

# LYVENNET LINK

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### Welcome to the October edition of the Link

### Parish Council Minutes/Agendas

Minutes of, and agendas for, Parish Council meetings are available at: <a href="https://www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk">www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk</a>

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/

### Services at your parish church in October

**Sunday October 5th** 11.00am Holy Communion/Bishop James Bell

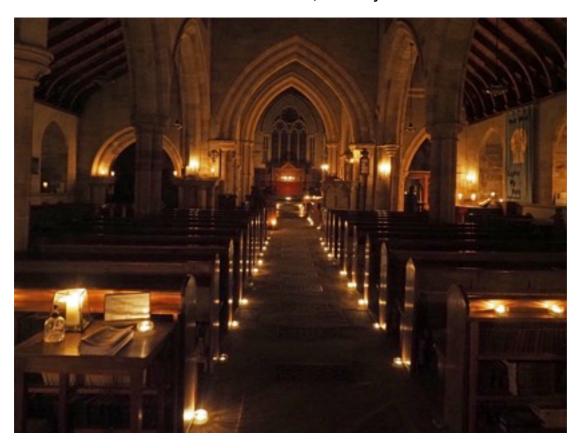
**Sunday October 12th** 11.00am Holy Communion/Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday October 19th** 6pm Evening Prayer/Rev Stephen Tudway

**Sunday October 26th** 11.00am Morning Worship/ Ruth Hutchings

# To celebrate All Hallows' Eve, October 31st : A place of peace, of solace for a silent vigil 5 - 8pm Entirely candlelit

St Lawrence Parish Church, Crosby Ravensworth



Photograph thanks to Steve Holroyd

# **Harvest Coffee**

## Saturday 4th October 2025

10.30 - Midday

### A great morning out

at

### Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

- Donation for coffee/biscuits/cake
- Raffle
- Silent Auction bids for fresh harvest produce brought by our Church Primary School families

(jams, pickles, chutneys, fruit, veg, cakes, biscuits, bread etc)

All proceeds to the Upper Eden Food Bank

This is to be run by St Lawrence church to raise funds for the Upper Eden Food Bank. All produce is to be brought by our Church School families to a service in church on Thursday October 2<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm, to which all are welcome.



On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 we held a Charity Shed Showdown at Midtown Farm, Crosby Ravensworth. Our chosen charities were RABI and Royal Lancaster Infirmary Neonatal Unit.

RABI is a well-known charity supporting farmers. RABI works tirelessly to uplift and support farmers through practical, financial and emotional assistance, touching the lives of thousands of people every year.

When babies are born early, have health problems or a difficult birth they go to the hospital's NICU. Royal Lancaster Infirmary Unit provides around-the-clock care from an outstanding team of experts.

Over the two-day event, we had several local live singers including the terrific saxophonist Anna Bowman-Atkinson, Caroline Charters, Adam Day, Jason Arnup's Band and Graham Potter. Fell and Dales hog roast, Bar by The Butchers Arms, Yonder pizza van, a luxury raffle on the Saturday night, guess how many balloons in the tractor and much more.

We would like to say a big thank you to the local businesses who sponsored, donated luxury raffle prizes, everyone who attended, Graham and Julie

Fisher for the venue, people who gave up their time to help set up and assist over the weekend. We couldn't have done it without you.

We were completely blown away with the outstanding support and raised a phenomenal £9,161.00.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September we attended Royal Lancaster Infirmary Neonatal Unit to present the cheque. Jane Danson (RLI Neonatal Unit Lead) informed us that they will be putting the money raised towards phototherapy blankets for babies who require treatment for jaundice.

### Kitty Smith.

From left to right of people on the photo:

Dr Sabina Naz (paediatrician), Jane Danson (RLI Neonatal Unit Lead), Kitty Smith (event organiser), Graham Fisher (venue holder), Ollie Clark (Michelle's son who spent time in RLI Neonatal Unit), Michelle Fisher (event organiser), Nadine Parsons (Clinical Lead).

# NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL



Well, the children have settled back in to the new school year and the autumn term, after their long and busy summer holidays. The Wrens and Robins have brought in photos and souvenirs from their holidays to talk about and share in class.

Years 1 to 6 had a proper treat on 10<sup>th</sup> September visiting the Westmorland Show. With so much to see and do they enjoyed exploring, learning and had lots of fun together. What's more, the blue skies and sunshine justified an ice cream. There are lots of photographs on our facebook page....do take a look.

This term, the Wrens are learning about Space; the Robins are looking at 'Growing' and the Herons are studying 'The Census' working closely with the Parish archives.

Robins recently had a great time at the Rag Tag Arts Clay workshop they went to. They learned new skills, how to manipulate and make

marks in clay. Each child made a pot which will be fired in the kiln and returned to them. They were also able to get creative looking around the scrap store and in the loose parts play area. Again....photos on our facebook page. On their 'Growing' topic, the Robins have also been busy planting a variety of spring bulbs around the school's grounds.....bluebells, snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils. What with the freshly planted pots at the school's entrance we will be looking very colourful in the spring.

With Harvest time just around the corner, the children will be spending time making crafts for the Harvest Festival and on Thursday 2nd October there will be a Harvest Service in Church between 2.30pm and 3.15pm. Parents, friends, family and members of the community are very welcome to join us. There will be donations of fresh produce which will be auctioned off at a coffee morning on Saturday 4th October at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute between 10.30am and midday. The proceeds raised will be given to the Upper Eden Food Bank. Please support this if you can.

Just before the half term break, the Herons class will be going to a Wonderdome mobile planetarium event at Brough. They will be enjoying a thrilling adventure exploring the wonders of the Universe, learning about planet formation to the birth and death of stars and much more.

Our next 'Pop in and Play' is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. 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 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 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Before we close this month's update we have one plea..... we need your help. There are some veg beds in the school grounds (see picture below) which unfortunately are not getting the attention they

need and have become a bit neglected. School is looking for an individual or a group of people to work on a rota to help tend to the veg beds. So if there are any keen gardeners out there, who have some spare time, in or around the Crosby/Maulds Meaburn area, please pop in to school or ring 01931 715265 and speak to Abi on reception. Thank you in advance.

Until next month.....



# 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 PARKI.

THE BUTCHERS ARMS,

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From the Week Commencing: Monday 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:

For information in D



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	

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

### **Lyvennet Community Pub**



All CURRENT and FUTURE shareholders
Welcome

### Catch up with the Directors

Find out what is new, reminisce about the LCP journey, look at memorabilia, get your questions answered etc etc

Butchers Arms
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October
1pm – 3pm

Singing 'n' Scones

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall



Sun Singers

will perform





A Woodwind Trio will play light music



Home-made scones and tea



**FREE ENTRY** 

**Donations to Village Hall funds** 

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# Soup & Sweets Lunch

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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



# MMVI All About APPLES!

With local apple grafting expert Hilary Wilson

## Thursday 16th October at 7pm

- Taste lesser known varieties
  - Grafting and pruning tips
- Learn varieties suited to the area
  - Apple history
    - Plus Q&A



Bar opens 6:30pm

Tickets £5

Book online at mmvi.org or pay cash/card on the door

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

### A Roman Palace in Carlisle?

The community dig making international headlines at the largest Roman building on Hadrian's Wall



Talk by Dr Andrew Wallis, a volunteer coordinator for Uncovering Roman Carlisle

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute, CA10 3HN

Thursday 2 October

Bar opens at 6.30pm for 7pm talk

Tickets £5 – book online at mmvi.com or cash/card on the door





Sides



### 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 onlon 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

Please advise a member of the team of any allergies or dietary requirements

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

(gf) - Gluten free (v) - Vegetarian (ve) -Vegan (gfr) - Gluten free on request, please tell a member of the team

Wish home & gifts from Lynn Clapham from Brough, now being sold at Kitty's Barn Studio, Dale Garth, Crosby Ravensworth. CA10 3JD Lovely items at reasonable prices, pop up for a look no obligation. Xmas is looming!

Call me to check I am at home- 07896083149









### Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall's Apple and Marmalade cake

**Serves 10-12** 

**Preparation time: 40 minutes** 

**Cooking time: 1 hour 15 minutes** 

**Ingredients** 

3 tbsp whisky

100 g sultanas

100 g ground almonds

175 g light brown flour

2 tsp baking powder

a pinch salt

500 g apples, peeled, cored and cut into thick slices

200 g butter, softened

200 g dark muscovado sugar

3 large free-range eggs

150 g thick-cut orange marmalade

25 g demerara sugar

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 170°C/Gas mark 3. Grease a 20 cm springform cake tin, line the base with baking parchment and lightly butter the paper. Warm the whisky in a small pan, then remove from the heat, add the sultanas and leave to soak while you prepare the cake.

Put the ground almonds, flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl, combine thoroughly and set aside. Beat the butter and muscovado sugar together thoroughly until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, adding a spoonful of the flour mix with each, and amalgamating each thoroughly before adding the next. Add the remaining flour mix and fold in. Beat the marmalade to loosen it, then fold into the cake mixture. Fold in the sultanas and whisky and finally the slices of apple.

Spread the mixture evenly in the prepared cake tin and scatter the Demerara sugar over the surface. Bake for about 1 1/4 hours, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Let the cake cool slightly in the tin for 15 minutes, then turn out and leave to cool completely on a wire rack.

I tasted this cake made by Judith Harrison, School House, Silver St. CR. It was lovely. With an abundance of Apples everyone has , get baking. Kitty

Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust would like to remind the residents of the Parish of the considerations to be taken with regard to parking on Maulds Meaburn Village Green.

The Trust are the caretakers of the Village Green and as such wish to keep the land preserved as intended to ensure enjoyment for all both now, and in the future.

Please see the below extract from the 'Do's and Don'ts on a Village Green'

#### May I drive across to my house?

No, because it is interrupting the soil/enjoyment of the village green and could be injuring the soil. Putting a track across the Green is unlawful too.

#### Can Village Green be tarmacked or resurfaced?

No, you can't. This is injuring the soil. It may include grasscrete or similar materials used to stabilise the surfaces.

#### Am I allowed to drive about on the Green?

No, unless it's an emergency vehicle being used for an emergency.

### Can I park a caravan on the Green?

No. It interferes with the recreational rights of others and may injure the soil.

#### Can I park a car on the Green?

No, as it will almost certainly injure the soil and interfere with rights to enjoy lawful sports and pastimes on the green.

### **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.

### **OVERHEARD**

### by William Wood

(With apologies to Paul Verlaine)

On one of those rare summer evenings in the North when it is warm and still enough to sit out until late, I was enjoying my solitude in the secluded garden. It was past ten o'clock yet the twilight was only beginning to thicken. On the other side of the stone wall the river was chuckling by and in the apple tree a blackbird was pouring out bursts of song. Other than that, silence. People from the village had either gone out, gone on holiday or gone to bed. The sheep had settled on the green for the night. It was time perhaps for the otters to show themselves. I sat on marvelling at the peace and quiet and relishing the magical half light.

Then above the rippling of the river which at such times can sound like a melody I thought I heard low voices from below where I sat. For between my garden wall and the river runs a footpath. I looked down and saw two figures, insubstantial as shadows, gliding along. I could not make out what they were saying at first, their voices not carrying above the dancing water. They had slid by before I could catch sight of their faces. Very often when walkers pass me they pause for a chat over the wall but these two seemed absorbed in each other, absorbed too into the very gloaming so that even their outlines were indistinct. I got the impression of a man and a woman for one of them wore a long, black skirt, the other possibly green trousers. They walked side by side, p but lost in earnest if sporadic conversation. When they reached the narrow footbridge within a stone's throw of where I sat the male figure led the way and the woman followed. Halfway across they both leaned on the parapet as so many people do and stared down into the current below. They were facing in my direction and had they raised their heads they might have noticed me watching them from my raised patio; I should have seen their faces. But they did not look up. They were lost in their own thoughts so much so that they seemed to be talking as much to themselves as to one another. Their words floated down the stream towards me and I heard them clearly.

"Do you remember how happy we were?" and the other replied, "Why do you ask that now?"

As though she had not heard his question she continued, "Does your heart skip a bit any more at the mention of my name? You told me once you had seen my soul in your dream. Do you still dream of me?"

"No," was the blunt reply. The man pushed himself upright and walked on his way. His body language was indifferent, languid rather than brutal.

The woman looked up, could easily have spotted me had I moved, but fortunately I had slipped a grey cardigan over my shoulders and I kept quite still. Although facing her I could not make out her features. Her eyes seemed sunken in the

half light behind the thin veil of hair that hung over her face. She raised her voice and I heard her say in a tone of utter anguish,

"Oh those beautiful days of indescribable happiness." These words she spoke to herself but turning towards the man, called after him with a sob in her voice, "Those days of kisses."

He looked back at her, still indifferent. "It's possible," was all he uttered.

The woman's suppressed joy was replaced by heartfelt regret,

"How blue the sky was then. How immense our hopes."

The man walked back towards her in the middle of the bridge. "All hope is gone," he said, not unkindly. "extinguished by the black night."

The woman turned her gaze towards the sky. It was not yet black. The moon had risen. The stars were beginning to show. She shook her head and followed the man across to the other bank.

That was the last I saw of them as they marched on upstream towards the weir. Only the night could hear their words. I shivered, got up myself and moved indoors for a warm drink before bed.

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!