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**Welcome to the June edition of the Link.**

It has been kindly distributed by Darren and Sarah Rogers and Kitty Smith. Their contact lists will not reach everybody, so please feel free to distribute this as you wish. If you are not on any of these lists and would like to be please email me at the email address above.

Many Thanks to all contributors and in particular the Rogers, Kitty, Vicky and Joan who regularly help make these lockdown Links varied and interesting.

Many thanks to all contributors and again to Darren Rogers and Kitty Smith for distributing the Link through their contact lists.

**Nick Thomas.**

## **Crosby Ravensworth Show**

Hi all,

We are going to hold a meeting with regards to the possibility of a show this year. What it could or would look like (could we have a smaller purely outside show for this year to minimise risk?), how we can keep the show going and what people's thoughts are.

7.30pm Crosby Village Hall 1st June.

If you can't attend, please send any thoughts you have on the matter along to me.

Many thanks,  
India



**WELCOME BACK TO OUR COFFEE MORNINGS**

**THE FIRST WILL BE ON MONDAY 5th  
JULY**

**AT THE M.M.V.I. 10:30. — 12:00**  
(as usual the first Monday of the month)

The initial coffee morning will be a **FREE** get together for residents of the Parish.

It will be lovely to see old friends and make new ones over a coffee and cake.

We hope this will be the start of many 'get togethers'.

COVID regulations will of course apply.



## **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you interested in starting a new business or re-starting one which had to close due to Covid-19?

If yes, and you're looking for a venue, MMVI is able to offer a modern multi-purpose building with wi-fi and excellent kitchen facilities fitted out to commercial standards. Ideal for running seminars and courses as well as classes and pop-ups.

Very favourable rates are available to enable you to get started with little outlay.

If you would like to see the facilities that MMVI has to offer and/or to discuss your ideas then please contact Margaret Jarvis on 01931 715441 or Adele Murdoch on 07860 282802.

## **NEWS FROM**

## **CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL**

### NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

We begin with an update from our sponsored walk which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst the day started off with some rain showers the sun did break through and the children thoroughly enjoyed their day. Some of you may have seen the children completing their walk. Thank you to everyone in the local community who offered generous support as ever. We're on track to reach our target of £1000 and half the proceeds of this year's walk will benefit the North West Air Ambulance appeal.

So, here we are in June and the children have just returned from their well deserved half term break.

This month's BIG news is that we have now gone 'live' with a promotional video for our school, showcasing all it has to offer. If you haven't seen it already it can be viewed on the school's website, instagram and our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CrosbyRavensworthSchool/videos/3927808153995538> (if you right click and select 'open hyperlink'). If you happen to use social media, please share the video and spread the word about our wonderful school. It's already getting lots of attention and we hope to encourage more families to explore the facilities and opportunities we can offer their children. The children enjoyed being 'film stars' too!!

So what does June have in store for the children, in addition to their usual lessons? Well on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Class 2 will be taking part in a 'Sound Walk' with Sound Artist Dan Fox as part of our work with the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership. They will be exploring our beautiful countryside and recording everything they hear. After lunch they'll be listening back to the sounds and exploring what they have learned about nature. The children are very excited about this and we hope to share what we've heard through our website and facebook page.

The week beginning 21st June is a dedicated swimming week for all of our children in school and nursery, swimming being a vital and life saving skill.

There is also further development of the outside space planned over the coming weeks, so watch this space.

Our breakfast and afterschool clubs continue to run with activities ranging from tennis and badminton, to learning the ukulele and the history themed Regency Rebels (described as the best club ever). We are able to provide wrap around care from 8am to 5pm.

With us now being in the summer term, and looking ahead to the new school year, we have already had some enquiries for nursery places in school, and we'd encourage anyone who wants to know more about the possibilities to get in touch, by ringing us on 01931 715265.

## **Crosby Ravensworth Play Park**

Crosby Ravensworth play park is 21 this year, unlike humans who are in their prime at 21 the playpark is past its best and no celebrations for the playpark are on the cards.

A group has been established, with work going on in the background looking at replacing and costing the play park equipment.

This is going to be a huge project and needs the support of the community as grant funding will require match funding. Even if you are unable to support the playpark financially but support it in principle please let Joan Raine know by emailing her at [joanraine@hotmail.com](mailto:joanraine@hotmail.com) who will collate them on behalf of the group, confirmation of support to will be used as evidence in obtaining grants.

Thank you, Joan Raine Dalefoot Crosby Ravensworth Penrith CA10 3HY

# June services at your parish church of St Lawrence

church is open every day for private prayer and peace.

Please also check [www.northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk](http://www.northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk) for other services

- Sunday June 6th** No service at CR
- Sunday June 13th** 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell
- Sunday June 20th** 6.30pm Evening Prayer with Rev Stewart Fyfe
- Sunday June 27th** 11.00am Morning Prayer with Rev Sheila Clark and 3pm Evensong at Ninekirks with David Jones
- Sunday July 4th** 11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Stewart Fyfe

## Upcoming events in July : proposed!

**Sunday July 11th: a concert in church with the LEVENS CHOIR - more information next month**

**Sunday July 18th: Afternoon OPEN GARDENS and covid-secure Westmorland teas in CRVH - more details next month.**

**If you live in the parish and have not yet been asked but would like to open your garden [i.e. with gate entry] or instead encourage visitors to peek over your front fence / wall [i.e. without gate entry], then please let Jill Winder 715 496 or Alex Barbour 716 001 know. Thank you.**

[all will be subject to the expected lifting of restrictions]



# OPENING HOURS FROM MAY 17th 2021

	<b>Bar Service</b>	<b>Kitchen Service</b>
Monday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Thursday	5pm - 11pm	5pm - 8pm
Friday	12pm - 12am	12pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	11am - 12am	11am - 2pm 5pm - 8.30pm
Sunday	12pm - 10.30pm	12pm - 7.30pm



## STARTERS

Halloumi Chips, Sesame, Sour Cream, Pomegranate (v)	5.5
Bury Black Pudding, Potato Cake, Tomato Relish, Fried Egg	6
Smoked Haddock Fish Cake, Creamed Leek, Poached Hens Egg	7
Chicken Liver Pate, Redcurrant + Red Onion Chutney, Hot Toast (gfr)	6.5
Salt + Pepper Calamari, Lemon Mayo	6
Sharing Honey + Rosemary Baked Camembert, Bread Croutons, Sun-blush Tomatoes (v)	13

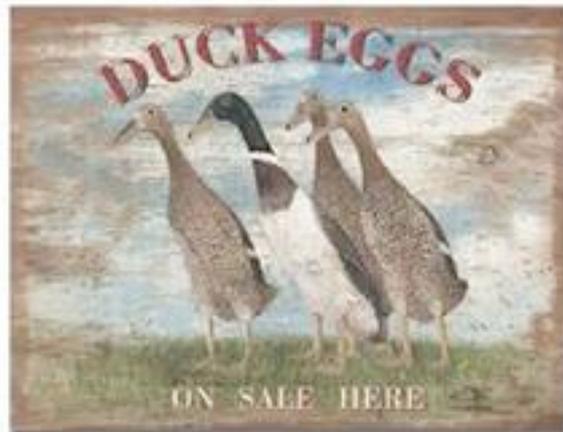
## MAINS

Goan King Prawn + Coconut Curry, Rice, Naan, Pappadum (gfr)	17 ½ 10
Butchers Smash Burger, Lettuce, American Cheese, Sweet Pickled Red Onion, House Made Burger Sauce, Fries	14.5
10oz Rib Eye, Buttered Mushrooms, Confit Tomatoes, Pickled Onion Rings, Dripping Chips (gfr)	21
Battered Haddock, Dripping Chips, Mushy Peas, Lemon, Tartare (gfr)	14 ½ 9
Plant Based Burger, Lettuce, Fries, Burger Sauce, Sweet Pickled Red Onion (v)	14
Pan Fried Chicken Breast, Crispy Drummer, Mushroom Cream Sauce, Dijon Mash, Buttered Greens, Proccutio	16
Low + Slow Pork Cheeks, Black Pudding + Potato Bon Bon, Celeriac, Cabbage, Apple Gravy, Crispy Skin	16
Sticky Chilli Pork Ribs, Fries, Slaw, Corn On The Cob	15
Fish Pie, Cheddar Mash, Crispy King Prawn, Buttered Local Greens, Bread + Butter	17
Mushroom + Cashew Nut Stroganoff, Braised Rice, Soured Cream, Chive (v)	15 ½ 9

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

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

**Lakeland Coffee Van  
Will be visiting MM on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 24 June  
10am to 3pm.  
Come along & enjoy a delicious coffee &  
Homemade cakes.  
Thank you for supporting us.  
Marguerite & Anna.**



**DID YOU KNOW.....?**

**You can now buy duck eggs in Maulds Meaburn.**

**They are FOR SALE outside Hill House, Hopper Hill,  
CA10 3HN**

**which is the white house, on the left, two before MMVI, if  
coming from Crosby OR second on the right after MMVI coming  
the other way.**

**They are priced at £2.50 for six duck eggs.  
(Honesty Box)**

**Meaburn Wildflowers  
Wildflowers  
&  
Seedballs  
For Sale  
Kings Meaburn  
Tel Martin 07770 500105  
Grown in Cumbria**

**Crosby Ravensworth Charities**

The Crosby Ravensworth charities have a selection of medical aids that people in the parish can collect and take on long or short term loan, everyone is welcome to come and see what we have, and they are free of charge, the items include an electric riser chair, bath lift, wheelchair, commodes, shower stool, house trolleys, toilet frames, crutches, a four wheeled walker, and lots more, these things are there to be used, so please shout out if you are in need of anything, telephone Joyce Raine on 01931715223, we are here to help.

# 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 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, Wed 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY Wed 11<sup>th</sup>  
AUG, WED 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT, WED 13<sup>TH</sup> OCT, WED 10<sup>TH</sup> NOV,  
WED 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC.

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# Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group

## 'End of Term report' winter 2020/21



Hedging at Woodfoot

Steve Holroyd

Our second year of tree and hedge planting was dominated by the effects of the Covid pandemic. Surveying was delayed by the first lockdown and further lockdowns meant we had to change the way we operated. No big group planting days, no mixing of volunteers and apprentices, and generally smaller working parties. However, with advice from Eden environmental health we were able to complete most of the work we had planned.

Survey work commenced in August and planting in mid-November. During the planting season 35 different volunteers totted up over 850 manhours.

Again we had great support from the YDNPA apprentices. They surveyed School Hill and Sideway Bank, installed fencing for hedging on Midtown, Brackenslack and Woodfoot, built a 20m x 5m fenced enclosure on Meaburn Moor, cut back and laid hedging at Flass and Midtown, as well as planting hedge plants at Flass and Low Row. In all another 370 manhours. We were also grateful for volunteer input from Eden Rivers Trust and Newton Rigg.



Hedging at Flass

Steve Holroyd

The work completed this year is as follows:-

Bank Head Farm	36 Trees
Beech Tree Farm	1075 Trees
Brackenslack Farm	160m Hedging, 160m Fencing

Brackenslack Bridleway	21 Sheep guards, 42 Trees
Dairy Garth	42m Hedging
Greyber Lane	70m infill hedging, 6 Trees
Haber Farm	26 Sheep guards, 52 Trees
High Murber Farm	6 Tree crates, 24 Trees
Lankaber Farm	9 Tree Crates, 5 Sheep guards, 50m shelter belt, 71 Trees
Low Row Farm	100m Hedging
Marantha House	6 Tree crates, 24 Trees
Midtown Farm	10 Tree crates, 280m Hedging, 470m Fencing, 40 Trees
St Croix plantation	44 Trees
School Hill Farm	210m Hedging
Sideway Bank Farm	10 Tree crates, 40 Trees
Snowdrop Barn	12 Trees, 6 Sheep guards
Townhead Farm	22 Trees, 11 Sheep guards
Trainlands Farm	10 Tree crates, 40 Trees
Wickerslack Farm	130m Hedging, 16 Sheep Guards, 38 Trees
Wintertarn Farm	6 Tree crates, 24 Trees
Woodfoot (Jenkinson)	10 Tree crates, 200m Hedging, 200m Fencing, 40 Trees
Woodfoot (Maughan)	12 Tree crates, 48 Trees
Plus Dyke Farm, Tebay	515 Trees



Sheep cages at Blind Beck, Townhead

Steve Holroyd

The headline statistics for winter 2020/21 planting are:-

**2196 Trees**

**6723 Hedging plants making**

**1150 metres of Hedging**

The total number of trees planted was boosted by a total of 515 following a late request from the Woodland Trust. Just when we thought we had finished for the year we were asked whether we would help planting for a woodland pasture scheme at Dyke Farm, Tebay. Twelve volunteers held their hands up and in the process we were paid over £200 towards next year's planting.



Tree planting on Beech Tree Farm

Drew Woodward

So another massive effort by all the volunteers - well done!

But we couldn't achieve any of this without financial support. This year we must give thanks to The Woodland Trust, Eden District Council, The Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership (in turn supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund) and numerous smaller donors.

In total they have contributed over £17,000 this year in cash and kind.



Tree crates planted on Woodfoot

Steve Holroyd

For the future we will continue working our way into the north of the parish until we have surveyed all the trees on farmland and sought out as many planting opportunities as we can.

Anyone who would like to join us as a volunteer or who would like to have trees or hedges planted on their land can contact Drew on 01931 - 715998. Financial contributions are also welcome.

So in the meantime just reflect again on the fact that if every parish in England did the same as us it would mean over 20 million trees and 12,000km of hedging could be planted every year.

**People often say that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder,' and I say that the most liberating thing about beauty is realizing that you are the beholder. This empowers us to find beauty in places where others have not dared to look, including inside ourselves.**

*Salma Hayek*

**Try to make at least one person happy every day. If you cannot do a kind deed, speak a kind word. If you cannot speak a kind word, think a kind thought. Count up, if you can, the treasure of happiness that you would dispense in a week, in a year, in a lifetime!**

*Lawrence G. Lovasik*

**I don't believe you have to be better than everybody else. I believe you have to be better than you ever thought you could be.**

*Ken Venturi*

**When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way.**

*Wayne Dyer*

**There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.**

*Marshall McLuhan*

**If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fears.**

*Cesare Pavese*

***sent in by Vicky Welch***

## **WESTMORLAND DALES WALKS AND ACTIVITIES**

VISIT [WWW.THEWESTMORLANDDALES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.THEWESTMORLANDDALES.ORG.UK) TO BOOK

We're delighted to announce our initial programme of Westmorland Walks and events for the summer season. We're taking bookings now so please visit our website to reserve a place and join us on a stroll through the wonderful Westmorland Dales!

**Wed 9th June: Crosby Ravensworth to Oddendale Health and Heritage Walk**  
A short loop from Ravenstonedale to Oddendale

**Sat 12th June: Morning and Afternoon sessions: Ravenstonedale Village History Walk**

**Wed 23rd June: Orton Health and Heritage Walk**

A 6km walk on the outskirts of Orton which will take in fabulous views, history and wildlife

**Sun 27th June: Morning and Afternoon sessions: Family Meadow Safari**

A meadow safari for children on Cumbria Wildlife Trusts newest reserve

**Thur 1st July : Drystone Walling Taster Day**

A chance to learn the skill of drystone walling from an experienced waller from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

**Sat 3rd July: National Meadows Day**

Take a scenic walk guided or self-guided through traditional hay meadows

**Sat 3rd July: National Meadows Day – Marvellous Meadow Walk For Children**

Discover the marvellous meadows at Piper Hole on this explorer walk for children.

**Thur 8<sup>th</sup> July: Grassland and Wildflower ID course**

A wildflower and grasses identification course for intermediates with Cumbria Wildlife Trust.

**Thur 8th July: Drystone Walling Taster Day**

A chance to learn the skill of drystone walling from an experienced waller from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

**Mon 12th July: Bumblebee ID Walk For Beginners**

An interactive bee talk and walk introducing you to Bumblebee ecology and identification.

Wed 14th July: Lammerside Loop Health and Heritage Walk

# Coast to Coast?

## Part IX

Yes, we were there again, at Manchester Airport sitting in the ARRIVALS lounge for a change, this time awaiting the arrival of Tom and Jane.

It was June 2019, and having booked a week in Cornwall for late September, we were looking to book another week either preceding that first week or after it somewhere else, possibly Devon or Somerset so that we didn't have the long drive back home to then return in a similar direction.

The best laid plans of mice and men....we had an email from Tom and Jane and I quote "J & T here, with some exciting news. We have been invited over to the 75th anniversary of my dads plane crash" (During Sept 1944 her father, a navigator with Royal Canadian Air Force based at St.Eval in Cornwall took off in a Liberator on a training exercise to rendezvous with a submarine in the Irish Sea. Due to faulty radar the meeting never happened and the plane crashed into the Preseli hills in Pembrokeshire, Wales killing all but three crew, her father being one of the survivors) "And we're actually thinking of making the trip over to the commemoration and looks like we can fly into MAN around Sept 15th in the hope of perhaps spending a little time with y'all"

So not wanting to miss out on a trip to Wales we offered to collect them from the airport, book accommodation and hopefully get to see a little of them during this time - and then they invited us to the ceremony too. How could we resist? Gordon is ex RAF, my father had an association with Liberators during the war and I thought it wholly appropriate that we joined them. It did mean however that we would have to shelve our second holiday plans in favour of a week in Wales but to an area we didn't really know again!

This week became known as the September, Bonus, Breakaway, Dream Tour!

To mix things up a little, we booked the main accommodation about 25 miles from the commemorative event, which was to happen on Thursday 19th September, in a cottage in Brawdy - unbeknown to me it was next to RNAS Brawdy where Gordon had been stationed in his very early days of the RAF! So the plan was to collect the Dreamers from Manchester, drive to Chester and spend 24 hours unwinding in a

Premier Inn and a spot of sight seeing then moving on to Brawdy which is close to St.David's in south west Wales.

We waited, and waited, then heard them before seeing them as they laughed their way through to the arrivals area and once again the merriment began! Tom's beard was now approaching Father Christmas proportions and Jane looked a little tired but soon got into the swing beginning to chatter, asking questions, not waiting for the answers and saying, "Yes, I know, I'll shut up in a minute!"

It was good to be back in their company once more and although we had only parted the previous October in Toronto it seemed longer. Their plane was due in around midday and by 13.30 we were well on the way to Chester, then a quick check in after leaving the motor in a nearby car park and on to a walk along the city walls. We managed a couple of hours walking and doing the touristy things before finding a food stop, then went back to the Inn for them to rest and recuperate before more food at a very nice Italian place. Early night, breakfast at I think Cafe Nero's where Tom had porridge in a mug! And off we went, on our breakaway tour, into the middle of Wales stopping a couple of hours later at the most convenient bacon butty hut adjacent to a porta loo - perfect timing!!

The weather was warm and sunny and the forecast was good for the days ahead; it's never like this we kept telling them, it was wearing thin and they started disbelieving us!! We arrived at our very comfortable cottage in the middle of nowhere, near Solva which is renowned for a mill weaving beautiful designs into carpets, rugs, throws, purses, you name it, they'll do it! At one point Jane was seriously considering buying and transporting back to America with them a large runner of about 20' x 6'; fortunately Tom saw the logistical problems and talked her out of doing so! The next two days were spent exploring the area around St.David's and the fabulous deserted beaches locally which under blue skies were very inviting. We also paid a visit to Mrs Wills the Fish, who creates delicious platters of dressed crab meat, lobster meat, scampi and prawns; she was delighted to inform us (in her kitchen where she performs these miracles of deliciousness) that she had been shortlisted in the small business awards for Pembrokeshire. We later learned that she had been awarded third place and she was over the moon.

St.David's cathedral didn't disappoint - magnificent both in its architectural and spiritual attraction. The area around the "city" was bustling with tourists but car parking was plentiful and inexpensive, with several appealing hostelries and other food beckoning attractions! We spent around four hours there and returned via Mrs

Wills the Fish to collect our pre ordered platter which we were to consume for tea!  
And that didn't disappoint either.

Thursday dawned and we were due to meet up with John Evans, the organiser of the commemoration at around 10.00 at the foot of the hillside; a primary school close by to the crash scene which remembers the event every year in their school curriculum had been invited to take part so there was a coach parked with 30 or so 10 year olds donning walking boots, delighted to be out of the classroom no doubt! We parked behind 20 or so other cars and waited for a short address by John and another gentleman then we began our climb up to the site where a plaque had been laid some years before to mark the area of the crash. Some of the wreckage is still in evidence and left untouched as a mark of respect.

A representative of the RAF was in attendance, a squadron leader from RAF Valley, Anglesey and together with four British Legion members carrying various emblems we all reached the vicinity within half an hour. A small service then ensued and a fly past had been promised but due to operational constraints and the heavy cloud base the intended aircraft didn't materialise but a smaller propeller aircraft we believe did fly over, albeit at a great height.

Along with Jane's presence representing the Canadian link, there were relatives from Australia and the UK in attendance and many stories and anecdotes were swapped during the following hours. We remustered at the local pub, then suitably refreshed and fed several of us reassembled at the cemetery in Haverfordwest where the War Graves Commission maintain four of the crews' graves. A small service took place then we all went back to John's house close to the town; an orchard, 15 beehives and a performing dog together with a power point presentation about various air crashes around the Pembrokeshire coast.

Eventually, after a very long day and indeed an extremely fulfilling one, we dragged ourselves back to the cottage before devouring a huge home made lasagne California style! The next day we drove to Pembroke Dock and the Flying Boat Museum of which John is the main supporter and fund raiser; I sat in a flight simulator of the Sunderland Flying Boat.....wow then we paid a visit to the Castle and learnt a lot about the history of the castle with many different marauding nationalities conquering and then being conquered by others! A very turbulent time.

We were leaving tomorrow so had another look at the beach at Newgale which stretches for ever into the distance; there was a film crew shooting something and we got one of the guys to take some photos of us with our kit!!

An early start and we drove up the west coast and then towards Llangollen where our nights' b & b was situated overlooking the end of the canal and a stones' throw from the Horse Shoe Falls of the river Dee. After we arrived we went for a walk to the falls; this is where in 1805 Thomas Telford diverted part of the flow from the falls into the newly built canal which hugs the hillside before turning 90 degrees south over the Dee in the form of the Pontcysyllte Aquaduct.

On returning to the town we sought out a fish and chip shop as we'd been building up Jane and Tom to the delights to be savoured....Pete's Plaice is superb but we ended up having to eat them in the cemetery opposite as we could not find anywhere else!

The following day was action packed as most days with the Dreamers tend to be; we arranged seats on the Llangollen steam trains plying up and down the 10 miles or so line. The weather had deteriorated by now so something indoors was welcomed; we clambered aboard, and delighted in the smell of coal, steam and oil and then got off at the other end for ten minutes before climbing aboard once more to be transported back the way we had come! Arriving back in Llangollen we drove a couple of miles towards the aqueduct, and parked close to the canal basin at Trevor.

A must do walk if you're ever in that area and Jane and Tom were thrilled to be walking across it by the side of a canal boat which was trundling along it; on their return we presented them with a Canal and Rivers Trust map of the inland waterways we purchased from the museum by the aqueduct, which Tom had kept asking about (I think they might have a cunning plan about to be hatched) - and then of course we went to find a pub in Trevor to consume even more food!

We had managed to cram into a week pretty much every form of transport we sensibly could - car, aeroplane, steam train, canal boat, horse drawn canal boat and a little walking thrown in too, with a sojourn up a well remembered hill.

Our time with these life loving friends was drawing to a close but first we had to get to Wythenshawe and our final nights' accommodation at the Premier Inn. We heard late evening that Thomas Cook Travel had collapsed and on arriving at the airport early the next morning it apparently was chaotic. Due to a completely different reason when we attempted to drop them off at Terminal 2, a police car blocked our passage through and we had to divert to another parking area where we dropped them

off, said long goodbyes, with hugs and tears and drove off somewhat bleary eyed into a Monday morning. We later had a text from Tom telling us that some guy, scantily clad was running around the terminal with a rucksack threatening to blow everyone up. He was apprehended and dealt with - no bomb, just a lack of modesty! And so that's how we came to be driving home from Manchester Airport....again.

In 2021 it was agreed that we would all meet up again, somewhere.... Jane had suggested Switzerland, I had investigated Ireland, both north and south. No decision was made and then we all know what came next.

So we will simply have to wait it out, visits and holidays that should have happened in 2020 aren't happening in 2021 but we still have their friendship and are in touch on a weekly basis, usually reminiscing, always laughing and we have had the added bonus of good old ZOOM this year.

To think that the chance meeting in 2008 on the Coast to Coast walk may never have happened if we had started a day earlier or later, or if illness during the walk in 2006 hadn't occurred, we may not have wanted to repeat the walk two years later.

But meet them we did and to recap we've met them since that walk in the following places:

California 2010

New Zealand 2014

California 2015

England 2016

Canada 2018

Wales 2019

Where next I wonder?

**Vicky Welch**

**Caption Competition**



“Two stones were sitting on a wall, and one stone said to the other  
stone ....”

**Vicky Welch**

Please email any suggestions to [nickthomas@macace.net](mailto:nickthomas@macace.net) for inclusion in the  
next issue.

**Suggestions for last months photo:**

If she doesn't turn up soon I'm off!

**Anne Hughes**



# One More View from The Veggie Box!

## June

Apologies for saying it hadn't rained since I couldn't remember when....I knew what would happen....and of course it did!! Sorry.

Perhaps when the deluge of May has subsided and flaming June begins to warm things up (I'm always the optimist if nothing else) then you might feel safe to venture outside again without many warm layers of clothing and galoshes to tend your flourishing veg patch.

I thought I'd pick, (sorry, no pun intended) another veg and give you my slant on it, so this time it's garden peas, with a few mange tout (eat all) thrown in for good measure. Preparation I guess is the best policy with peas as they thrive in good soil and can fail disastrously in poor, compost less soil - but the main element they really need is water. A couple of years ago I had the best bumper crop of both peas and mange tout ever but we did have excessive watering at the most appropriate times for these vegetables.

Incidentally, many of my pea pods don't make it to the dining table....can't think why?! They're irresistible, just waiting to be picked and you've got to try them, simply to make sure they're ready for harvesting haven't you?

I plant a couple of different varieties, namely Kelvedon Wonder and Alderman, but I'm not holding out much hope for the latter as they were very poor last year and I've only used them because I can't bear to throw away seeds!! So they've had their warning.

With mange tout I don't know what I've used as the bag disintegrated last season and I rescued them and simply labelled them as MT! Fingers crossed with that one then.

Peas grow best in a sunny and well drained spot, so avoid if you can growing them in very wet soils and if possible out of the gales. Grow bags or pots are also a good way of growing them if space is at a premium and can be grown quite close together - for example if growing in a 12" diameter pot you could easily plant 6 pea plants (or seeds) and keep 'em well watered so that their roots can access the nutrients needed for growth.

Supports are needed at an early stage as tendrils from the peas are looking for something to cling to. Twiggy sticks are the easiest way to support them but make sure you know approximately how tall the variety you're growing will reach. Alternatively some chicken wire supported at each end by bamboo sticks is just as good and reusable next year. Mange tout tend to grow a little taller so consider a wigwam support.

When the flowers appear look out for the pods, picking mange tout when they reach a medium size for best crunch and flavour; garden pea pods will begin as flat then fill out and need picking when the pods to touch are firm and rounded....don't forget, take them ALL inside to shell and cook!! Pinching out the growing tip to prevent the plant becoming too unmanageable around head height is recommended and it will also encourage side shoots, particularly with mange tout but common sense is always the best policy and if there's still another 3/4 inches left on the supports then leave them until that is reached.

At the end of the season leave the roots in the soil (if you've grown them in a veggie box or bed) as this will allow the nitrogen stored in their roots to stay in the soil. If you can, grow brassicas in this space next year as they'll really thrive on the nitrogen boost!

So now you know how to grow peas, I shall await your photographs of award winning efforts in the Link in due course! Happy growing and don't forget, enjoyment is the name of the game....

I would welcome your comments... [vickyveggiebox@gmail.com](mailto:vickyveggiebox@gmail.com)

Until the next time.....



**Vicky Welch**

In response to the April Parish council minutes printed last month

#### Public Participation. Minute for 12th April

A resident had expressed disappointment at the felling of mature Lime Trees on farmland to the rear of Woodyard Crosby Ravensworth.

The felling of important trees went against the objectives of the tree group, it was said that the trees had been dangerous and that damage arising from falling overhead branches had occurred to the roof of a property in Woodyard. The trees were outside the conservation area and were not known to be the subject of a tree preservation order. I have included photos shown below.

Some photo's are missing due to a computer crashing, however the invoice for the broken window is included. The NFU insurance document proves the trees were dangerous. A landowner can be seen as negligent if dangerous trees cause damage to an adjoining property. Alarm bells started ringing immediately there was mention that the tree groups objectives be noted in the minutes. I asked for the minute to be sensitive, little did I know the full impact the said minutes would have, having lived in the village all my life, I find it very sad that I am having to defend not only family members but residents of the parish in this way. Hopefully the attached photos will allow harmony to be restored.

The trees were on my late Brother's land, that land is now in trust, the trustees intended to have the trees crowned, however on examination the arboriculturist found the trees to be too dangerous. I would like it noted that I am not a trustee, yet I have been accused of not declaring a pecuniary interest at the Parish council meeting, "I had no need to do so".. I have also been confronted in the village; the local handyman who ensured the trees did not fall on the properties has also been questioned.

I'm pretty certain the readers of this Link will have seen news reports and sympathised with city folks living with the fear of inflammable cladding. The residents, who have lived in the shadow of those trees, have likened the threat to living with that same inflammable cladding and not knowing when the threat is going to engulf them..

I have been a member of the Parish council for 15 years during that time the PC has resorted to fell trees if they are considered a danger to the public, the cost of felling trees is usually exorbitant and essentially dead money, nobody fells trees without good reason!. Other trees have been felled in the parish, which haven't come before the parish council, and yet trees which were a danger to life, felled by law abiding "trustees" have been singled out.

Health and Wellbeing along with protecting vulnerable members of this community is the thread of all my actions. As far as I recall the Parish Council's safeguarding policies have never been questioned, should a private landowners "trustees" actions be questioned, through the PC, for also safeguarding residents of this parish? That question coupled with the flack I have taken has resulted in me seriously considering my role in public life.

Thank you for reading. **Joan Raine**



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Executors of H P Metcalfe  
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21 August 2018

Dear Sirs

**Our Reference:** 2018/2153205 Executors of H P Metcalfe  
**Your Reference:** Damage to Third Party property  
**Date of Loss:** 14 June 2018  
**Please quote our reference in all correspondence.**

We write in relation to the above claim being made under the Public and Product Liability section of your policy for damage to a third party property caused by a falling branch.

After reviewing the evidence, we have accepted liability and are dealing with the third party claim on the best possible terms.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that your policy is subject to a Public Liability property damage excess of £250 which we would be grateful if you would now send to us.

In the event that we do not receive payment from yourselves, we will proceed to settle the third party claim net of your policy excess amount. This outstanding amount will need to be settled by yourselves directly with the third party or their representatives.

We will continue to deal with this claim as per your policy and will inform you once the matter has been resolved. If we do not receive your excess by this point we will assume that you are happy to deal with this aspect directly with the third party.

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## **May 6th, 2021, Ordinary Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.**

### **Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr R McIvor & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr A Beatham, Cllr N Hughes CCC

The Chairman was **AUTHORISED** to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 April 2021 as a true record. The substance of the minutes was agreed as correct however a councillor suggested some rewording of a paragraph in relation to public participation and it was agreed that this would be discussed and resolved prior to re publication of the final minutes.

**Planning YDNPA E/03/42A.** Location; Proposed Communications Site, Agricultural Land, Maulds Meaburn, Penrith, CA10 3HH; Full planning permission for installation of power generator. The application was **SUPPORTED**. Councillors wished to see conditions attached to any consent controlling the level of noise from generator equipment.

**Planning YDNPA E/03/15A/LB/DIS.** Location; Holesfoot, Brackenslack Lane, Maulds Meaburn, CA10 3HX; Approval of details reserved by condition in respect of Condition 5 (internal door details) of E/03/15A/LB. **NO OBJECTION.**

**Planning YDNP E/03/15C/LB.** Location; Holesfoot, Brackenslack Lane, Maulds Meaburn, CA10 3HX; Section 19 application to vary Conditions 2, 3 & 4 of E/03/15A/LB (listed building consent for internal alterations and for the installation of an external downpipe to the south east elevation) - In respect of alterations to the location of the ground floor east wing proposed bathroom door and amendment to second floor layout. **NO OBJECTION.**

**Planning EDC 21/0292.** Site address: **LOW MOOR FARM, NEWBY PENRITH, CA10 3HB.** Description: The formation of an earth banked slurry lagoon. The proposal was discussed at length. Correspondence had been received from a member of the public supporting the application and the potential it had to remediate a long-term problem with slurry leaks, spills and dirty roads. However, the correspondent also raised concerns over the intended location of the proposed slurry pit. It was said that a report regarding the choice

of location was not included with the application documentation. Concerns were also raised as to the assessed suitability of ground conditions, highway safety, pollution risks and landscape impact. The Council considered the correspondents comments. The councils resolved position was to raise NO OBJECTION to the proposed scheme.

## **May 6th, 2021, Annual Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council. Draft Minutes**

### **Present**

Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr R McIvor, Cllr S Roberts, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr Neil Hughes CCC (Part)

**Apols** Cllr A Beatham.

**Election of Chairman.** David Graham was ELECTED Chairman for the year. (1<sup>st</sup> JR, 2<sup>nd</sup> VH) Unanimous.

**Joan Raine** was NOMINATED Vice Chairman for the Year. (1<sup>st</sup> VH, 2<sup>nd</sup> RM) Unanimous.

Christian Barnes' appointment as Clerk & RFO was APPROVED. Unanimous.

Rachael Little's appointment as Internal Auditor was APPROVED. Unanimous.

Joan Raine was APPOINTED to inspect the bank reconciliations on a quarterly basis in line with financial regulation (2.2).

A calendar of future dates for scheduled meetings was AGREED as follows: 05-Jul-21 | 02-Aug-21 | 06-Sep-21 | 04-Oct-21 | 01-Nov-21 | 06-Dec-21 | 10-Jan-22 | 07-Feb-22 | 07-Mar-22 | 11-Apr-22. It was anticipated that it would be necessary to cancel the June meeting for Covid Security reasons and that subsequent meetings would be 'in person'. Councillors agreed that they would not meet in June.

Review of Appointments:

1. Virginia Holroyd was APPOINTED representative to Crosby Ravensworth

Village Hall.

2. Robert McIvor was APPOINTED representative to Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.

Internal Auditor.

The council received, considered and approved:

1. The Internal Auditor's report to 31 March 2021
2. Internal Auditor's certificate (AGAR)

Statement of Variances.

The Council APPROVED the statement of variances for publication.

Certificate of Exemption.

The Council AUTHORISED the Chairman and Clerk to add wet signatures & minute references to the 'Certificate of Exemption from Audit'

Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

The Council AUTHORISED the Chairman and Clerk to add wet signatures & minute reference and APPROVED for publication (subject to audit) the Annual Governance Statement.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

The Council AUTHORISED the Chairman and Clerk to add wet signatures & minute reference and APPROVED for publication (subject to audit) the Accounting Statements.

Public Rights.

The Council AUTHORISED the Clerk to publish the Notice of the period (14<sup>th</sup> June to the 23<sup>rd</sup> July) for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Pub. 7 May 2021.

**May 6th, 2021, Annual Electors' Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr R McIvor, Cllr S Roberts, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).  
Cllr Neil Hughes CCC

**Apols:** Cllr A Beatham.

**Chairman's report**, the Chairman's report is attached as Appendix 1. It having been circulated to councillors beforehand and published online and there being no members of the public present the report was taken as read.

The Chairman wished to add his thanks to fellow councillors, clerk and all the volunteers who helped keep up the Parish: Litterpickers, Shelter Managers, Swing Painters & Grassmowers and all those whose voluntary efforts helped keep the Parish in good order.

**Public Participation.**

Councillors raised issues from the public as follows:

1. Cllr N Hughes, works to the road to Shap had been delayed by limited availability in respect of the Jet Patcher. In response to a query, he noted that issues regarding Stiles should be referred to David Gibson at Cumbria County Council.
2. It was RESOLVED to look into issues regarding potential disabled parking in Maulds Meaburn connected to the promotion of level access walks (DG. JR. VH. RM to confer)
3. Flags were being installed to the ground at the CR Post Box to facilitate disabled access.
4. A resident had expressed a wish to plant a memorial tree in Maulds Meaburn DG & RM to liaise.
5. A visitor to the area had reported a river pollution incident to the Environment Agency resulting in an inspection.
6. A Coffee Van had begun trading on Maulds Meaburn VG. Councillors preferred the vehicle to be parked on the highway and suggested some possible sites. Feedback would be given.

7. The Fellgate Cattle grid had been cleaned out.

## Appendix 1

Parish Council Chairman's Report, Cllr D Graham, May 2021.

Meetings - The Parish Council (PC) held 11 meetings over the 2020/21 year with all meetings from March to July cancelled due to Covid 19 lockdown. During the lock down period PC business was undertaken by the Chair and Clerk through Delegated Powers whilst consultation on planning submissions was made by email.

The government introduced legislation to allow online video conference meetings for Councils and this is due to expire on 7 May 2021.

A single face-face meeting was held in August 2020 before all PC meetings moved online via Zoom. All were scheduled in advance and mostly held on the first Monday of the month. In all 3 members of the public attended during the year despite the meeting Zoom link details being publicised on the Agenda and Parish Website.

Councillors – There are currently 5 elected Councillors; David Graham (Chair), Joan Raine (Vice Chair), David Hewitt, (Ginny) Holroyd, Andrew (Pandy) Beatham. In addition there are 2 co-opted Councillors; Rob McIvor and Stuart Roberts the latter co-optee replacing Jonathon Taylor who stood down at the September meeting.

Planning - The PC is a consultee on all planning applications in the Parish. In total 32 Planning applications were submitted which was a 128% increase on the previous year.

Application details

YDNPA

No. Applications 15

Supported 12

Objected 3

Approved in advance 0

Eden DC

No. of Applications 17

Supported 8

Objected 4

Approved in advance 5

Of the 17 Eden DC planning applications 9 were all associated with Winter Tarn Farm. All the applications were approved under delegated authority by the Eden DC Planning Officer. The PC had objected to 2 of the applications which should have resulted in the application going to Planning Committee and another 5 were determined in advance of PC consultation.

The PC has received no response to letters to the Planning Department, Director or Chief Executive and has now formally lodged a complaint against the Authority.

Finances - The PC had £22,435 of income and £14,954.73 of expenditure, the latter closely managed and significant savings made on planned works. The surplus has allowed the replenishment of General and Police House Reserve accounts which were severally depleted during the previous year with major upgrade works required before re-letting of the Police House.

At the end of the 2020/21 year account balances are as follows:

- 1 Current Account £5,552.82
- 2 General Reserve £9,543.01
- 3 Police House Reserve £7,025.33

The Parish Council Precept for 2021/22 (Band D property) remained unchanged at £54.04 per chargeable household providing the Parish Council with £12,440 of income.

As a taster, some of the key issues discussed and actioned over the last 12 months include;

Registration of Parish land – Following the successful first Land Registry registration (Maulds Meaburn Village Green) the PC lodged an application to register Reagill Village Green. This application has yet to be determined with delays attributed to Co-vid.

The PC has continued with its agreed approach to Maulds Meaburn Village Green with a number of new householder agreements instigated as formal Deeds.

Old Police Station – The planned external painting work was completed during the summer of 2020.

Crosby Ravensworth Commons – The Commoners’ submission to Natural England for the 10 year management agreement for the Crosby Commons was completed during the year.

The commoners who have rights to graze specific numbers of stock on the fell have developed a scheme that reduces grazing and increases tree cover. The public had a right of access to the common and the submission aims to balance the needs and rights of all concerned with the establishment of areas of planting.

The PC was consulted, both in its role as the owner of Bank moor, and as a statutory consultee. The PC fully supported the submission and has signed the formal agreement to allow the inclusion of Bank moor.

The submission is currently with the Secretary of State awaiting full approval.

Holly Cottage – In August Councillors were advised of a bequest, in the will of the Late Ted Relph (A former Chairman of the Parish Council and lifelong resident of the Parish), of his home ‘Holly Cottage’, the bequest was conditional upon the Parish Council making the cottage available for rent. It was a 3-bedroom family home.

The PC employed Lewis Conservation to carry out a Condition Survey and develop a budget for costs associated with the refurbishment of Holly Cottage. This was completed on 5 December 2020.

The refurbishment proposals cover all aspects of the property and are aimed at achieving a minimum Energy Performance band of E whilst also conserving the character of the property. The overall costs of the works are estimated at circa £150,000.

The PC can access funding via the Governments Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) as refurbishment of Holly Cottage would be classified as capital works.

The PWLB gives the PC access to a maximum of £500k borrowing over up to 50 years. For the likely funding required for refurbishment interest rates would be fixed at 1.53% over 25yrs to 1.91% over 50 yrs.

Analysis of loan costs versus potential income from rental clearly demonstrated financial viability and the return of surplus to the PC's accounts.

One of the requirements of the Public Works Loan Board application, even though the PC has no intention of increasing the precept to cover some of the works cost of the project, is that the community must be informed / consulted on the proposed scheme and borrowing. Consultation was carried out through the Lyvennet Link and PC website and is still open for comment. Parish Councillor's unanimously agreed to acceptance of the bequest.

Unitary Authority – The proposals for the creation of a new single or two unitary authorities across Cumbria to replace the current County and six District Councils closed on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The options tabled

Proposals.

Allerdale + Copeland Proposer

Area 1 [Copeland + Allerdale + Carlisle] Area 2 [Barrow + South Lakes + Eden].

Carlisle + Eden Proposer

Area 1 [Allerdale + Carlisle + Eden]  
Area 2 [Copeland + Barrow + South lakes].

South Lakeland + Barrow Proposer

Area 1 [Copeland + Allerdale + Carlisle + Eden] Area 2 [South Lakes + Barrow + Lancs Morecambe Bay Area].

Cumbria County and District functions absorbed into a new single Unitary Authority.

The decision on the future shape of Cumbria's local government now sits with the Secretary of State.

It is anticipated that should a unitary proposal proceed then any new Authority or Authorities formed will look to shed all non-statutory functions and attempt to push some services down to the most local level; Parish and Town Councils. MMVG Inspection – Following an inspection of Maulds Meaburn Village Green in Feb 2021 various elements of work have been identified:

- 1 Bus shelter – Replacement of timber, repair guttering and repainting – quotes being sought
- 2 Highway maintenance issues including numerous potholes, damaged pedestrian fencing, cattlegrid clearance – Cumbria Highways has been notified.
- 3 Mill Race and sluice gate – repair and clearance subject to Historic England approval as they are listed as an Ancient Monument
- 4 The damage to the Green from tractor parking and turning is being reinstated by the driver
- 5 Exposed water pipe across river upstream to top footbridge – United Utilities investigating removal.  
In addition YDNPA are progressing plans to undertake work with the riverbank willow at Bridge House.  
Grants – The Parish Council awarded grants to the following organisations during the year
- 6 Parish Tree Group - £440

7 Crosby Ravensworth First Responders £300

8 Fell Runner bus - £300

Administration - The Parish Council received an unqualified audit with no matters arising.

## Photographs by Lyvennet Flowers Group

