

# ***Lyvennet Link***

**December 2023**

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

**Number 238**



# LYVENNET LINK

**Next Issue - Early January 2024**

**Copy deadline Late December 2023**

As you have probably gathered the Link may not be out by the 1st of the month. I would encourage anyone advertising events early in the month to also put them in the previous issue.)

I am planning to send out a January issue this year but only to include notices of events for January or February (or other items which could not be held over). So, would contributors please leave anything else for the February issue. Thanks.

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Wishing all readers, contributors and distributors a very

**Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.**

## **Parish Council Minutes.**

Minutes of Parish Council meetings are available at:

[www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk](http://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>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd October 2023 at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.

## **Services and events at your parish church of St Lawrence in December**

[part of the wider Benefice of North Westmorland  
[www.northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk](http://www.northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk)]

### **Services, to which all are welcome, regardless of denomination:**

Sunday December 3rd [Advent Sunday] 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

Sunday December 10th 11.00am Morning Prayer with Neil Hughes

Sunday December 17th 6.00pm Evening Prayer with David Jones and Rev Stephen Tudway

Sunday December 24th Christmas Eve see below and main poster, later in Link

### **Monday December 25th 10.30am CHRISTMAS DAY Family Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell**

Sunday December 31st 11.00am Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Morland with Rev Stephen Tudway

Sunday January 7th 2024 11.00am New Year Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

### **Christmas Events in St Lawrence: please see later full page posters for details**

\* **from Sunday December 10th** Trees in Windows: please dress a pretty seasonal tree in memory of your family and loved ones

\* **Tuesday December 12th 6.30pm** Community Carols, readings, illuminated by candles as far as possible!

\* **Sunday December 24th 3.00 - 3.45pm** informal Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight, around the piano. Costumes not required.... but fun!

**My family and I would like to thank everyone for their love, friendship and support following the death of my dearly loved husband, Ron Smith. As you will know, Ron was a very kind, quiet and unassuming man who touched the heart of every one he came into contact with in the parish.**

We came from Kent to live in Maulds Meaburn in April 2004 and were both very happy here, receiving nothing but kindness from day one. Ron had said only a few months ago that his greatest wish was to be allowed to die peacefully in his own bed with a view of the green. He was adamant that he didn't want to go into hospital and I certainly didn't want that for him either.. I am very grateful that we, as a family, were able to look after him at home with the help of the wonderful Appleby District Nurses and great support from Appleby surgery. Ron died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday 23rd October. We were very happily married for 65 years and I feel very blessed as not too many people have that opportunity. So thank you all and all I can say is what a man and what a community!!! **Sheila Smith.**

### **Bonfire**

The parish Council would like to thank everyone that donated fireworks, helped build the bonfire and the guy.

It was a highly successful evening with many people from the parish and further a field enjoying a tremendous bonfire and a successful firework display. Followed by refreshments at the village institute. It was a great community gathering.

**David Hewitt, Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.**

### **Maulds Meaburn WhatsApp Group**

A few months ago I set up a WhatsApp group for village volunteers. It has naturally morphed into a 'Whats Happening In Maulds Meaburn' group and is proving popular and useful. 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.

Karen Asquith [hollyhowe15@me.com](mailto: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  
Monday 4th December  
and  
Wednesday 3rd January  
10.30 till 12 noon  
Donations welcome!



Maulds Meaburn Coffee Mornings

Please note that Maulds Meaburn Coffee Mornings are moving to the first Wednesday in the month from January. This is to enable us to use the main

hall if we need it. It means we could have games out and space for toddlers to run around as well as being able to accommodate more people.

All offers of cake are always gratefully received and, as has always been the case, if you would like to claim expenses for baking this can be arranged.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

### Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Regular Activities

#### Mondays...

9.30-11.30am there is badminton in the main hall. Newcomers of all abilities including beginners, are always welcome.

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

7.30-8.30pm Meditation group. Please contact Karen for more information.

The first Monday of the month is Coffee Morning, 10.30am-midday. All welcome.

#### 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 Philippa for more info [Philippa.Cordingley@curee.co.uk](mailto:Philippa.Cordingley@curee.co.uk)

Fridays...

The Gather Inn happens on the third Friday of the month, usually from 7pm for a 'drop in for a drink and a chat'. Occasional 'extras' are advertised. The bar is open and the games are out!

Friday 15th December. Gather Inn for carols around the brazier. Bar open at 7pm. All welcome.

## **CROSBY RAVENSWORTH SHOW AGM**

The meeting is at CRVH on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January at 7.30pm  
Enquires Tel Freda 01931-715381  
**All welcome.**

## FELLRUNNER EXCURSIONS 2024

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, and a list of the proposed trips is given below. If you would like to make a booking, please contact **Mike Roulson on 01931 714457** to enquire if seats are available. Please note for some visits there will be an entrance charge payable as well as the bus fare.

**March 2nd...**Richmond and Mainsgill. Another trip to this popular town with its charming market place and shops, and later a visit to Mainsgill for further retail therapy in the farmshop and a bite to eat in the tearoom.

**April 6th....**A visit to Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Manchester. Discover the story of the life of the young apprentices and other people working in the cotton mill in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This site is managed by the National Trust and entrance charges for non members will apply.

**May 11th....**Fountains Abbey and the stunning Studley Royal Water Garden. Britain's largest and oldest monastic ruin, now a World Heritage site. Learn what life would have been like for the monks in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Call in the visitor centre ,visit the cafe , gift shop, and the Fountains Mill where the grain was turned into flour. The site is managed by the National Trust and entrance charges will apply.

**June 1st....**Holehird Gardens,Windermere. A 10 acre garden managed by the Lakeland Horticultural Society, and an award winning RHS Partner garden, in a stunning setting overlooking Windermere. Entrance by donation.

**July 6th....**Whitby, the well known seaport on the east coast. A visit to this popular seaside resort famous for its fish and chips and home of the Whitby jet. Always a popular destination.

**August 3rd....**Barnard Castle, the historic market town in the Durham Dales. Followed by an afternoon visit to Eggleston Hall gardens. The



garden specialises in rare and unusual plants and the Coach House cafe and gift shop are nearby. Small charge for garden entry.

**September 7th...**Hartlepool, the seaside port on the east coast. Here we will visit the “Trincomalee” at the Royal Navy National Museum and a chance to go on board this lovely old ship built in India at the end of the Napoleonic wars. On the waterfront, travel back in time and experience life in the 1700’s. Entry charges will apply.

**September 21st....**Grassington and the 1940's weekend. A visit to this lovely Yorkshire town to experience life during war time Britain. Live music, vintage vehicles, displays, battle re-enactments and other entertainment.

**October 5th....**A visit to Whitehaven, the historic port on the west coast of Cumbria known for the Beacon Museum, The Rum Story ; possibly take a walk around the harbour area.

**November 2nd....**York, the historic cathedral city in north Yorkshire, and the well known shopping area of “The Shambles”. Discover the ancient Snickelways in the old city area.

**December 7th...** Barton Grange for all your Christmas shopping, followed by a visit to Blackpool and a trip through the illuminations, the largest free light show in the world. We will leave Morland late morning and return during the evening.

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# **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

## **Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

# **Empire of Light (R)**

From Oscar-winning director Sam Mendes, this is a beautiful, powerful and poignant story about human connection and the power of cinema. The duty manager of a seaside cinema, who is struggling with her mental health, forms a relationship with a new employee on the south coast of England in the 1980s. Stars Olivia Colman and Colin Firth.

**Lasagna Supper from 7.00pm**  
**Vegetarian Option Available**

**Film starts at 8.00pm**  
**Film & Supper £10 | Film Only £5**  
**Limited seating so booking is essential.**  
**07584 251352**  
**[lynn-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com)**



Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group



## **FINAL FREE BEER AND BACON SANDWICH OF 2023!**

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

Where: Wickerslack Farm (Jackson)

When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 10-00am for 3 hours

Objective: To complete the woodland planting at  
Wickerslack

Equipment: Bring a spade and suitable clothing

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

# **Come and join us!**

# *Christmas Trees in the Windows*

*in remembrance of  
beloved and missed family members*



Small, decorated trees please, and if lights, then  
battery powered and set on constant (not flashing).

If you would like to reserve a particular window ledge  
rather than take pot luck please let Jill 715496 or  
Alex 716001 know and it will be reserved for you.

*From Sunday 10th December*

# Butchers Arms

Have your little ones made the nice list this year?



The big man himself will be visiting us at **THE BUTCHERS ARMS** on Christmas Eve at 4pm.

If you would like to join us for a sing song and meet Santa in person before he gets on his way for a busy night please contact one of the team on 01931 715500

**Deadline for having names on the list is SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER.**

*T's & C's apply*

## **NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL.**

We begin with an update from last month. At school's forest day on 17th November, all the children enjoyed spending the day outside in the last of the autumnal sunshine. They got involved with the many different activities:- collecting leaves to make into leaf art; making wooden swords; wooden planters; and of course toasting slices of apple over a fire. There were lots of smiley faces together with concentrating faces on the photos later posted on our facebook page!

Now back to December and what is going to be a very busy last few weeks of term leading up to the Christmas break. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, the children are visiting the Church in the Barn to visit their nativity experience. In the evening, don't forget to come down to support our school's **Christmas Fayre on 1<sup>st</sup> December from 5pm-7pm**. There will be a variety of stalls and hot food and drinks will be available.

After the weekend the children in class 2 have a trip down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament for a special tour. There will also be an opportunity to visit museums, galleries and the Christmas Lights on Oxford Street. How exciting that will be.

On **12<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm** you are invited to the School's **Christmas Carols Service at Church**.

Next on the calendar is the **School's Christmas Play at 6pm on 13<sup>th</sup>**. This year, the children will be performing 'Scrooge'. The children have been doing lots of practice and are looking forward to putting on their show. It promises to be a lovely



evening and all members of the community are invited. Also, if you haven't entered the draw to win the well fed Xmas cake, this will be your last chance to buy an envelope (see separate article) as the winner will be drawn after the play.

On the **14<sup>th</sup> December** it's the **Community Christmas Lunch** and party. Freda's fabulous festive fayre of two courses will be served at midday and will be followed by a visit from *you know who*. It's £5 per person and if you would like to join in the Christmas fun, please contact Pauline at School as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

All children will be going to Tebay Services on 18th December for 12.45pm to sing carols and bring some festive cheer to those stopping off for a break in their journeys. The children hope to raise some money for charity from the donations bucket. If you are passing by or would like to join in with the singing, please come along.

Also we have our next “**Pop in and Play**” session on **Monday 18th December**. All Children currently not in school or pre-school, from birth up to 5 years are welcome to join 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.

And after the Christmas break, all the children have a trip to the Theatre by the Lake to look forward to, in the New Year, to see a production of 'The Little Princess' .....

Don't forget to find us and 'like' us on facebook so you can keep up to date with pictures from these and many other events during the year. We also have a website.

So all that remains is for us to wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. Until next month.....

**Charity Bash, Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> November at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

raising money into research for male cancers & Parkinson's  
The event was organised by Kitty Smith & niece Michelle Fisher.  
It was a sell out within a few weeks, thanks so much to the many sponsors which covered the cost of the event, plus helping in any way, attending the event itself & lovely donations of raffle prizes.  
Live music, food , singer Caroline & saxophonist Anna.  
A total of £3,743 was raised, thanks to all who supported it. Fab night.

If you would like to see the photos visit

<https://woodphotography12.pixieset.com/charitybash/>

# WIN A 'WELL FED' CHRISTMAS CAKE

(ALL PROCEEDS TO CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E  
PRIMARY SCHOOL)



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 the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> 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 have been placed in the shelters at Crosby Ravensworth/Maulds Meaburn. 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 11th December.

Envelopes will also be available at the School's Xmas Fayre on 1<sup>st</sup> December; at the MMVI Coffee Morning on 4<sup>th</sup> December and before the school play on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The monies raised will go towards providing our children with those extra curricular activities which they so enjoy and which enhance their learning experience whilst with us.

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 and thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

# Community Carols

St Lawrence's Crosby Ravensworth

Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm



Start your Christmas in our beautifully decorated, ancient parish church. Carols for all the family with readings and candle light led by our vicar Rev Stephen Tudway, and accompanied by Jim Walker on the organ and piano.

Followed by mulled cider and mince pies.





MMVI

# Christmas GatherInn

**Friday 15th December**  
**6pm start on the Terrace**

♪ Carols around the Brazier

♪ Brass Players

♪ Mince Pies

♪ Mulled Wine



**All Welcome!**

Highlights Rural Touring presents



# Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol

Badapple Theatre Company

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Badapple Theatre Company present **Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol** – a family, comedy interpretation of Charles Dickens' classic Christmas story. Have a good chuckle while the blustering, skin-flint farmer Ebenezer Scrooge gets his comeuppance and is forced to see the error of his penny-pinching ways. Full of local stories and carols, puppets and mayhem, and original songs by Jez Lowe, plus a whacking great dose of seasonal bonhomie. This is a winter warmer to put a smile on everyone's face this Christmas.

Adults £12.00 | Children £8.00 (parish children attend free-of-charge) | Family £30

Book & pay at [https://  
highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/farmer-  
scrooges-christmas-carol/](https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/farmer-scrooges-christmas-carol/)  
or phone 07584 251352 or email [lynn-  
barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com)

**St Lawrence Church  
Crosby Ravensworth  
warmly welcomes you to**

***Carols by Candlelight***  
***Christmas Eve***  
***3pm to 3.45pm***

**Carols around the piano for everyone.  
Come with angel, shepherd or reindeer  
costumes, or whatever you like!  
Sing and enjoy the beautifully decorated  
church and soft candle light  
as we await Jesus' birth.  
Mulled drinks on hand.**



🎄 CHRISTMAS OPENING 2023 🎄

	<u>BAR</u>	<u>KITCHEN</u>
Monday 18th December	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 19th	5pm - 11pm	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 20th	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Thursday 21st	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Friday 22nd	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 23rd	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Christmas Eve	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>11am - 1pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Boxing Day</b>	<b>3pm - 11pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 27th	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Thursday 28th	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Friday 29th	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 30th	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
<b>New Years Eve</b>	<b>12pm - 1am</b>	<b>12pm - 8.30pm</b>
<b>New Years Day</b>	<b>12pm - 10pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 3rd January	<b><u>Closed until Tuesday 9th January</u></b>	

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall**

# **Pretty Red Dress (15)**

Set against the backdrop of South London and humming with the energy of iconic Tina Turner hits, **Pretty Red Dress** follows a family tested to their limits when Travis, fresh out of jail, is found wearing a dress by his partner Candice. Big-hearted, original and thought-provoking, this is a playful and appealing film from debut director Dionne Edwards which marks a great entry into new British cinema.

**Meat & Potato Pie Supper from 7.00pm**  
**Vegetarian Option Available**

**Film starts at 8.00pm**  
**Film & Supper £10 | Film Only £5**

**Limited seating so booking is essential.**

**07584 251352     [lynn-](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com)**  
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# **AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTION**

**ITEMS COLLECTED ARE, CLOTHES, BEDDING,  
SHOES,BELTS, TOWELS,HANDBAGS, COSTUME  
JEWELLERY, BELTS, HATS, BOOKS HARD & SOFT  
BACK,CDS,DVDS, VIDEOS,INK JET  
CARTRIDGES,MOBILE PHONES, USED STAMPS IN A  
CLEAR BAG.**

**NO DUVETS, PILLOWS OR BRIC A BRAC**

**USE BLACK BIN BAGS YOU HAVE FOR ITEMS**

**PLEASE LEAVE BAGS ON THE FLOOR FOR  
COLLECTION. Items to be left before 9am on the  
day.**

**DATES ARE: Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, Wed 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jan**

**INFO KITTY 01931-715375 EMAIL**

**[kitty.s65@btinternet.com](mailto:kitty.s65@btinternet.com)**

# Poems by Mandy Ducksbury

## Mandy lives in Colby near Appleby

"I like to spend time up in your beautiful villages, walking and just enjoying being out in nature. When I walk I try and write poems about what I see and feel while out in nature. I have written a couple of poems. 1) Crosby Ravensworth Church Yard 2) Maulds Meaburn"

### Maulds Meaburn

Rowan, Oak and Hawthorn,  
Green fields all around,  
Beauty of the birdsong  
While sat up on open ground.

Thistles grow in long grass  
Their flowers attract the bees,  
A cockerel crows in the distance  
Sights and sounds of nature truly please.

Sitting by the river  
Soothing as it flows,  
Observing all around me  
As a breeze gently blows.

Oak leaves shake with laughter  
Sheep graze grass nearby,  
Sitting in the afternoon sunshine  
Watching swallows fly.

The beauty at Maulds Meaburn  
As the seasons come and go,  
Never fails to be awe inspiring  
As Mother Nature has much to show.



Crosby Ravensworth church yard

Copper beech tree's beauty  
Large and tall it stands,  
Accompanied by many others  
In the spring sunshine grand.

Untamed grasses swaying  
While others lay at rest,  
Alone with my thoughts  
Mother nature at her best.

Rooks gather in tree tops  
Dandelion clocks disperse their seeds,  
Gentle breeze so soothing  
Nature fulfilling its needs.

Mosses adorn old tombstones  
Birds chirping a thrill,  
As I sit and look around me  
Feeling calm and still.

Dappled sunlight cascades through treetops  
As I sit alone and rest,  
Sights around me so beautiful  
Mother nature at her best.

Mandy Dicksbury

## **Update on Reagill Village Hall/Camping barn**

Our beautiful 400 year old hall has now been decorated by Andy and, we think, it looks amazing. Ben and Pete have cleared the garden in readiness for grass seeding. The shower is now functional and we are looking forward to welcoming more overnight visitors.

We advertise on the Independent Hostels website and the Coast to Coast brochure. All details can be found there. If you want to hire the hall, please email [margaret.wilcox@talk21.com](mailto:margaret.wilcox@talk21.com), text me on 07804291972 or phone me on 01931 715320. **Margaret Wilcox**

David Nattrass , all photos in Ethiopia.

Giant Mole Rat, Ethiopian Wolves, White Cheeked Turaco close up, Gelada baboon & figs, Greater Blue eared Starling & Cuddies threshing hay under a fig tree.









