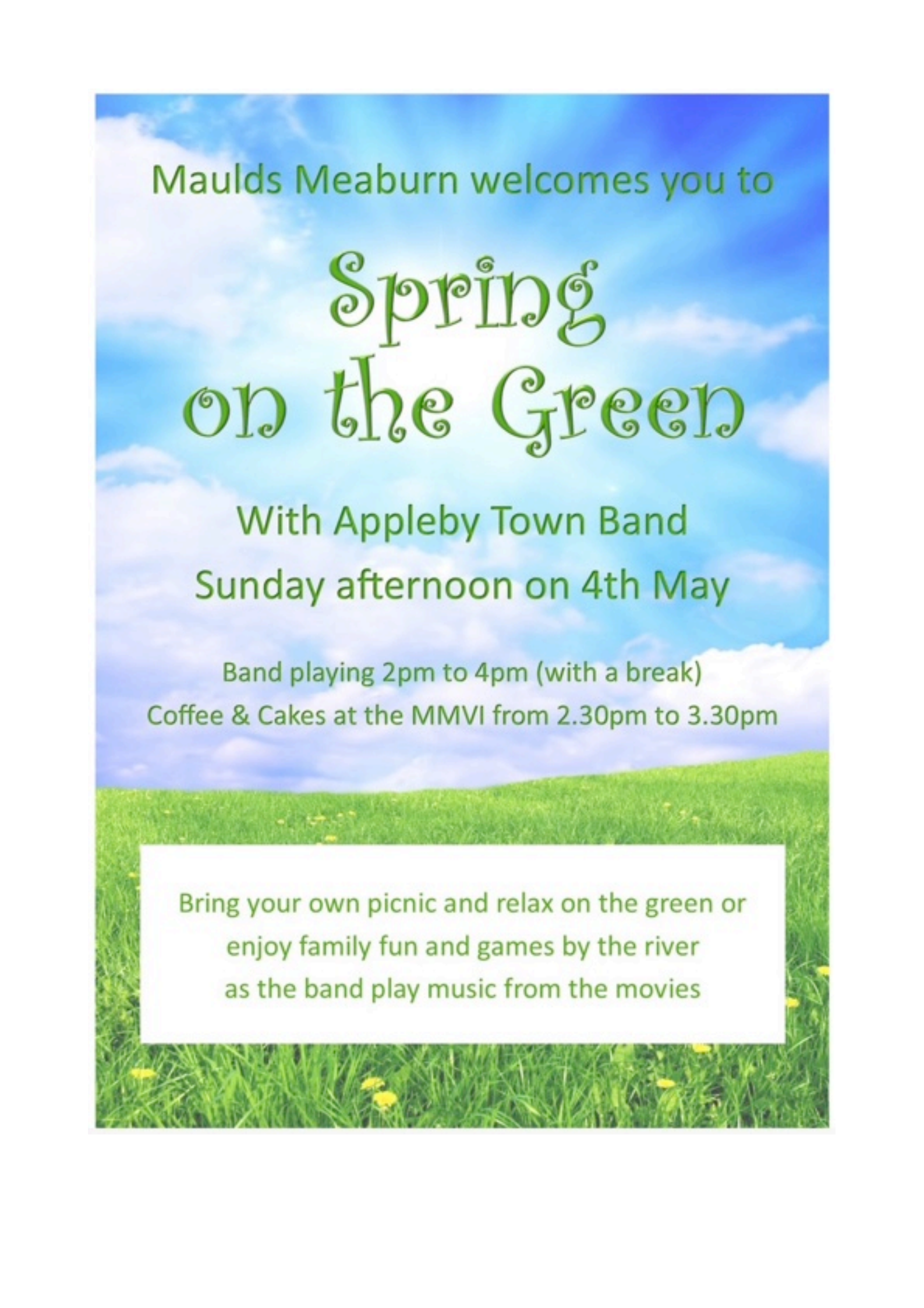
All welcome to
Maulds Meaburn Coffee Morning
Please join us in the Village Hall for coffee
or tea and a chat on the first **Wednesday**
of the month
The next ones are
May 7th
and June 4th



Donations welcome!
10.30 'till 12 noon

New... POP UP CRAFT STALLS

Please contact Karen on hollyhowe15@me.com if you would like a table to sell produce.




Maulds Meaburn welcomes you to

Spring on the Green

With Appleby Town Band
Sunday afternoon on 4th May

Band playing 2pm to 4pm (with a break)
Coffee & Cakes at the MMVI from 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Bring your own picnic and relax on the green or
enjoy family fun and games by the river
as the band play music from the movies



CHARITY

SHED SHOWDOWN

AT
MIDTOWN FARM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH CA10 3JP

SOLD OUT

SATURDAY 24TH MAY

Raising money for RABI (Mental Health in Agriculture)
& Royal Lancaster Infirmary Neonatal Unit

NEW

SUNDAY 25TH MAY

BANK HOLIDAY

SUNDAY 25TH FROM 2PM LIVE MUSIC,
ABBOTT LODGE ICE CREAM AND YONDER PIZZA VAN FROM 4PM
CASH ONLY. BAR, RAFFLE (DRAWN SATURDAY) & KIDS TUCK SHOP
BOTH DAYS (NO DOGS)

SUNDAY TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
£10 ADULTS I TEENAGER £7 I PRIMARY AND BELOW FREE
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM KITTY E: kitty.s65@btinternet.com
OR MICHELLE E: michellefisher097@gmail.com



**Friday 9th May
at
ORTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Great prizes, raffle and refreshments
Fun for all ages**

**Starts at 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm)**

In aid of

**Appleby Town
Band**



RED SQUIRREL CELEBRATION



**PENRITH
& DISTRICT
RED SQUIRREL
GROUP**

SHAP WELLS HOTEL
CUMBRIA



Shap Wells Hotel

Saturday 10th May 10—4pm

Sunday 11th May 10—3pm

FREE event *Donations Welcome!*



- Terry Abraham and clips from 'Cumbrian Red'.
- Alan Benson's wildlife photography talks.
- Observe red squirrels playing in the woodland.
- Various stalls.
- Refreshments available to purchase on both days.



For general enquiries please visit our website, send us an email or call us:

Website: www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk

Email: info@penrithredsquirrels.org.uk

Tel: 07845 644035



Admission to Crosby Preschool September 2025 (Autumn Term)



If your child was born between 1st April 2022 and 31st August 2022, they will be eligible to receive 15 hours free universal nursery education from September 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 from this link [Form SA1](#). 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 Abi in the school office:

Crosby Preschool:

Phone: 01931 715265 or email:
admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk

Small Steps towards a Big Future

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





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
- 19th 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 J.W. 1010
Courage Compassion Community

Crosby Ravensworth Primary School



SUMMER FAIR

SAT 5th JULY : 11 – 3PM

ALL WELCOME : FREE ENTRY



B.B.Q ● Cake Sale ● Raffle
BOUNCY CASTLE ● TOMBOLA
Inflatable Slide ● Side Stalls
Games and more...

The Best Day of the Year

We all know that the weather can have all sorts of peculiarities, curiosities and vagaries, and especially so here in Cumbria, but in spite of these could there still be a case for highlighting one day of the year as 'the best'.

Surely the laws of probability would exclude such thoughts, but what if there was one date which, year after year, it never rained on and, on which it was most likely that the sun would shine; surely not.

It is curiosities such as:

- *why are the 29th and 30th August the only August days in my records that haven't recorded a maximum temperature of 20°C yet?*
- *Why is the 24th April the only April day in my records that hasn't yet recorded an air frost?*

Maybe it was in this vein that the well known meteorologist, Alexander Buchan (1829 – 1907) proposed the theory of '**Buchan Spells**' which are either cold or warm spells that Buchan claimed happened at roughly the same times each year.

Through statistical analysis Buchan claimed to have discerned patterns in the Scottish weather that repeated about the same time of the year.

He theorized that these were predictable interruptions (either warmer or colder) in the smooth annual transition of temperatures between the seasons – but I'm not aware of anyone having done anything similar with rain or dry periods.

Here at Maulds Meaburn, on average, annual rainfall is 1250 mm and is recorded on 215 days per year of which 161 are '*wet days*' (days that record at least 1 mm of rain), so of course that leaves 150 days each year when no rain is recorded, therefore giving 150 '*driest days of the year*'.

That obviously doesn't work.

We can have the driest individual month and the driest year, but not the '*driest day of the year*'.

However, what if one of those 150 days in 2025 had also been one of the 150 days in every other year as well, back to June 2007 when my record commenced?

Seems implausible? Actually, no, it isn't, but there is a slight caveat.

In my record keeping I also keep records of the lowest/highest minimums and maximums for every day of the year along with the greatest amount of rainfall and it is from these that I can see such patterns, two of which were mentioned above.

But as for rainfall, even though I am recording the greatest fall for each individual day, any low totals do stand out.

In my records there are many days that have failed to record rain of 10 mm, but of which 13 have never recorded more than 5 mm.

In the SE of the UK this may seem far from unusual, but let's not forget this is Cumbria and 1250 mm per year is certainly not a low total.

To start, I should make a mention of two days late in the year when rainfall is fairly scarce, even though they are deep into autumn and the start of winter.

In 18 years the combined rainfall total for the 5th November is just 15 mm and the 11th December is more likely to be dry than to record any rain.

However, with 18yrs of records, the days that stand out are: 19th and 20th of April and the 3rd June.

As April is on average the driest month of the year maybe those first two dates should not come as too much of a surprise.

I then realised that for '*best/driest day of the year*' I probably needed to set a criteria – and there are no rules for this aspect, so I made my own.

Obviously they are completely arbitrary and you may disagree with them, but they are:

1. One run of ten consecutive years without recording a 'wet day' (a day with 1mm or more of rain).
2. And/or at least one run of five years with no recordable rain.
3. That the day averages no more than 0.4 mm per year.
4. Averages at least 75% of days with no recordable rain.

I think that those rules are quite stiff, but some may question No. 3, maybe the 0.4 mm as too high.

But over 18 years that is only 7.2 mm and just one slightly damp day will virtually ensure elimination.

Those rules certainly eliminated a few days that really deserve mention.

With a total of 7.6 mm the 19th March misses out due to rules 3 and 4.

The 19th of May (7.3 mm) only misses out due to rule No. 4 with a percentage of 64.7% and

The 24th May misses out due to rule 3 (it has only recorded rain on four days [76.5%] but that totals 11.4 mm.)

So what of those three best days?

The **19th of April** totals 5.2 mm, has only recorded rain on four days (1.4 mm, 2.4 mm, 0.2 mm and 1.2 mm) with 77.7% days being dry. It has had an eleven year run with just 0.2 mm been recorded in that time.

The **3rd June** – totals 4.0 mm (0.3, 0.2, 1.8 and 1.4 – it has had ‘non recordable’ rain of 0.1 mm on three days) with 77.7% days being dry. It had an eleven year run with no ‘wet day’, recording 0.6 mm in that time.

This brings us to the best day of them all, the **20th April** – and its caveats!

In 18 years it has a rainfall total of just 1.1 mm, recorded on just three days (83.3%) Rain of 0.5 mm (2012), 0.4 mm (2013) and 0.2 mm in 2025 is all that has been recorded.

Not a single wet day and the eleven years of 2014 to 2024 had no rain at all.

BUT, what if I said that here at Maulds Meaburn it has **NEVER** rained on the 20th April since my records began in 2008! This is the caveat.

As we all know, the ‘rainfall day’ runs from 09-0900 GMT, so when the rain is measured at 0900 GMT each day, it is ‘thrown back’ to the previous day. Therefore, any rainfall that has fallen between Mn and 09h is credited back to the previous day.

And when I checked ... those three days of rain on the 20th, all fell on the 21st!

And then I checked the records further, just in case any rain had fallen on the 20th between Mn and 09h and ... no rain recorded there either.

In 18yrs no rain has fallen on the 20th.

Then I checked my journals for what weather I had recorded on the 20th and one thing shone big and bright ... SUN

Of the 18 yrs, sun is recorded all day in 13 of them.

Three have been sunny for one part of the day (a.m. or p.m.) with the other part cloudy and

One was overcast with a cool wind and the other was just cloudy all day.

No doubt this little article has put the mockers on the 20th April here on in, but what a record, what a day and when added to the 19th April, you have got two very fine days.

But in the spirit of Buchan, the period 19th to 23rd April is a dry one and even longer is the 24th to 31st May which is consistent in its dryness and low daily rainfall totals.

Darren Rogers

NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

Well, the children all enjoyed their Easter break.

The new term began with an afternoon Easter Service in Church attended by both the children and members of our community.

Our Wrens and Robins (reception, Y1 and Y2 children) had a fantastic busy day out in the Lakes in support of their topic of transport. They enjoyed a ride on a steam train on the Haverthwaite Railway. Then at the Lakeland Motor museum there was just so much to see....over 30,000 exhibits tracing the development of road transport across the twentieth century including cycles, motorbikes, motor cars and automobilia. The children saw lots of cars, from the vintage and veteran to the weird and wonderful. There were lots of fingers being pointed and lots of questions. The children also looked around the 1930s garage and shops of that time. After a stop for lunch they then crossed Lake Windermere on the steamer. There was also time of course to try out any play areas spotted! There are lots of photos on our facebook page so please take a look.

The children in Herons Class enjoyed a very successful rugby tournament at Long Marton last week. They played brilliantly in their group matches, securing some wins, draws, and a loss, which resulted in a commendable third place out of five teams.

Then there was our sponsored walk last Friday which was a resounding success, with every child in the school, from the youngest at 3 to our oldest at 11, enthusiastically taking part! With the usual choice of a mile, 6 miles, or a challenging 12 miles, the day was filled with great behaviour, positive attitudes, and lots of fun in the lovely weather. Sponsor money is still coming in, and we're delighted that this year's proceeds, thanks to a children's vote, will be split between the Friends and the Penrith and District Red Squirrel Society.

Looking ahead to this month, the Herons class will be joining the Upper Eden Day Care Centre at Soulby on 8th May, to celebrate the

80th anniversary of VE Day, for a day of intergenerational workshop activities. Years 5 and 6 are joining in a lacrosse event at Morland School. Then for the year 6s, the 12th May sees the start of SATS weeks but all the children have been doing lots of practice and are looking forward to being treated like VIPs, as they are allowed to take over the staff room for that week.

We also need to tell you about our next 'Pop in and Play' session which is on Monday 19th May. 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 along to this one, don't worry, there will be another session on 7th July.

Until next month.....



Butchers Arms

STARTERS

Butchers chicken liver pate, onion jam, hot toast, butter (gfr)	8
Pan fried king prawns, garlic, nduja sausage, tomato, parsley, crusty ciabatta (gfr)	9.5
Roast candy beetroot, rocket, fried halloumi, red pepper reduction, walnuts, crispy caper (gf)(v)	8
Venison + our black pudding scotch egg, bramley apple ketchup	8.5
Lancashire cheese doughnuts, cauliflower puree, parmesan crumb, pickled cauliflower (v)	8

MAINS

Crispy herb crusted pork fillet, black pudding mash, creamed cabbage, roast red onion, apple + sage reduction, crispy skin	19
Chicken, ham hock + leek pie, dripping chips, greens, gravy	18
10oz Rib-eye steak, green peppercorn sauce, dripping chips, pan fried mushrooms + tomatoes, pickled onion rings (gfr)	28
Butchers fish pie, breaded king prawn, greens, Cheddar mash	19
Vegan m'at + potato pie, chips, roasted roots (v) (ve)	18
Pan fried duck breast, buttered greens, hoi sin confit leg croquette, creamy mash, soy reduction, pak choi, hot honey, crispy seaweed	20
Mushroom + grilled halloumi burger, iceberg, pickled pink onion, roasted garlic mayo, fries (v)	16
Duxelle stuffed chicken wellington, wild mushroom + dijon cream, Serrano ham, parmesan roasted new potatoes, honey roast carrot, tenderstem	20
Battered haddock, dripping chips, mushy peas, lemon, tartare (gfr)	17 ½ 13
Pan fried lambs liver, creamy mash, smoked bacon, silverskin onion, mushroom, caramelised onion, gravy, buttered greens	17
Double smash burger, American cheese, pickled pink onion, iceberg, bacon jam, dirty mayo, fries (gfr)	17
Slow roasted belly pork, colcannon mash, balsamic glazed peaches, red onion, tenderstem, crackling, bacon cider reduction (gfr)	19
8 hour braised beef brisket, parsnip + horseradish puree, hassleback potatoes, roasted roots, red wine reduction, salted vegetable crisps	20
12oz horseshoe gammon steak, fried hens egg, roast pineapple, dripping chips, garden peas (gf)	17

Sides beef dripping chips 4.5 / pickled onion rings 4 / skinny fries 4.5 / sweet potato fries 4.5

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

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.

The Perfect Pearl

by William Wood

Writing had been Harry's life. He had achieved a kind of success early: plays at The Royal Court, a film adaptation and a small collection of verse that had been critically acclaimed and little read. He had gone out of fashion in his thirties, was neglected in his own country but sustained financially by the interest in his work on the Continent. He continued to earn just enough to keep writing, but recent years had been barren.

He became more and more dissatisfied with all that he had written to date. His earlier work was no more part of him than the skin he had shed seven and fourteen and twenty- one years ago. He became obsessed with the idea of the perfect work and despairing that he did not even know how to start it. It could be a long epic novel like *War and Peace* or a short drama like *Waiting for Godot*; even a pared down poem, a sonnet or shorter. Yet the work could be like none of these. It was to be original, different again.

Then one day he woke up with the germ of a story. Received wisdom was that there were only seven basic plots, that all the stories had been told. But Harry's story promised to be as different as a new colour in the spectrum. It was a new spectrum and he was blinded by it.

He could not start straight away. The idea was fragile, elusive, embryonic. He made marks on his writing pad, he jotted down notes, but he knew he had to be patient, let the story develop at its own pace, let the dénouement unknot itself, unravel and grow. The ugly larva would become the beautiful dragonfly. All these metaphors are too stale to describe the story that Harry strove to capture.

As he lay in wait his life took on a new happiness. His friends noticed a bounce in his step; a smile often played about his lips and lit his eyes.

"Working on a project, are you, Harry?"

"You could say that, yes," was all he would reveal.

Most of the time a writer lives a lonely life and the moment came when Harry withdrew to what he called his shed in the garden to work in solitude on his story. The shed was in fact a small country cottage, a hideaway that he had bought many years ago from film royalties. It was always good to re-acquaint himself with the woods and walks around his retreat, to re-tame the wildlife garden and to refresh his spirits. This time was no different except that the birds seemed to sing more sweetly, the hornbeam glittered greener in the morning sunlight and the air seemed scented especially for him.

For some weeks he did not write but roamed the fields and the footpaths, always with a pencil and notebook, stopping to scribble an observation or to cross something out that he had noted earlier.

When the auspicious day came he sat down to write without knowing how his story would end. It was not very long but the words were exquisite, the black, inky mass of them intoxicating. He was radiant. The few who came to visit found him blissfully content. Rather than resenting their intrusion he found them more loveable as his story took shape. His scrawl metamorphosed and flew from the page.

When he had wrestled long enough with the handwritten draft he typed it on to the computer and let it brew for a few weeks while he caught up on other business. When he went back to the text he was almost surprised to find it still there and that it did not disappoint him. It was as good as it had first felt: it had even matured. All he needed to do was to touch it up here and there, make a few changes and then apply some ruthless editing, cutting the whole down to size. It was like setting a diamond.

In the past when Harry had done or written something he was proud of, the hermit would emerge to tell his friends. He had always had a strong urge to communicate, to share his work with the wider world. He had loved attending the first readings of his plays.

This story, this masterpiece, was different. Quite different. The process had not been the same and the outcome was unusual. No one, after all, had written anything like it before.

He could have sent his manuscript to his agent or to critics, editors and publishers in vindication of his barren years. He could have regained his celebrity with it, but not one of those actions entered his mind.

He clicked the work up on the computer screen and gave the story a final edit. He was over-awed and exhilarated by his creation, by his secret. He had sought and found, he had pinned down and written the perfect story.

He felt privileged, responsible for this pearl, and yet in some way he felt it was revealed only to him, entrusted to him alone. He felt unworthy, afraid, to be its guardian.

It did not take him long to make up his mind. To keep the secret safe there was only one thing to do. He selected the whole text and pressed delete.

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!