

A photograph of a wooden bridge spanning a small stream in a lush, green forest. The bridge is made of light-colored wood with a simple railing. The water in the stream is calm, reflecting the surrounding trees. The forest is dense with tall trees and thick foliage. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Lyvennet Link

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

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Articles and contributions etc., would be appreciated preferably by e-mail nickthomas@macace.net. Please send items as either text in the body of the email or as a word document. (apple-mac files acceptable)

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

Welcome to the September edition of the Link

Cover: New Bridge down at the bottom of Silver St, across to Bank Head road.
Photo by Diane Ridgway.

Parish Council Minutes/Agendas

Minutes of, and agendas for, 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 meetings to be held at 7pm on 5th September 2025 at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.

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

Or directly to the PDF's here:

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/05-September-25-Ordinary-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/05-September-25-MMRGT-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

Services at your Parish Church in September

[for more please see www.northwestmorland.church]

Sunday Sept 7th 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

Sept 14th 11.00am Communion with Baptism of Charlie Smith led by Rev. Stephen Tudway and Ruth Hutchings
All welcome. Coffee pre-service from 10.30am

Sept 21st 6pm Evening Prayer with Rev Chris Smith

Sept 28th 11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Sheila Clark

*******UPDATE ON THE POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE*******

As you know, there has previously been an outreach service visiting MMVI each week. However there are going to be changes in the way this service is now to be delivered. There will be no visiting Post Office next week (w/c 1st September) at all.

Beginning on Monday 8th September the Post Office outreach service will operate from a mobile van parked in the car parking area opposite the Butchers Arms in Crosby. The Van will be there on a Monday afternoon between 3.15 and 4.15pm. So a new day, new time and new location! The same range of services will be available from the van.

POST
OFFICE

Important Information

Maulds Meaburn Hosted Outreach Service

We are making some changes to this service as it will be operating from a Mobile van, with different opening hours and will operate from

THE CAR PARK. Due at:
THE BUTCHERS ARMS,
CROSBY RAVENSWORTH,
CA10 3JP.
Maulds Meaburn, Penrith, CA10 3HN

From the Week Commencing: **Monday 8th September 2025**

If you'd like to know more or to tell us what you think about our plans visit
our Consultation Hub - postofficeviews.co.uk

We'll be accepting your comments until:

Tuesday 26 August 2025

Want to tell us what you think
right here and now? **SCAN HERE:**



Other ways to share your views:

comments@postoffice.co.uk

FREEPOST Your Comments

(Please note this is the full address)

Call 03452 66 01 15 Textphone 03457 22 33 55

New Mobile Service opening hours

Monday	15:15 – 16:15
Tuesday	No Service
Wednesday	No Service
Thursday	No Service
Friday	No Service
Saturday	No Service
Sunday	No Service

For information in Penrith, Cumbria, please contact 01768 881111

Calling Residents Interested In Becoming A Parish Councillor.
The situation on the Parish Council is becoming critical we could be taken over by
Westmorland and Furness council.

Most of us feel privileged to live in Crosby Ravensworth Parish and are passionate about where we live. One of the most important ways of managing our own affairs is through the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's logo is **Working for the Community**, that community consists of the three villages of Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn and Reagill.

The Parish Council is made up of seven members with various experience and skill sets.

At present the Parish Council has three vacant seats, which can be filled by co-opting and one vacant seat which must be filled by an election.

if you are over 18 and live in the parish you are eligible to put your names forward for the Parish Council, ideally it's good to have representation for all three villages.

We are now a community where most people were born elsewhere;

it is good to have a mix of age groups, longer standing residents who have good local knowledge and others with experience they can bring to the table of ideas that have worked elsewhere.

You don't have to commit yourself until the next election, give it a try for a year and if it's not for you at least you will have contributed.

You may be surprised by the various roles that the PC members cover.

Don't ignore it – It could just be the job for you!

If you are interested or require more information please send an email to the clerk of the parish council. clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk.

Friday 19th September
Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

After jumping back into the dating pool, single mother Bridget Jones finds herself caught between a young man and her son's science teacher. Starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant & Colin Firth. A light-hearted way to slip back into our autumn/winter film season. Check out a clip of the film [here](#).

Curry Supper at 7.00pm
Vegetarian Option Available
Film starts at 8.00pm
Film & Supper £10 | Film Only £5
07584 251352 or [lynn-](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com)
[barnes@outlook.com](mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com) to book

**booking essential*

WORLD'S BIGGEST
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Cream Tea

Friday 26th September

2pm – 4pm

At Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

£4.50 per person

Raffle, Cake/Produce stall

Donations for these gratefully received

All welcome

Liz 715374/Hazel 715377

Singing 'n' Scones

Saturday 4th October at 2.30pm

in Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall



Sun Singers

will perform

THE MOON

by Henry Purcell



A Woodwind Trio will play light music



Home-made scones and tea



FREE ENTRY

Donations to Village Hall funds

Harvest silent auction, coffee & cake

Saturday October 4th 2025

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

10.30am – midday

Boxes of fresh produce brought by our community and our church Primary School to the school Harvest Service in St Lawrence on Thursday October 2nd [all produce and people welcome] will be auctioned but without words...you simply write your bid on a docket and wait to find if you have been successful whilst you enjoy coffee, cake, biscuits, chats.

Raffle too!

All proceeds all to the Upper Eden Food Bank



MAULDS
MEABURN
VILLAGE
INSTITUTE

WHAT'S ON THIS AUTUMN – COME & JOIN US!

Wed 3 September	Coffee morning 10.30am to noon
Fri 12 September	Gather Inn 6.30pm Restarting our occasional evening get-togethers
Wed 1 October	Coffee morning 10.30am to noon
Thurs 2 October	A Roman Palace in Carlisle? Talk by Dr Andrew Wallis on recent and internationally significant discoveries at Carlisle cricket ground. 7pm, bar opens 6.30pm. Tickets £5, book online at mmvi.org or cash/card on the door.
Thurs 16 October	All About Apples! Taste lesser-known varieties with local apple grafting expert Hilary Wilson. Learn fruit varieties suited to the NW, plus apple history, grafting and pruning tips, and Q&A. 7pm, bar opens 6.30pm. Tickets £5, book online at mmvi.org or cash/card on the door.
Wed 5 November	Coffee morning 10.30am to noon
Sat 8 November	Autumn Craft Fair 10.30am to 3.30pm Great range of stalls and light refreshments all day. Free entry!

Tickets and info: mmvi.org

Hiring enquiries: mmvi.booking@gmail.com

Soup & Sweets Lunch

Sunday 5th October

12.00pm-2.00pm

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH
VILLAGE HALL**

Adults £8.00 | Children £5

Come and enjoy a warming autumn lunch at our welcoming village hall.

The usual delicious range of tasty homemade soups and tempting puds will be on offer.

All proceeds to CRVH funds.



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, hasselback 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

WANTED!

In Maulds Meaburn



MMVI

Trustees and
Committee
Members

It could be you

Committee Members Essential now

Care about your Village Hall?

Can help the committee in some way?

Talk to any current Trustee or mail

mmvichair@gmail.com

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 LITERAL-MINDED WOMAN

by William Wood

The funniest thing about Jadwiga's jokes was that she unfailingly got them wrong. Being foreign, her English was in some ways too correct.

"What do you call a mushroom that walks into a pub and offers everyone a drink?" she asks with a twinkle in her green eyes.

"I don't know."

"A fungus to be with," she laughs, pulling on her thick mane of red hair.

I think about this for a moment and say, "Don't you mean a fun guy to be with?"

"How fungi? Fungi is plural." She is perplexed.

"Yes, but..." I try to explain but break off in laughter at her literal-mindedness.

She is pleased. "You get it now?"

"Very funny," I agree.

There is no let up to her linguistic inventiveness. Next morning I ask her,

"Did you sleep well?"

"Yes, I dropped off like a log." She loves using idioms, often conjuring up unusual images.

"You mean you slept like a log."

"If logs sleep. Do trees sleep? Logs are dead." She tossed her head in thought. "I was dead tired, I suppose."

"Yes, but you can either sleep like a log or drop off. You can't drop off like a log," I explain.

"I did. Have you never sawn up logs?" Her green eyes pierce mine. We shall have to follow her logic through.

"Yes, I have, in fact."

"Good. Then picture it. You put the branch on a pack horse."

"A saw horse"

“No it is not sore. Sometimes I think you are as silly as two planks. It is not a real horse.”

I summon all my patience and explain to her, “The frame you saw up logs on, the cradle, is called a saw horse.”

“You may be right,” she acknowledges. “In any case you saw through the branch until your log drops off. Agreed?”

I nod.

“That’s how I dropped off to sleep.”

“I didn’t hear you”

“I do not make a noise when I sleep, I hope.”

I explain my own feeble joke. “I did not hear you fall out of bed.”

She stares at me in total incomprehension. “Why should I have done?”

More often than not Jadwiga is unconsciously witty. One morning I decline a second cup of coffee because I have a long car journey ahead of me and I do not want to have to stop too soon. I know she is only trying to detain me a little longer when she says,

“Oh, go on. One swallow does not make a spring.”

The teacher in me urges me to correct her again. “A summer, I think you mean.”

“No, spring. Spring a leak is what I mean.”

The penny drops. “Ah, then it is a different kind of swallow you mean, too.”

By the time we have extricated ourselves from this linguistic thicket I have inadvertently drunk the coffee and sure enough find myself pulling into the first service station on the motorway. If Jadwiga had been with me and I had explained I needed a leak she might have thought I was going to buy a vegetable or perhaps I was taking the piss rather than a piss. This is how much her conversations prey on my mind even in her absence.

When I return home she is in a state of great indignation over some misunderstanding she has had with a colleague at work.

“She was so cross I thought she wanted to hit me, but I did not baulk an eyelid,” Jadwiga says, her green eyes flashing. “Instead I gave her a bit of my peace of mind.”

“I bet you did,” I say and then ponder the ambiguities of her statement.

“Yes, and now I am so tired,” she says with a yawn that stifles the memory of her quarrel immediately. “I feel sleepy as an eel.”

“An eel?” This was at least a change from a log.

“They are sleepy, no?”

“Slippy? No slippery”

“Yes, I am as slippery as an eel.” Certainly her linguistic train of thought often was.

“No,” I insist. “Listen. You are sleepy. Sleepy as a...” I can think of no simile.

“Dormouse?” she says.

At last we agree on something.

William's books, including Village secrets can be purchased at the Gallery and the Tourist Bureau in Appleby and in the Hedgehog bookshop in Penrith or any other good bookshop. Or direct from the author.

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!