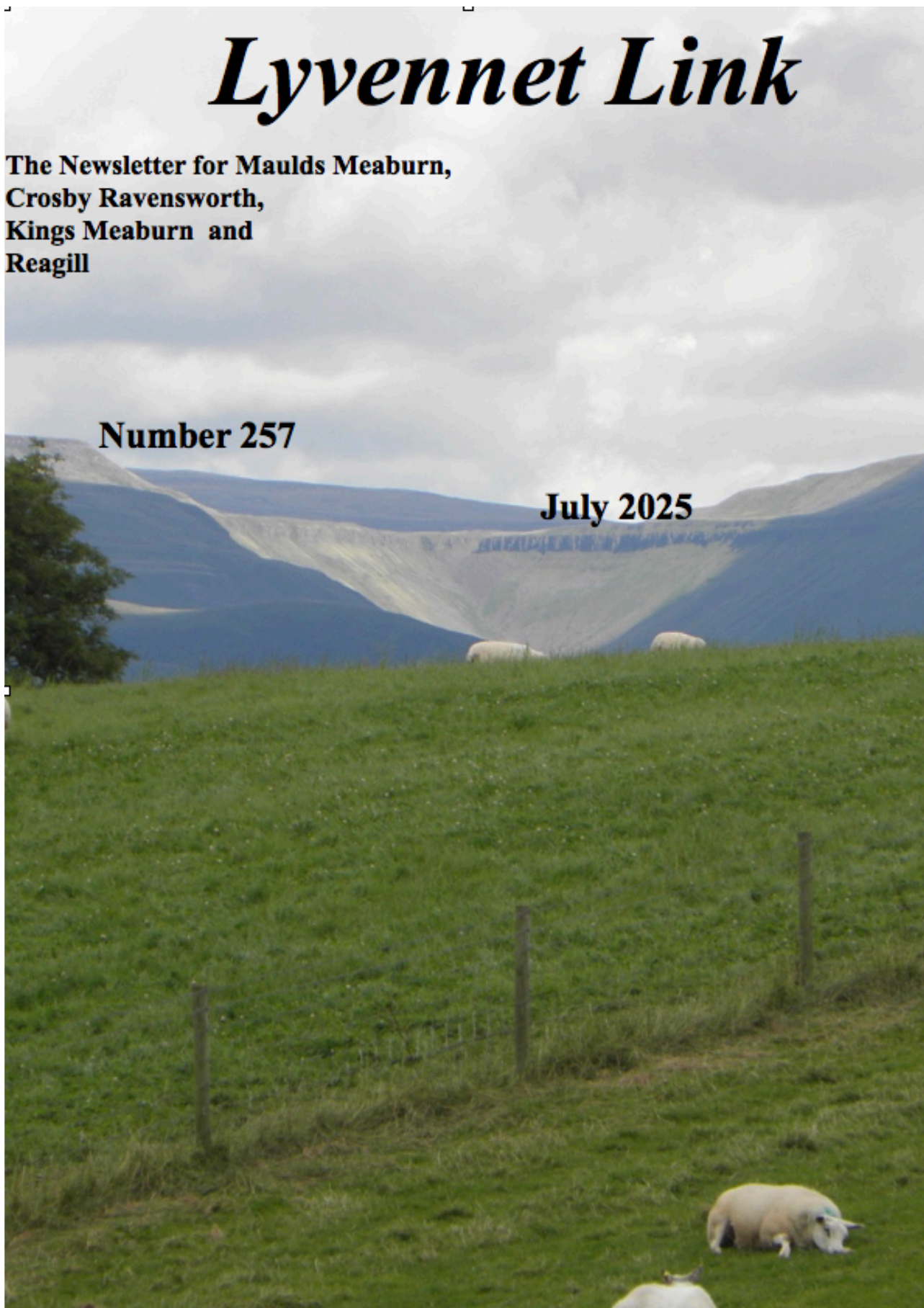


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Please do not send Microsoft publisher documents as I am unable to open them.

Welcome to the July edition of the Link

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>

Just a few things this month

Sunday services at your parish church in July

[other information at [www.northwestmorland](http://www.northwestmorlandchurch.com) church. com]

Sunday July 6th 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

Sunday July 13th 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

Sunday July 20th 6pm Evening Prayer with Rev Stephen Tudway

Sunday July 27th 11.00am Lay Led Morning Worship

THANK YOU!!

The weekend of June 21 Sat /22 Sunday saw an extraordinary 'From the Cradle to the Grave' Exhibition in St Lawrence with the annual Open Gardens and fabulous teas in CRVH on Sunday.

The exhibition was so successful it was extended to Monday 23rd too!

We thank all 22 of you who opened your gardens to the appreciative public, all those involved in setting up the fantastic exhibition and all who made the teas such a success. Also MM bacon rolls/butties, which were much appreciated on a cool Sunday morning.

The exhibition included many examples of local family heirlooms from delicate Christening Gowns through to wedding dresses/bridesmaid dresses/suits/Mother of the Bride dresses plus the amazing bier recently fettled by Philip Winder. Around the windowsills were numerous Orders of Service, carefully collected by Jill Winder over the years, both for weddings and for funerals which were much appreciated by our many visitors.

The whole weekend event, our single biggest fund raiser of the year, raised an amazing £1,150 which will help offset St Lawrence's annual expenses you will have read about, from the leaflet posted through your door recently. Every bit helps us keep the doors open - the C of E centrally might have money stashed away, but none comes our way: we and all other churches in our Benefice [and wider Diocese] have to pay their own way and their portion for our Vicar, Rev Stephen Tudway and Youth Worker, Ruth Hutchings.

Thank you again.
St Lawrence PCC.



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity



School House

Silver Street, Crosby
Ravensworth, Penrith, CA10 3JA

Saturday 5 July

1 - 5pm

Adults £5 Children free

N.B. Teas available, please don't park in Silver St, park in the Village, opposite the Church. Signs will direct you down Silver St and to our garden.

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk.

Parish Council News

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th of May

The PC decided to revert back to Bi-Monthly meetings

Hopefully this will encourage residents to put their names forward
for the Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 7th July at Maulds

Meaburn Village Hall and will include the AGM of

Maulds Meaburn Recreational Ground Trust.

The Parish Council made the decision at their May meeting that they
will not be running a Bonfire Night this year.

Finally, the Parish Council would like to ask for volunteers to help
repaint the benches around the Parish. If anyone is willing to help
with this please contact one of the Councillors or the Clerk on the
information above.

Thank you.

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute



Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Regular Activities

Mondays...

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

Tuesdays...

On the second Tuesday of the month, Book Club meets between 10.30am and midday.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month, Yarn Group meets between 10.30am and midday. Bring along your latest project whether that be knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidery, tapestry, whatever your craft may be.

Wednesdays...

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

If you have bits to sell etc and you would like a table in the main hall please contact Karen to arrange.

We currently host a youth group after school on a Wednesday.

Thursdays...

2-4pm The Post Office provides an outreach service, saving you a trip to Appleby/Penrith.

Meeting of the Wine Group (meets bi-monthly) 7pm onwards. New members always welcome along to see what it's like. Please contact Philippa on philippa.cordingley@curee.co.uk

Fridays...

The Gather Inn occasionally happens on the **second** Friday of the month, (please check with Karen if there is nothing specific advertised). The bar will be open for all Gather Inn's. If nothing is happening you are welcome to hold your own 'Gather Inn' free of hall fees if proceeds are for the village hall.

Maulds Meaburn WhatsApp Group/email contact

Maulds Meaburn has a very successful Whats App group. It's a good way to keep in touch with things that are going on, ask questions and ask for help etc. It is not 'just for Meaburn residents'.

If you would like to join the group and are happy to put up with the occasional message not meant for the group... please email me with a mobile number and I will add you.

Alternatively, if you would like to receive a personal email outlining events at MMVI this is also an option.

Karen Asquith

hollyhowe15@me.com

All welcome to
Maulds Meaburn Coffee Morning
Please join us in the Village Hall for coffee
or tea and a chat on the first **Wednesday**
of the month
4th June
2nd July
6th August
3rd September



Donations welcome!

10.30 'till 12 noon

New... POP UP CRAFT STALLS

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

Crosby Ravensworth Primary School



SUMMER FAIR

SAT 5th JULY : 11 – 3PM

ALL WELCOME : FREE ENTRY



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

NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

We are looking forward to seeing lots of people at our Summer Fair in the school grounds, this Saturday between 11-3pm. Please come along and join in the fun. There will be a cake stall amongst other side stalls, bouncy castle, a BBQ and much more. Raffle tickets will also be on sale if you haven't bought some already. £1 a ticket to be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes.....how about afternoon tea for two at Augill Castle, or a family ticket for entry to Lowther Castle and Gardens. See you there.

Before we go on to tell you about what's happening this month as the summer holidays approach, we have a few updates from last month. First we must tell you how our amazing team of 8 cricketers got on at the recent Temple Sowerby Cricket Tournament. They only went and won it.....our first sporting trophy for some years. So a big well done to them.

Jari's after school club on a Friday has proved very popular with the children. Lots of time spent running about outside, playing games and having fun, what could be better!

The Heron class also experienced a 'heart workshop' run by Ullswater Community College. The children were able to listen to each other's hearts with a stethoscope. They learnt how the heart works and then went on to dissect one. The children were praised for their curious minds.

Our two Year 6 leavers joined other soon to be year 7s from eight local schools on a transition day at Patterdale Hall. They were able to get to make some new friends. They also attended a special leavers' service at Carlisle Cathedral. Our own leavers' service for them will be at Church on 15th July. We wish Rowan and Cooper the very best for when they start secondary school in September. We will miss them but we know they will do well.

Now on to other activities this month....the whole school is having an end of year trip to Fellfoot (National Trust). The Herons will be taking part in an open water swimming session with Jacqui of Waterwise. The Robins and Wrens will be taking part in a range of nature based outdoor learning activities.

It's our Sports Day and Community Lunch on 9th. We have everything crossed for good weather.

Then on 11th there is a whole school trip to Penrith Library.

As 18th is the last day of the summer term we want all children to bring in a toy.

Don't forget we have our 'Pop in and Play' session which is on Monday 7th July. 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 year provision and your little ones can enjoy fun filled activities.

So have a fantastic Summer and we will be back in September....



STARTERS

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

MAINS

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

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

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

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

FELLRUNNER EXCURSIONS 2025

For the people living in the North Westmorland Group of Parishes and surrounding areas, The Fellrunner Village Bus Company have again kindly offered to provide a 16 seater bus for community use this year. A list of the proposed trips is given below and if you would like to make a booking please contact Mike Roulson on 01931 714457 to enquire if seats are available. Please note that for some visits there will be an entrance charge payable as well as the bus fare.

March 1st....Boundary Mill, Colne, a favourite for shoppers. Top brands represented with lots of discounted goods for sale.

April 5th....Salts Mill, Saltaire, Shipley, Nr Bradford. Another visit to this interesting area with a village built by Titus Salt for his workers. The large Grade 2 listed mill building houses a David Hockney exhibition and numerous independent retail outlets, cafes and restaurants.

May 10th...Holehird Gardens, Windermere. A 10 acre garden managed by the Lakeland Horticultural Society with magnificent views to Lake Windermere and beyond. Entrance by donation.

June 7th....Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott. Situated on the banks of the river Tweed and set in magnificent formal gardens. A self guided house tour will be arranged.

July 5th....A visit to Haworth, the hillside home of the Bronte family. Visit the Parsonage that echoes with the legacy of its famed sisters and walk the steep cobbled streets of the village.

August 2nd....A visit to Dumfries in the south west area of Scotland. Walk along the river at The Sands or visit the many shops in the town. Coffee en route will be taken at Powfoot a small village near Annan on the Solway coast.

September 6th....A visit to Fleetwood a town which had one of the largest fishing fleets in the UK, home to the "Fishermans Friend ". There is a

covered market and independent shops, parks and gardens, or take a walk on the promenade.

October 4th....Raby Castle, park and gardens, Staindrop nr. Darlington. One of England's finest medieval castles. Explore these wonderful surroundings at your leisure.

November 1st....Ripon in Yorkshire. A cathedral city steeped in history and home to many magnificent historical buildings. There is a small Saturday market and independent shops...something for everyone.

November 22nd.....

(date to be confirmed) Ulverston Dickensian Festival. A favourite destination before Christmas to enjoy a town full of wonderful stalls, street entertainment and costume parades through the historic town streets.

December 6th....Gretna Gateway and Houghton Hall retail outlets. A visit to popular places to top up your Christmas shopping.

Shoe Tree

by William Wood

Once there was a woman who could not stop buying shoes. She had so many that they filled her bedroom and the bedrooms of her children who had left home.

The time came when her patient husband found his study door blocked by a pile of new shoes and he told his wife enough was enough.

“These shoes will have to go,” he said. The woman could not be convinced at first. When after much cajoling and argument the woman still would not part with a single shoe the husband repeated one last time, “These shoes will have to go.” And he added, “It’s them or me.”

Many tears and tantrums later the couple reached a compromise. The husband, who was an installation artist, suggested he build a shoe tree, a statue made up of all her unwanted shoes.

“But I want them all,” she cried.

“We’ll start with five hundred pairs,” he said. “You will still have your shoes and people will come from far and wide to admire them. Children will play on my monument.”

His wife laughed and gave in and the man began to grow his tree. He drew a large circle on the lawn, gathered up all the pairs of high heeled shoes and facing them inwards, pressed the stilettos in to the circumference. He filled in from there and gradually built upwards until he had a colourful stack of shoes, carefully arranged to create intriguing patterns and gorgeous effects. All kinds of boots and shoes contributed to the design with their different textures and materials.

At first his wife watched in trepidation but after a while she joined in, suggesting combinations and running out to the garden with armfuls of shoes.

They went to bed tired and content but in the morning they got a surprise. When they drew the curtains they saw at once that the shoe sculpture had grown overnight. It now formed a huge column rising up into the sky.

“I’m going to climb it,” said the woman. Her husband thought it too unstable but she insisted. Choosing her footwear carefully, a pair of indoor trainers intended for the gym, she started to climb the pillar.

“Wait,” called her husband.

“I’ll be back for dinner,” she cried.

But she did not return for dinner that day or the next. Her husband had little time to worry. The erection did indeed attract the attention of people far and wide; and children did want to play on the shoe tree; TV crews demanded pictures and interviews, art critics said it was the best thing since the Angel of the North and far more ambitious.

None of this brought the woman back. On the third day an official turned up from the council and said the installation would have to be demolished as it did not have planning permission.

“Give me three more days,” said the harassed artist. “I have to fetch my wife back.”

He climbed up in search of her, up through the clouds until he thought he would run out of strength and breath. Then he came to a level where a vast shopping mall stretched out before him. The mall contained only shoe shops, shoes for children, shoes for sport, shoes for high fashion, even horse shoes.

The odd thing was that though brightly lit all these shops were unattended. There was no sign of life. Then at the end of the mall he saw his wife. She seemed unable to move and as he approached he saw that in place of her lightweight trainers she was shod in boots of lead.

Noticing him just in time she signalled for him to hide. He slipped behind some shoe boxes just as another figure approached his wife with a clipboard.

The Queen of Sales wore a smart, close-fitting, herring-bone trouser suit and very high heeled scarlet shoes that matched the slash of lipstick on her otherwise quite white face. She was using her victim for market research, forcing her to remember every shoe she had ever purchased and why. She even pressed her to remember the alternatives and the reasons she had rejected them.

When he could bear the cruel and endless interrogation of his wife no more, the man stepped forward and addressed the black-haired queen.

“I’ve come to fetch my wife,” he said, “and to take her home.”

“I think not,” she said and the man found himself bolted to the floor in a pair of heavy marble waders that rose above his waist.

“We both have to return before it is too late,” he pleaded. “In three days time the council is going to demolish the shoe tree.”

The cruel queen gave him a searching look. “Very well. You may take your wife but she must leave her feet behind.”

“Then how will she climb down the shoe tree?” he asked.

“Take it or leave it,” she said, but thrown by his gaze asked, “What? What is it? What are you staring at?”

“Your shoes. They are quite beautiful shoes.”

“Yes, they are,” she smirked. “The latest.”

“They suit you,” he said, coaxing her nearer. “Turn round.”

The man could not move his own feet but bending forward he grabbed the Queen of Sales by the tailored waist. She struggled but he managed to remove her shoe. The heel was like a knife and he hammered it into her heart. Blood spurted on to his waders and they disappeared. He was freed. He dragged the hot body of the dying queen towards his wife, pressed on the wound in the queen’s chest and sprayed blood over his wife’s leaden shoes. They too vanished.

The barefoot couple ran to the top of the shoe tree. The stream of blood from the Queen of Sales was now unstoppable. It followed them, rising above the floor of the mall like a tsunami. No sooner had man and wife clambered down and stumbled to the ground than the blood began spilling over the edge of the heavenly mall and dripped down on to the shoe tree. The installation dissolved like meringue in the mouth.

Once the couple had recovered from their ordeal, the woman was happy to clear away the rest of her shoes, save a sensible pair of flat shoes for everyday and soft leather slippers to wear in the house.

A TV crew that had filmed the making and the destruction of the shoe tree entered their unfinished and uncut documentary for the Turner Prize. By the time it had won no one was able any longer to distinguish the truth from the art.

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!