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

Parish Council Minutes.

Minutes of Parish Council meetings are available at:

www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk

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 4th November at 7pm at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/20240411-04-November-Agenda.pdf>

A Time of Gifts: Services and Events at your Parish Church

All are welcome. For more, please visit www.northwestmorland.church

Sunday November 3rd 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

Sunday November 10th 10.45am **A Time of Gifts.....of**

Remembering; Remembrance Service (preceded by Last Post and Wreath laying) led by Bishop James Bell

Sunday November 17th 4pm **A Time of Gifts.....of Music** [Please see later poster] A recital and organ concert given by Samantha Green and Jim Walker

Sunday November 24th 11.00am Morning Worship, Lay led

Advent begins on December 1st: **A Time of Gifts.....of Hope and Joy** - please see next edition for Christmas events.

Bonfire night

Please note that as there is no bonfire planned in Maulds Meaburn this year the village hall are not doing their usual bonfire night supper. We will however do a very simple supper of jacket potatoes and cheese and hot dogs followed by apple crumble if you would like to join us from 6pm. Nobody has yet come forward with any activities but if you would like to do something we would be grateful. Otherwise we can get to pool table and table tennis out. You're welcome to bring sparklers.

If you would like to reserve supper then please let Karen know on hollyhowe15@me.com otherwise food will be available until it runs out!

The next coffee morning will be on November 6th hosted by Karen and Jo. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Lyvennet Community Trust

- 3 bedroomed property to let in Crosby Ravensworth
- Rent charged over 52 weeks
- Application deadline – 5/11/2024

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.

WIN A WELL FED CHRISTMAS CAKE -£1 [A GO](#)



It's coming up to that time of the year! This year's Christmas cake has been baked and continues to be fed a tablespoon of brandy every week ready for going to its new home, after the School's Christmas play on 18th December, (which is when the raffle will be drawn). Many of you have supported this fundraiser over the years and so will be familiar with how to enter, but for those of you who are not, boxes, marked 'Win a Christmas cake' and some brown envelopes will be placed in the shelters at Crosby Ravensworth/Maulds Meaburn from mid November. All you need to do is write your name and phone number on a brown envelope, place £1 inside, seal the envelope and then pop it in to the box. If you want to have more than one go then just write out that number of envelopes. The envelopes need to be in the boxes by 5pm on Monday 16th December.

The monies raised will go to the Friends of Crosby Ravensworth School and help provide our children with those extra curricular activities which they so enjoy and which enhance their learning experience whilst at school.

Even if you are not a fan of Christmas cake, why not buy one for a friend or neighbour as a kind gesture. GOOD LUCK everyone.

The GIFT of MUSIC

**Songs, Arias and Organ Music
for all to enjoy!**

Soprano - Samantha Green

Organ and Keyboard - Jim Walker

**St Lawrence's Church,
Crosby Ravensworth**



Sunday 17th November at 4pm

**Free Entry with retiring collection
to raise money for the Church and Youth Work.
Refreshments will be served.**

CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Needle Felted Herdwick Sheep

with Teesdale Felt

Create your own delightful needle felted Herdwick sheep with artist Claire Priestley. This workshop is suitable for beginners, as well as those wishing to refine their felting skills. All materials and equipment are included.



Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

CA10 3HY

Sun 03 Nov 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Tickets £35 | 07584 251352

book online www.highlightsnorth.co.uk



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Party Time at The Butchers **Arms**

Lyvennet Health and Wellbeing Lunch club is
celebrating

It's 13th Birthday on Thursday 7th of November.

If you're over 50

Please come and join us at the Butchers Arms

Crosby Ravensworth

for a freshly cooked two course meal for £11-50

The price dictates smaller portions.

**Lunch at 12 noon followed by a fantastic
entertainer.**

We guarantee you'll go home with a smile on
your face.

Places are Limited so booking is essential call Jon on 01931 715500

**The Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council, as the Trustees of
Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust,
would like to invite you to attend the
Annual General Meeting for the Trust**

It will take place on Monday 11th of November at 7pm
in Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.

Following the business meeting there will be two speakers

Amanda McCleary

Friends of the Lake District, Policy officer, for common land for
town and village Greens.

Linda Robinson

Northwest Recorder for the Botanical Society of Britain and
Northern Ireland

Linda will be following up on her earlier talk in May on plants and
bio diversity on Maulds Meaburn village green.

Naomi Callaghan

On behalf of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.



Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group



THE FIRST BEER AND BACON EVENT OF THE NEW SEASON

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group are holding a
TREE MAINTENANCE open day

Where: Various locations in the parish

Meet at Brookside Cottage for directions. Cars can
be parked at the Butcher's Arms

When: Saturday 23rd November

Time: 10-00am for 3 hours

Objective: To remove cages, tubes and spirals from
some of our early plantings.

Equipment: Bring stout gloves 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!



Lyvennet Tea Club

Will be having its next '**Tea Tasting**' on:

Tuesday 26th November 2024

at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute (MMVI)

Starting at 7.30 p.m.

With Darren Rogers who is a **UK Tea Academy** 'Tea Champion'.

The evening is very informal, sure to be interesting and hopefully informative.

It will also be gently challenging – from all the 'tastings' that the group have done in the past there has always been a challenge or is that an opportunity to discover more?

And without giving too much away, the challenge this time will be on blends.

Additionally there will be a Green Sencha to try from South Korea and also time to taste some of this year's first flush Darjeeling's to discover the difference between muscatel and vegetal.

And no doubt the evening will end with a sample of everyone's favourite ...!

Don't forget, every pot of tea is 'an occasion' and one to be enjoyed - tea is all about taste, flavour, aroma, variety, your mood, the time of day and the food with which it will be paired and above all else, quality.

And of course, the evening is free to all – but if you are attending, so that I have an idea on numbers, could you let me know in advance please.

Many thanks and see you on the evening.

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Highlights Rural Touring presents ...

**Magic Cabaret
(The Great Baldini)**

Sunday 1st December, 7.30pm

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

The Great Baldini is a magical legend, a relic of the music halls and a theatrical performer of the old school. Known throughout the world as 'The Emperor of Illusion', 'The Prince of Prestidigitation', and 'The Maharajah of Mystery', he is a hugely entertaining stage magician. He has astounded audiences from the Edinburgh Fringe to Radio 4 listeners (where he performed on-air magic for "Front Row" and "Pick of the Week"). The show explores Baldini's life through a series of magical illusions, including attempting Houdini's greatest escape.

This performance is a joyously silly romp through magic, suitable for children aged 7+, parents and grandchildren.

Adult £12 | Child £8

To book visit <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/magic-cabaret/> or ring 07584 251352 or email lynn-barnes@outlook.com



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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Christmas Coffee Evening

Friday 29th November

6.30pm

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

An evening of festive warmth to get you into the Christmas spirit with joyous music from the Sun Singers, mulled wine, festive nibbles, cake stall, gifts, etc.

£5 adults | £2 children (to include refreshments)

Proceeds to Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall (New Roof Fund)

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

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute



Wednesday 20 November 7.00 pm, wine group. Please contact philippa.cordingley@curee.co.uk if you'd like to join us.

Friday 13 December Gather Inn, with Carols, hot mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine.


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
November 6th
December 4th



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.



MAULDS MEABURN
VILLAGE INSTITUTE
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR

CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

10.30AM TO 3.30PM

QUALITY, LOCAL CRAFTS AND GOODS

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Treat yourself or find the perfect gift!

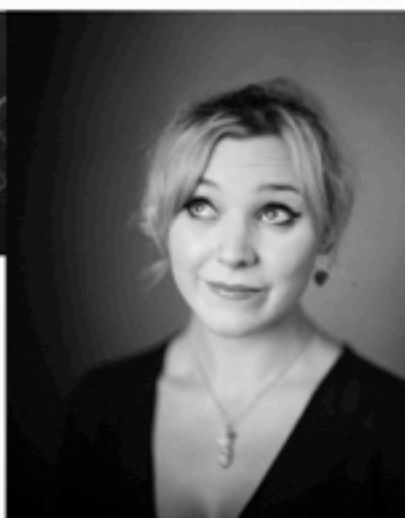
Holly Carter

Don't Mourn—Organise!

A talk about the life and music of Joe Hill



A live tribute to one of America's most prolific and influential musical troubadours.



In this deeply touching and comprehensively researched show, Holly discusses everything from Joe Hill's upbringing in Sweden to his posthumous impact on music and activism in the 20th and 21st Centuries, as well as performing a number of significant songs from his expansive catalogue.

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

Saturday 16th November, 7.00pm

MMVI.org

**Bar open from
6.30pm**

Holly Carter is a Bristol based songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, specialising in fingerstyle guitar and pedal steel. Two time winner of Instrumentalist of the Year at the AMAUK awards, Holly is an in-demand session player and has performed with some of the most well respected names on the Folk, Americana and Blues circuits, including Allison Russell, Amythyst Kiah and Martin Harley.



TICKETS ~ £8.00

Book via Karen Asquith:
hollyhowe15@me.com

<https://hollycartermusic.com>

Follow the link to see Holly perform *Casey Jones*.



Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Regular Activities

Please see our website at MMVI.org to check.

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Mondays...

9.30-11.30am Badminton in the main hall. Newcomers of all abilities including beginners, are always welcome. Coffee and a chat afterwards.

2-4pm (apart from public bank holidays) the Post Office provides an outreach service, saving you a trip to Appleby/Penrith.

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.

Wine Group Report



Five wines and a desert wine to try in September.

Opinions varied, one was possibly one of the best white wines, and one possibly of the best reds, subsequently ordered from Majestic, by many of the people present. Guess which?

Next meeting 20th November at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute 7.00pm

With the theme of venison and autumn.

More details from Philippa, philippa.cordingley@curee.co.uk

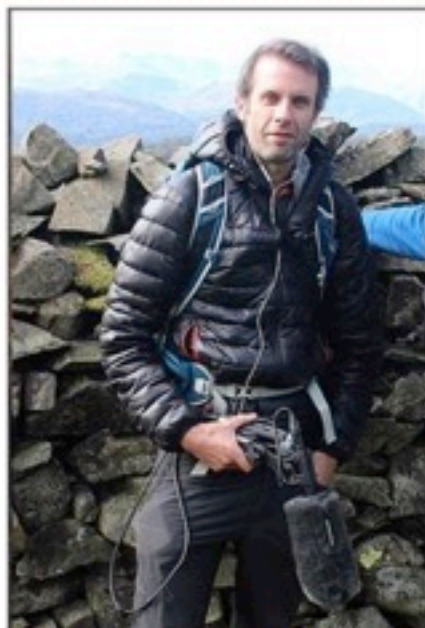
DAVE FELTON

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



A Look in the Past

Following on from our previous delve into the book '*Some Westmorland Villages*', compiled in 1957 by members of the Women's Institute throughout the county, this month we move onto '*What's in a name?*'.

Names, whether of houses, fields, woods, parks, pathways or people often hold a wealth of history in them, here are some of our old farms:

Barnskew, which had its bannock oven, its brewery and its mill, the last named being used as an act of defiance against the Lord of the Manor in the sixteenth century when he forbade his tenants the use of the mill in Meaburn.

It is possible that 'Skew' is a corruption of 'scawen', an elder tree.

Gilts, a seventeenth-century house, referred to in earlier days as 'Gilse' and supposed to derive from 'Ghyll'.

Close to it, running down a steep wooded bank, is a stream which goes under a bridge made from a natural cleft in a mass of rock. Legend has it that the Devil himself, when he inadvertently dropped a load of stones, popped down(*) in utility mood to make a bridge out of them.

Craik Trees, of which practically nothing remains, was originally one of a type known as 'Tower Houses', and was once the home of the Lancaster family and then the Pickerings.

The name derives from the cry of the rooks.

A modern bungalow inherits the name and farm buildings the stones.

Low Row was rebuilt in 1860 on the site of a much earlier farm-house, the remains of which are now farm buildings. It was rebuilt one "Johnny Hall" who gave his name to a group of trees on Meaburn Moor, a landmark from the main road and who fell into the river Lyvennet when walking backwards to admire the new version of Low Row!

Tenter Row, a farm at the "entry" to Crosby village close to the Manor House (Crosby Hall). And for sheer beauty of sound we have Flass (or the "House by the Water").

Harberwain, Wickerslack, Trainlands, Wintertarn (where the tarn springs up in the winter months), Ploveriggs, Haber, Dryevers, Grayber, Holesfoot, Crabstacks and Brackenslack.

Then we have the names of fields, some unexplained like 'Liquorice Hill' between Crosby and Meaburn.

Hopper Hill, nearly in Crosby, others with a reason for their names, such as

'The Butt's.

There are two fields so named and tradition has it that they were the fields where the young men of the village practised archery and kept fit by wrestling and running in readiness for border raids!

The 'Mounds' for temporary targets to be placed were about 100 yards apart.

One of these fields is on the Flass estate, the other near Low Row,

Ox Close, ***Horse Close*** and ***Ewe Close*** speak for themselves, but the ***Hen*** and ***Chickens*** needs a little explanation.

This field was so-called because there was one large tree there surrounded by several small ones. Now the large tree has disappeared and the "Chickens" have grown into "Hens" themselves!

Black Dub is a very well known place of interest. It is at the head of Crosby Gill, the source of the Lyvennet and is the spot where an obelisk stands to commemorate, what seems to be authentic, the hasty march north of Charles II in August 1651 with Cromwell in hot pursuit.

The King and his men rested there and drank of the water.

The road from London to Scotland passed that way and was used by travellers and drovers, but it fell into disuse when the road was made over Shap.

Another large stone obelisk, standing in a field by the farm ***Hill Top***, in Meaburn, is a memorial to the father of the celebrated essayist Joseph Addison, Lancelot Addison born in Meaburn in 1632.

The family has left its name in Addison's charity to which two cottages in Silver Street, Crosby, belong.

Not so attractively named as some roads, but interesting in its implications, is ***Corpse Road***, a track almost lost sight of now, but evidently at one time it led from Brackenslack by fields to Meaburn and then to Crosby church.

It was the custom for a funeral coming this way to stop in Meaburn, by the cross there(+) whilst the mourners, with heads uncovered, sang a hymn before finishing the journey to the church and cemetery.

And there the chapter ends - next month, which will be the final instalment, will be finishing the chapter on Reagill.

*wouldn't the Devil pop up, not down?

+Any ideas?

Darren Rogers



NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

We begin with a 'Thank you' to all the children, their parents and the wider community for their contributions to the Harvest celebrations. Vegetables, fruits, eggs, cakes and much more were boxed up and then sold via a silent auction at the well attended, Harvest coffee morning, last month raising an amazing £430. This sum will be donated to the Upper Eden Food Bank which supplies food parcels to individuals and families in the local area who find themselves in need of a little help.

Another highlight from last month was a visit from Kema Kay, who brought his 'Rap' workshops to Classes 1 and 2, a visit arranged through the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme. Kema 'busted some rhymes' with the Crosby crew. There are some great videos on our facebook page so remember to check them out!

The children in class 1 have been learning about road safety through 'drama' thanks to Sarah from 'Pyjama Drama'. This month they, along with the pre-school children, are looking forward to bringing in, a favourite toy, for a 'show and tell' session.

· Class 2 continue to learn about the Vikings and enjoyed a visit from a lady from the Penrith and Eden Museum who told them all about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings with particular reference to Cumbria. This month, the children are participating in an outdoors Viking / Anglo Saxon Survival Workshop . That sounds great doesn't it? The workshop includes an introduction to Saxon Britton and Viking Raids Show; tell and try (clothing, armour, weapons); a weapons display; Sheila wall practice; tell and try archery and hunting; fire lighting demonstrations; and a make, cook and taste session (Open Fire Viking Bannock).

Class 2 is also going to spend an afternoon with local sheepdog expert Katie Cropper in Shap, to learn how working dogs are used in farming.

· With **Remembrance Day** approaching, pupils will assemble at the memorial outside church for an act of remembrance at 11am.

On the sports front, years 4 to 6 will be participating in a cross country running event hosted by Hunter Hall.

Our next 'Pop in and Play' is on Monday 9th December. 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 to this one, don't worry there is another session on 9th December.

Before we close this month's update we are still looking for a **clerk for our governing body**. We are certain that there is someone in, or just outside of our village who would be perfect for the role. If you are organised, detail-oriented and passionate about supporting education then this role offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the governance of our school, working closely with dedicated governors and staff. Full induction and training will be given. For further details, visit the vacancies page of our school website. <https://www.crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk/vacancies/> .

We also have some dates for your calendars:-

6th Dec-our Xmas Fayre from 5-7pm

- 17th Dec -Come and join us for a special, festive community lunch in school with the children. It's a delicious three course traditional Christmas dinner and costs £7. This is a ticket only event and so please get yours by contacting the school office.

- 18th Dec-our school's nativity play will be performed by the children (**and the winner of the 'well fed' Christmas cake will be announced**).

Until next month.....

COUP DE FOUDRE

by William Wood

A door opened in the sixth floor corridor and a smartly dressed young woman walked over to where the sole occupant of the comfortable corporate waiting room sat on a black leather sofa.

“Mr. Meade?”

“Yes,” said Jonathon. He folded his newspaper in two brisk movements and got to his feet.

“Miss Leander will see you now.”

“I’m sorry. My appointment is with Tom Butler.”

The young woman gave Jonathon a quick look and smiled, “Mr. Butler is no longer with us. Lucy Leander has taken over. If you would like to come with me?”

“Very well,” he said, returning the newspaper to the rack. He hoped this Lucy Leander would be au fait. It was a big contract that he had come to sign. A contract he had drawn up with Tom Butler. He followed the assistant across the corridor and into a large ante room. She kept a few steps ahead. He did not have the chance to get abreast of her and ask any more about Tom before she opened a door and announced,

“Lucy, this is Jonathon Meade.” He breathed in her scent as she stood aside to let him pass, closing the heavy door behind him.

He faced a deep, cleared desk with an empty revolving chair behind it. Miss Leander was sitting to his left in an alcove to one side of her spacious office. A pair of simple armchairs faced one another across a low, glass topped table. On this table was a cafetière exuding the smell of freshly made coffee. Two white cups and saucers and a matching jug of milk had been set out beside it.

“Take a seat,” said Miss Leander without looking up. She was absorbed in a file that she held over her lap. Most likely it contained the contract, thought Jonathon. He examined the woman who seemed to have replaced Tom. She looked no older than the young, scented woman who had

shown him in. Her shoulder length, thick brown hair hung forward over her face like a curtain. She wore a formal, white blouse with the top three buttons undone revealing pale flesh. A tight black business skirt ended just above her bare knees. She had kicked off her shoes; her toe nails were painted a light shade of red.

Lucy was not playing a power game by pretending to ignore him. Within a few seconds she looked up, and with one hand pushed aside the curtain of her thick hair and smiled to welcome the man who stood behind the chair opposite.

That is when it happened. As she looked at him, her hand still raised to her head, and said, “Yes, sit there. It’s less formal, don’t you think?” her voice faltered and she simply stared at him. When their eyes met the shock that passed through Jonathon was so strong and sudden that he thought he must have trodden on something, an exposed electrical circuit perhaps. His legs felt weak and he grabbed the back of the chair to steady himself, never taking his eyes off the seated woman.

The effect on Lucy Leander was as violent. She gasped, dropped the file back to her lap and put both hands to her flushed cheeks, all the while holding his gaze.

How long they stared at one another in silence Jonathon could not tell. It was a timeless moment. Indeed, it was an intense, distilled moment beyond time. The strength returned to his legs but his chest was pounding. Mesmerised he stepped around the chair and slowly sank down into it.

As Lucy watched him a smile broke out over her astonished face.

“Mr. Meade?” she whispered.

“Jonathon,” he replied hoarsely. “Please.”

“Lucy,” she nodded.

All thoughts of the contract, of the absence of Tom, had flown from Jonathon’s mind.

Instead he asserted, “we have not met before.”

“No. Of that I am certain, too.”

“Not in this life time anyway,” blurted Jonathon. “Sorry, that sounds mawkish.”

Lucy did not reply. Pulling herself together she put the file aside, poured him a coffee and added milk without asking how he liked it. Then she poured a cup for herself. Neither of them took sugar.

“You make good coffee,” he said. “I could tell before you poured it.” A sip confirmed his opinion.

“We have Marcia, my assistant, to thank for that. While he savoured the “we”, with glittering eyes Lucy asked him a question that had he been in her place would have been taboo.

“Jonathon. Are you married?”

“Yes.”

“Children?”

“Two.” He found nothing strange about her approach. On the contrary, these questions were essential. He asked in his turn,

“And you? Are you married?”

“Expecting to be,” she said holding up a finger. “In June.”

“Bad timing,” he said and she understood quite well that he was referring not to her marriage but to their own encounter.

“We should have met many years ago.”

“Yes.”

“Are you happily married?”

“Until now, very.” She smiled back at him and Jonathon continued, “And you? No doubts?”

“None, until now,” she echoed and after a silence added, “this is a very strong thing, isn’t it?”

“I want to sweep you up in my arms and carry you away,” he admitted.

“I want you to hold me,” she said without hesitation. “I want to hold you. But I dare not touch you. It will burn us up.”

“Good thing this table stands between us.”

“Glass topped.”

“Yes.”

“Jonathon, Mr. Meade,” she added in mock tones, “you do know what we have to do.”

“Yes.” Jonathon did not have to explain that never in his life had he burned so intensely for anyone. He could not stay a moment longer in the face of this white heat, of this passion potentially destructive to so many lives. “It has been more than a pleasure to meet you, Lucy,” he said, getting to his feet.

“For me too, and unendurably painful to let you go.”

“I will remember this, if you will excuse another cliché, for ever.”

“Me too. You will excuse me for not shaking your hand.”

“I would not dare take it.” He turned and walked to the door. He was surprised that he could, that he could clasp his fingers around the door knob and escape from this kiln. He did not look back but as he closed the door behind him he thought he heard a sob.



Butchers Arms

STARTERS

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| Wild mushroom bhaji, masala spiced mango, turmeric yoghurt (v) (gf) | 8 |
| Butchers chicken liver pate, farmhouse chutney, hot toast, butter (gfr) | 7.5 |
| Breaded whitebait, roasted garlic mayonnaise, lemon, chive | 7 |
| Salt + pepper calamari, chilli jam (gfr) | 7.5 |
| Cumberland pork scotch egg, tomato chutney, crispy bacon | 8.5 |

MAINS

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| Steak, porter + shallot pie, dripping chips, roasted roots, gravy | 17.5 |
| 10oz Rib-eye steak, cowboy butter, dripping chips, field mushroom, pickled onion rings, watercress (gfr) | 25 |
| Pan fried sea bass fillet, roasted crushed new potatoes, roasted vegetables, plum tomatoes, chorizo, mozzarella | 19 |
| Battered haddock, dripping chips, mushy peas, lemon, tartare (gfr) | 16 ½ 12 |
| Cheddar + ham stuffed chicken schnitzel, skinny fries, fine green bean, cheese sauce | 18 |
| 12oz gammon steak, dripping chips, garden peas, double hens egg (gf) | 16.5 |
| Plant based burger, mozzarella, lettuce, fries, pickled coleslaw (ve) (v) (gfr) | 16 |
| Crispy duck salad, caramelised red onion, roast plums, hoi sin, cucumber, seaweed | 17 |
| Sticky chilli pork ribs, mac n' cheese, buttered corn | 17 |
| Butter bean, vegan sausage + red pepper orzo jambalaya, crispy red onion (gf) (ve) (v) | 15.5 ½ 12 |
| Pan fried chicken breast, ham hock croquette, mushroom cream sauce, crispy leeks, spring greens, pomme Anna | 18 |
| Butchers double smash burger, pulled pork, American cheese, slaw, fries | 17 |
| 8 hour braised beef brisket, creamy mash, smoked bacon, mushrooms, roast carrot, fine green bean, crispy onion | 19 |
| Creamed leek, asparagus + three cheese gratin, roasted beetroot + pickled cabbage salad, crusty bread (v) | 16 |
| Pan fried lambs liver, creamy mash, crispy bacon, caramelised onion gravy, buttered greens | 16 |

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| Sides | Beef dripping chips 4 / pickled onion rings 4 / skinny fries 4 / pepper sauce 4 |
| | Roasted vegetables, mozzarella + balsamic 5 / sweet potato fries 4 |

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(gfr) - Gluten free on request, please tell a member of the team

Wine

Fizz

| | 175ml Glass | 250ml Glass | Bottle |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------|
| Prosecco, Ca' Belli, Italy | | | 25.00 |
| Champagne Brut Reserve, Bernard Robert, France | | | 56.00 |
| Prosecco, Belino, Italy 200ml single serve bottle | | | 6.75 |

White

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|--|------|-------|-------|
| Roos Estate Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa, 12.5% | 5.00 | 6.20 | 18.50 |
| Pinot Grigio, Bella Modella, Italy 12% | 5.25 | 6.60 | 19.50 |
| Chardonnay, The Accomplish, Australia 12% | 5.40 | 6.80 | 20.00 |
| Sauvignon Blanc, Kono, New Zealand 13% | 6.50 | 8.90 | 26.00 |
| 2022 Solaris, Dunesforde, NORTH YORKSHIRE 12.6% | 7.65 | 11.10 | 33.00 |
| Small batch/limited edition, only 790 bottles produced, we are the only pub restaurant stocking this in the UK | | | |

Rosé

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| Sauvignon Blanc Blush, Roos Estate, South Africa 12.5% | 5.60 | 7.00 | 21.00 |
| Pinot Grigio Rosé, Dea del Mare, Italy 12% | 5.60 | 7.00 | 21.00 |
| Zinfandel, Headlands Cove, California 10.5% | 5.60 | 7.00 | 21.00 |

Red

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| Roos Estate Shiraz, South Africa 14% | 5.00 | 6.20 | 18.50 |
| Merlot, Pacifico Sur, Chile 13.5% | 5.20 | 6.40 | 19.00 |
| Tempranillo, Condessa Luna, Spain 13.5% | 5.40 | 6.80 | 20.00 |
| Malbec, Sin Rodeo, Argentina 14% | 6.35 | 8.50 | 24.00 |
| 2023 Pinot Noir Précoce, Dunesforde, NORTH YORKSHIRE 12.3% | 7.65 | 11.10 | 33.00 |
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Trade Descriptions Act

It is not always possible to guarantee the wines in this list and in some cases a suitable alternative may be offered.
 Still wine served by the glass are served at 175ml or 250 ml measure, a 125ml is available on request.
 The alcoholic strength of wine served by the glass is shown as a percentage in the description.



Butchers Arms

BRUNCH

SERVED SATURDAY 12pm - 2.30pm

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| Butchers Big | 2 pan fried breakfast sausage, 2 back bacon 2 fried hens eggs, homemade black pudding buttered mushrooms, baked beans homemade hash brown, confit cherry tomatoes 2 toast + butter | 13 |
| Butchers Small | 1 pan fried breakfast sausage, 1 back bacon 1 fried hens egg, homemade black pudding buttered mushrooms, baked beans homemade hash brown, confit cherry tomatoes 1 toast + butter | 10 |
| Butchers Veggie | 2 veggie sausage, 2 fried hens egg, buttered mushrooms, baked beans homemade hash brown, confit cherry tomatoes 2 toast + butter (v) | 10 |
| Wild Mushrooms | Buttered wild mushroom, grilled halloumi, toasted farmhouse bread, poached egg (v) | 9 |
| Eggy bread | Butter fried eggy bread (v) (gfr) | 7 |
| Smoked Salmon | Toasted seeded brown bread, smoked salmon, scrambled egg, watercress | 10 |
| Pancakes | American style pancakes, fruit, maple syrup | 5 |

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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!