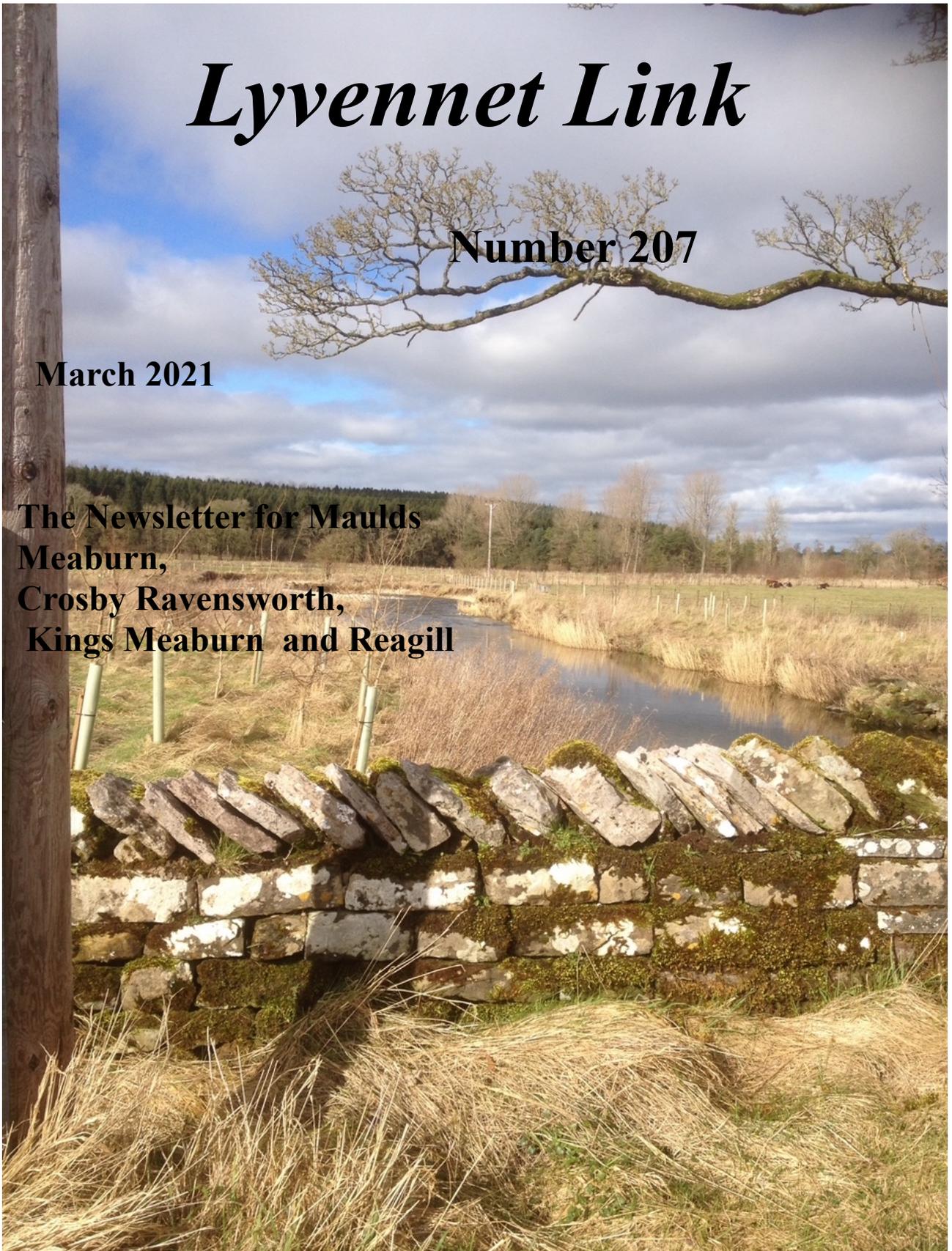


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Meaburn,  
Crosby Ravensworth,  
Kings Meaburn and Reagill**



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

**Welcome to the March 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.

Not to forget the superb photographs from David Nattrass and others. I feel I must explain that the quality of the original photographs is absolutely superb and I apologise for the inevitable loss of resolution caused by the reduction in file size to enable the Link to be emailed.

Again, this Link is only being sent out via email. I have no plans currently to move back to producing a printed version, though I am open to comments about this.

There may be a very limited number of printed versions in the village shelters but please do not take one of these if you have access to a digital version.

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

**Nick Thomas.**

# **SERVICES AND NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH St Lawrence**

## **Services at St Lawrence, Lent to Holy Week**

### **Wednesday March 3rd 6.30pm Lent II**

Evening Prayer with reading and short meditations [45 mins] led by Bishop James Bell

### **Wednesday March 10th 6.30pm Lent III**

**same**

### **Wednesday March 17th 6.30pm Lent IV**

**same**

### **Wednesday March 24th 6.30pm Lent V**

**same**

### **Sunday March 14th 11.00am Mothering Sunday**

Holy Communion with Rev. Stewart Fyfe

### **Sunday March 28th 11.00am Palm Sunday**

Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

## **AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS**

The collections are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every Month. Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March, Wed 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Items collected are Curtains, bedding (no duvets or pillows ) towels, clothes, Shoes, belts, hats, scarfs, books ( hard & soft back) handbags, costume jewellery Cd's, videos, ink jet cartridges, mobile phones, used stamps in a clear plastic bag.

**Please no Bric a Brac.**

**Leave items in the bus shelters at CR,MM, Reagill & KM before 9am collection on the day.**

Further info contact Kitty 01931-715375

[Kitty.s65@btinternet.com](mailto:Kitty.s65@btinternet.com)

## Win this Afternoon Tea Hamper for Two



Just in time for Mother's Day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**£5 per entry**

Simply, pick up a brown envelope from either village shelter, pop your contact details on it, put your money inside (1 entry per envelope) and pop it through the letterbox for either Jill Winder (The Forge) or Karen Winder (2 Stoneworks Garth).

The winner will be drawn at 4pm on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> March.  
Collection/delivery on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> or Sun 14<sup>th</sup>.

**In aid of Mountain Rescue**

**Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.**  
**Thomas A. Edison**

**Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.**  
**Albert Einstein**

**Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.**

**Barbara De Angelis**

**sent in by Vicky Welch**



## Takeaway Menu

**Week Commencing Wednesday 3rd March 2021**  
Please place orders by ringing us on 01931 715500

**OPENING HOURS**  
PLEASE SEE WEBSITE  
[www.thebutchersrosby.co.uk](http://www.thebutchersrosby.co.uk)

12" Pizza (gfr) - Margarita (v)	£10
- Veggie Feast (v)	£10
- Meat Feast	£10
- Four Cheese + Basil (v)	£10
- Cajun Chicken + Soured Cream	£10
- Ham + Mushroom	£10
Fish, Chips + Mushy Peas, Tartare (gfr)	£10
Stir-Fry Chicken Noodles, Thai Red Sauce	£10
Butchers Double Steak Burger, Double Cheese, Sweet Pickled Red Onion, Iceberg, House Made Mayo, Fries	£10
Sweet + Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Prawn Crackers (gfr)	£10
Spinach, Ricotta + Mushroom Tagliatelle, Parmesan	£10
Crumb, Garlic Bread (v)	£10
Sticky Chilli Pork Ribs, Fries, Slaw	£10
Lamb Tagine, Pea + Mint Cous Cous	£10
Steak + Mushroom Pie, Dripping Chips, Mushy Peas	£10
Plant Based Burger, House Mayo, Sweet Onion, Fries, Slaw (v)	£10
Chicken Caesar Salad, Croutons, Anchovy, Parmesan (gfr)	£10
Scampi Tails, Dripping Chips, Peas, Tartar	£10

(gfr) - Gluten Free On Request (v) - Vegetarian



Sides - Skinny Fries / Dripping Chips / Slaw	£2
Garlic Bread Pizza With Cheese	£5
Kids Pizza (choose from above)	£6
Chicken Nuggets, Chips + Peas	£6
Fish, Chips + Peas	£6
Cheeseburger + Fries	£6

**PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR DESSERT SELECTION**

### How It Works

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED OUR SUNDAY  
OPENING HOURS. NOW OPEN 3PM - 7PM**

Ring us with your order on 01931 715500 from **3pm** and **1pm Sunday**.  
Select a collection time. We will limit to 5 minute time slots to make sure we comply with advice. Please turn up to collect your order at the agreed time.

Please pay for your order over the phone with a debit/credit card or pay cash when you collect

We thank you for your custom AGAIN and we very much look forward to resuming back to the normal personal service we usually offer.

♥ STAY SAFE! ♥



♥ MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND SPECIAL ♥

Pick Up From The Butchers Between 3pm and 4pm, Saturday 13th Or Sunday  
14th March

Deliveries Available, Please Just Ask

**Afternoon Tea For Two**

Finger Sandwich selection

Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese + Watercress  
Roast Turkey, Cranberry, Stuffing + Crispy Bacon  
Poached Salmon, Lemon + Chive Mayo  
Honey Roast Gammon, Rocket + Mustard Mayo  
Lancashire Cheese + Mango Chutney

Savouries

Hand Raised Pork Pie  
Apple + Course Grain Mustard Sausage Roll  
Mini Cheddar + Onion Pasty  
Ham + Mushroom Quiche

Sweet

Classic Scone, Strawberry Jam + Clotted Cream  
Bakewell Tart  
Chocolate Éclair  
Raspberry + White Chocolate Meringues

£25

**All orders must be with us by Thursday 11th March 1pm  
Sadly we can not accept any orders after this time**

**Please Ring 01931715500 or email [jon@thebutcherscrosby.co.uk](mailto:jon@thebutcherscrosby.co.uk) to order**



With the government starting to lift restrictions, the committee have the task of deciding if we can open this season.

Do you have some free time during the summer?

Could you volunteer at our open swimming pool?

We have a small shop that serves hot and cold drinks, ice creams and sweets. We need volunteers to help at the pool with the running of the shop, pump room and cleaning between May and September. Would that be something you would be interested in?

If you think you would be interested, get in touch for more information.

Message the Facebook page or give Teresa a call on 07517673361

# Coast to Coast?

## From California to Cumbria. Part VI

And so that's how we came to be sitting in the departure lounge at Manchester airport....AGAIN!

Yes, we had been talked into it, blackmailed, cajoled - whatever you might like to call it - and had agreed to fly across the "pond" again and stay with our friends in California. But this time we knew a bit more of what we would be "in for", (treated to is probably a kinder description!)

Since returning from New Zealand we had been bombarded with pleas of meeting up with them again, long before our planned destination in 2016. (I can't tell you where 2016 was going to find us, or I'd have to kill you!) Our concern was that we all had lives outside of this new found friendship and didn't want to overdo the camaraderie that had developed along the way and particularly towards the end of the four weeks we had spent with them in NZ.

As 2015 arrived, we began thinking of holidays we might have in the coming year, with family or on our own, but we kept coming back to flight timetables to San Francisco coupled with accommodation dates and whether or not it would fit in with Dreamers' lives.

Fit in? Get real! They nearly snapped our hands off in anticipation of more merriment and friendship, laughter and sight seeing, eating and generally having fun. So that's settled then? I emailed Jane soon into January 2015 to ask when would be a good time to land again in the country of milk and honey; she returned the email swamping us with activities, accommodation suggestions and regions as yet unexplored by us in California!

We flew over using the same template as in 2010, Manchester to Heathrow and then on to San Francisco to carry on exactly where we had left off....we'll almost!

September was the best time to be there, for us, for them and for the weather I believe - warm but not too hot. We were met at the airport by the welcoming committee again (SF airport officials were obviously used to us by then!) and whisked off at break neck speed to begin the party all over again, firstly in SF for a night then heading north towards wine country, staying at a complex in Windsor with pools, fabulous accommodation and the ideal base for exploring the wine region and artisan cheese producers too. Moving on to a delightful out of the way beach villa at Dillon Beach we sampled some lovely walks along the shores, fish and chips American style and many different local wines and beers.

I think the highlight of our stay was a night aboard the retired aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda, San Francisco Bay; for around £75 each we were billeted in the crew's quarters, abluted in the crew's wash rooms, ate in the crew's mess, and it was lights out when the boss said so! Reveille was at 07.00 and breakfast was at 07.30 or you went hungry. We spent a very interesting time under the wing of an ex Naval guy, turned guide, who gave us all (there were 9 of us by memory) an in depth, no door left unopened tour of the entire ship, including the "island" which for the un-initiated is the super structure or part of the ship which towers above the decks, from where the brains of the operation is conducted - the Bridge. Below decks was just so incredible; one of the helicopters on display, a Sea King, was the one which plucked the Apollo 11 astronauts and their capsule out of the Pacific Ocean after the moon landing in 1969.

We were also treated to a few days at Lee and Bev's place at Lake Tahoe, near the state line of Nevada, and about 5,000ft above sea level, where we had a fall of snow which amused us and shocked everyone else, certainly in September anyway.

A memorable couple of days was spent around the Gold Rush areas, gleaning an insight into the human aspect of gold diggers extraordinaire. It was a brutal occupation with very little rewards for the majority of the hopeful diggers, but they rushed there nevertheless in their thousands during the 1800's.

Whilst staying with Jane and Tom at their home in Oakhurst, one morning was spent in the care of Wendy and Jordan, instructing Tom, Jane, Gordon and I in the art of firearms. At this point I must express a concern that all the Dreamers apart from Tom and Jane own a firearm of some description and know very well how and when to use it; it was at times quite disconcerting to know that in the glove box there was a "piece" and although during our visits we never experienced first hand their use in anger, it's nice to know that from that point here in the UK we are a long way behind the gun culture which exists in America. Target practice from my point of view was a little mixed, Gordon fared somewhat better as did Tom, but Jane was the dark horse - the one to have on your side!

We were receiving our tuition in the Yosemite area which was surrounded by charred or dying trees - charred due to the devastating fires, and dying due to the terrible droughts that these lands have witnessed over several years.

Not to be forgotten was our gathering at Mo's huge place in Mariposa, not far from Yosemite, where for the first time since our original liaison with them back in 2008 we were all together I.e. the five "girls", Gordon and I. Of course we had to recreate a memorable photograph which had been taken on the North Yorkshire Moors above Glaisdale seven years before....then and now! Maybe I'll include it next time....

We were once again driven everywhere by our friends and must easily have covered a couple of thousand miles again by the time we were deposited back at the airport, but

again we were saying our goodbyes to them in the hope that we would find a way to be together in some far off or closer to home country before too long.....and yes, you've guessed the next bit.... And so that's how we came to be sitting in the departure lounge at Manchester airport....AGAIN!

The next Dream Tour? Wait until next time....

Dream away.....

If you've missed any of these chapters, don't worry as I'm hoping the Editor will "print" the lot after I've run out of meetings...

### Caption Competition

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



Vicky Welch

I wonder how many people have stopped to read this?

# Maulds Meaburn

'Meaburn' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon meaning 'meadow stream'. The 'Maulds' refers to a story of murder and treachery. Lord of the Manor, Hugh de Morville, was one of the knights who murdered Thomas à Becket in Canterbury in 1170. As punishment part of the manor was confiscated by the Crown, Kings Meaburn, and the remainder was granted to Hugh's sister, Maud - Maulds Meaburn.

Remnants of the medieval village are visible in fields around the village with 'tofts' - houses facing the main street and 'crofts' - gardens to the rear.

**The Village Green**  
This is one of only three greens in England still grazed by sheep. In 1986 Christopher Lowther, Lord of the Manor, tried to build a court house on the Green. The builders were abused and pelted with stones by the wives of local tenants and the court house was levelled to the ground.

**Lyvennet Beck**  
The beck has a weir, salmon ladder, footbridges and stepping stones linking the riverside paths. In the 2015 Storm Desmond the beck burst its banks damaging the southern footbridge, which was replaced in 2017. The beck contains a healthy population of native white-clawed crayfish.



**Maulds Meaburn Hall**  
The Hall and Manor dates from Norman times. The Lowthers built the current building in the 17th century with a deer park, terraced walks, pleasure gardens and fine avenues of trees.  
James Lowther, nicknamed 'Jimmy Lowther' was born at the Hall in 1736. As an MP he was infamous for his abuse of power, infidelities and disregard for others, hence his other nickname 'Wicked Jimmy'.

**Maulds Meaburn School**  
The school was built in 1834 on the site of the former cross of the village green. Built as a "National School for the education of the poor in the principles of the Church of England", it closed in 1963.

**Flass House**  
This Palladian-style mansion set in 15 acres of parkland was built between 1848-1861 by the Dent family, who made their fortune in tea and opium trading in China. The wealth of the Dents altered the fabric of the village. They changed the course of the beck, provided new housing for their workers, planted trees and built new bridges.



**Meaburn Mill**  
The mill has been on this site since the 13th century. The Lowther Crest is dated 1690. Water powering the mill was taken along the mill race from the weir near Elizabeth Cottages.



**Social Life**  
There were two pubs in the village, the Mason's Arms with the Brew House next door, and the Bay Horse.

**Maulds Meaburn Village Institute**  
A second-hand shooting lodge, built of wood and corrugated iron, was moved to this site in 1921. It was rebuilt with the help of a Lottery grant in 2011.



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Vicky Welch



### **The Mini Eden Coffee Outreach Van**

The wait is over! Barista prepared coffees, teas, plus cakes and snacks are coming to your village! Locally sourced artisan produce, lovingly prepared, at affordable prices. Our Van will also be fitted with lego play and activity panels, to help make your visit fun for the little people, too. Children's clothing and gifts from our Kirkby Stephen shop can be brought to you by request, or to browse.

**TEBAY** (by the recycling point)  
Tuesdays 9am – 11am (starting 9<sup>th</sup> March)

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH** (in Butchers Arms car park)  
Tuesdays 12noon – 2pm (starting 9<sup>th</sup> March)

**SMARDALE NATURE RESERVE** Saturdays 11am – 3pm (starting 3<sup>rd</sup> April\*)  
in partnership with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust - 10% of sales will go to the CWT

Card payment preferred, please follow the social distancing measures we have in place

\*Covid restrictions permitting – please do keep an eye on [www.loveminieden.co.uk](http://www.loveminieden.co.uk) or follow us on Instagram / Facebook @loveminieden for regular updates, news, and offers.

**The Love your Community weekend was a great success unfortunately the weather was dreadful for the Love your community window trail. I enclose under individual emails some of the photos of the entries as folks didn't venture out due to the weather. Hope you have space for some if not all of them.**

**The winner of the £20-00 Butchers Arms**

**Love Your Community, voucher was The Golding family with Angela Potts poem about the community receiving a highly commended.**

**Lots of lovely comments also on the community Heart tree, mentioning the generosity of the community, how friendly everyone was, looking out for one's neighbour, quoting Vera Lynn We'll meet again, thanking the Butchers Arms and the No 1 rule Love thy neighbour.**

**Joan Raine**

Evening Joan,

Please find attached pictures. It was a great family effort and lots of fun was had. We wanted to depict what we love about living here.

The red heart hangs above our picture.

Coronation and Millennium tree - Lovely walks and views over looking Crosby Ravensworth and beyond.

Black Dub - Source of the Lyvennet river, running through our garden and the village.

Andy Goldsworthy Pinfold cone - A work of art.

Butchers Arms - Big part of our community. It's our view across the field from our kitchen window.

Village shelter - We always like to have a nosey.

St Lawrence's church - A place to reflect. I could personally sit for hours just looking up at the infrastructure.

Millennium Sandstone Pillar - We live on Stoneworks.

Crosby Ravensworth school - A big part of our boys lives.

Hope you are keeping well.

Claire, Fraser, Max and Ted Kerr





Hi Joan these are my photos hope they are ok! Thanks Lynne (Saggers)







Hi Joan,  
Here is the photographic entry from the Rogers Household. Katie and I knotted strips of red themed fabric on to the wire heart to complete it. Sarah





Margaret Jarvis

Hi Joan,

Here's our entry for the heart competition.

It will be displayed in our living room window for valentines weekend.



Thanks.  
Karen (Winder)

Hi Joan,

I think this is our window finished now.

Thanks  
Karen







Jill Winder



Dorothy Hunter



# Lyvennet Cookbook

## Cheeky Chicken

Serves 4

### Ingredients

4 chicken drumsticks or any chicken portion ( I use boneless skinless thighs either whole or diced)

2 tbsp oil

1 onion, chopped finely

4 rashers streaky bacon, chopped

2 cloves garlic, crushed

8 oz (dry weight) long grain rice

1 pint chicken stock

1 tbsp tomato puree

Salt and pepper

Sugar to taste (optional)

1 red pepper

1 oz butter

2 tbsp frozen peas, blanched

### Method

Set oven to 190° C. Fry chicken in oil until browned. Remove from pan.

Add onion, bacon and garlic to pan, cook for 2 minutes on gentle heat.

Add rice and stir-fry until rice is coated. Pour over stock and stir in tomato puree. Season with salt and pepper and add sugar to taste if used. Bring to boil and transfer to a casserole dish. Arrange chicken on top. Cover and cook in the oven for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked. Lightly fry red pepper in butter. Stir into casserole with peas. Serve immediately.

N.B. if you have used diced chicken meat you can stir it through the rice when you stir in the peas and peppers.

**Shirley Bowness Stonework's Garth. CR**

# Sweet and Sour Pork

Serves 4

## Ingredients

4 Pork chops

4 tbsp vinegar

3 oz soft brown sugar

1 tbsp soy sauce

2 level tbsp cornflour

1 x 12oz/340g can pineapple pieces in juice

## Method

Set oven to 180° C. Grill chops approx 2 minutes each side, until browned. Place in casserole. Mix together sugar, vinegar and soy sauce, strain juice from pineapple and make up to ½ pint with water. Mix sauce mixture with juice and add a pinch of salt. Blend with cornflour until smooth bring to boil, stirring all the time until it thickens. Add pineapple and spoon over chops. Cover and cook in the oven for 40 – 45 minutes.

N.B. I have also used diced pork or even diced chicken.

**Shirley Bowness Stonework's Garth. CR**

# Pastuccio

Serves 4

## Ingredients

8 oz/225g minced beef  
2 oz/50g bacon, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
1 carrot, chopped  
1 stick celery, sliced (optional)  
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed  
2 tbsp tomato puree  
8 fl oz/225ml beef stock  
8 oz/225g macaroni (dry weight), cooked  
8 oz/225g frozen peas  
2 oz/50g flour  
2 oz/50g butter  
1 pint/569ml fresh milk  
2 oz/50g double Gloucester or cheddar cheese, grated  
Salt and fresh ground pepper

## Method

Dry fry the beef in a non-stick pan, add bacon, onion, carrots, celery (if used), garlic, tomato puree and stock. Bring to boil, cover and simmer gently for 1 hour. Mix the meat, macaroni and peas. Place in an ovenproof dish.

Place flour, butter and milk in a saucepan, heat stirring until sauce boils and thickens and is smooth. Cook for a minute. Remove from heat, add half of cheese and stir until melted. Season.

Pour over the beef, sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake at 180° C for 30 minutes.

**Shirley Bowness Stonework's Garth. CR**

# **SPEEDY CARBONARA**

Serves 4

200g (7 oz) bacon

255g (9oz) mushrooms

500g (1lb 2oz) tagliatelle

80g (3oz) Boursin cheese with herbs

2 eggs

200ml (7 fl.oz) single cream

Fresh chives to garnish

- 1.** Chop the bacon and mushrooms and fry in a pan for about 5 minutes until the bacon is crispy
- 2.** Cook the pasta following the packet instructions. Drain and return to a large pan. Place over a low heat and add the Boursin and stir well
- 3.** Beat the eggs and add to the pasta with the cream. Add the cooked mushrooms and bacon
- 4.** Sprinkle the fresh chives over the top and serve immediately

Andy Haggart (CR)

# Honeycomb Ice Cream

This is a really easy but totally delicious family favourite that I have made for years, my mother used to make and now our boys make it too. A note on my handwritten recipe says it will last for up to ten days in the freezer but I can't vouch for that as it never lasts anywhere near that long in this house!

2 tbsp golden syrup

5 tbsp white caster sugar

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

600ml cream - whipping or double

1 405g tin condensed milk

1. Oil large baking tin/sheet.
2. Gently melt the syrup & sugar in a large saucepan then boil it for 4 minutes or until it is a deep, golden caramel colour.
3. Sprinkle over the bicarb, ideally using a fine sieve to make sure there are no lumps. Gently stir in. The mixture will instantly froth up!
4. Pour the frothing mixture straight onto the oiled tin and leave it to go cold.
5. In a large bowl, whisk the cream to soft peaks.
6. Fold the condensed milk into the cream until combined.
7. Break up the honeycomb and fold into the cream mixture.
8. Quickly pour into a large Tupperware and freeze before you "test" too much of the mixture!!
9. Once frozen, enjoy!

**Julia Laitham, Monks Bridge CR**

# A View from The Veggie Box!

So now the sun has decided to make a welcome return and the waterlogged fields and gardens are beginning to recover, our thoughts must return to what we can accomplish in the veggie plot this March.

Even though the temperatures have been quite cool (like they used to be!) the covered beds will be warming in readiness for the first seeds or plants you are going to grow this season. Don't hurry to plant up this month if you feel it's still a little too cold yet; better to wait and have a good, healthy crop than rush your potatoes and onions into the ground to see them struggle for several weeks until they begin to show serious signs of growing.

If not already done so, then stake up the brassicas you may have in your garden against the horrid gales that keep sneaking up on us; you may notice a gap developing around the base of the plant so earth up if so.

Early March is a good time to sort through your seed packets; many produce good plants for several seasons if stored accordingly, but certain seeds such as parsnips don't keep well and certainly not for more than two years. I've been guilty of thinking that the seeds I've had for several years will be fine, only to fail to produce a seedling . So plan what you want to grow, what you have room to grow and whether or not you will eat what you grow! It's a fact that many gardeners don't necessarily eat what they grow but simply grow for pleasure and give away the majority of produce.

I would have put in my onion sets by now but after the last downpours everywhere is still too waterlogged, so mid March is my target; a neighbour once suggested St.Patrick's Day for potatoes and as it would have been my father's 100th birthday this March 17th I think that will do nicely for both onions and potatoes! Incidentally, if you haven't started chitting your potatoes yet don't worry, there's loads of time yet to buy and get them ready.

One of the happy sides of gardening is remembering what Dad used to suggest with runner beans, which variety of onions Uncle Wilfred swore by, or Grandad's fabulous carnations, roses and catmint. I'm sure you will have similar memories: these things don't leave you do they?

I planted garlic and broad beans last October and am pleased with the progress and sheer gutsiness of them through all that nature has thrown at

them recently! One or two gaps will be readily filled come March - last year, 8 plants gave me 4.5lbs of broad beans and they freeze extremely well, keeping for several months. So now is a good time to consider planting these two veggies and apart from tying up the broad bean plants when they gain height, protecting them from winds, and pinching out the tops when the first flowers show to deter black fly, they both thrive on neglect! I save some beans each autumn and use them for the following year, preferring a variety called Aqua Dulce, and do the same with the garlic cloves, saving about five and splitting them to plant which gives me around 45.

It's also time to sow seeds for tomatoes and chillies; it's not rocket science, but tomatoes aren't the easiest of plants to cultivate, although one of the most popular grown in the U.K. Chose carefully, don't forget how hot home grown chillies can be but with tomatoes there are simply dozens of varieties so consider your eating preferences firstly, and then where you intend to grow them - under glass or outside. There's plenty of helpful advice available on the reverse of seed packets and any UK based web site will give you useful tips....but remember to add 2-3 weeks to their advice as so many growers think we all live in the southern counties, don't have strong winds, always have warm springs and especially very few cold nights!

My suggestions are just that: suggestions. As I said last time, gardening is to be enjoyed not endured, so make sure you ENJOY IT!

Once the lockdown ends I think I'll be cross that I haven't put my time to better use in sorting out jobs in the garden or greenhouse but will be thankful that I've had the garden to escape to during the last twelve months of this Sci-Fi movie we have all been a part of.

So what are you waiting for? Ready, steady, garden

## **February 1st, 2021, Ordinary Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.**

### **Draft Minutes**

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

Apologies: Cllr A Beatham

Cllr Roberts Declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item 7 . 20/0859 Site address:  
LAND BETWEEN FERN BANK AND EAST VIEW REAGILL PENRITH  
CA10 3ER

### **Public Participation.**

None

**Matters arising.** The Chairman apologised for having played down the dog muck issue on Little side raised during public participation. He had walked the section concerned the following day and had found seven piles of dog muck. He would obtain signs from EDC and put them up in the area. There was discussion of what it would take for some owners to exercise responsibility. Another article in the link was suggested.

### **Highways.**

Flooding issues were noted on Brackenslack. The condition of the fingerpost in Maulds Meaburn was noted, gritbins /heaps needed replenishing. Residents in Maulds Meaburn had asked if a gritbin/pile could be provided at the hill near Hill Crest leading to Back Lane.

Cllr Hughes CCC undertook to follow up on these issues. In addition, he raised the issue of gritting on Sale Lane and the Gilts to Orton Road over the fell. It had not been possible to include these on the gritting schedules this year but he was hoping that when the routes were reviewed in August that they could be considered for the first time.

Cllr Hughes noted that fingerposts were often refurbished by local people with support from County.

It was agreed to put another article in the link regarding how to report road defects. Councillors and parishioners were reminded that the quickest solution

to Highways issues was to report them to the Highways Authority. Delaying reporting to bring issues to the parish council was usually unnecessary and introduced an element of delay. County's online reporting system for road defects could be accessed off the main menu of the Parish Councils website and is very easy to use. Cllr Hughes noted that the more it was used the more likely problems were to be dealt with.

P C Speedy the Parishes cutout Policeman had arrived. It was agreed to experiment with locations in the Parish for short durations. EG Hopper Hill to Crosby School, Croft House Straight, Outside Maulds Meaburn Institute and Crosby Village Hall. It was agreed that the reverse should be marked Property of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.

**Planning 20/1007 Site address:** WINTER TARN, NEWBY PENRITH, CA10 3EW Description: To replace the current milking parlour building and extend it to cover the adjacent outside collecting yard and feed area.

The Parish Council OBJECTS to the application. The plans are not of sufficient quality to be able to determine what is being built. However, the scale of the building is believed to be very significant in terms of visual impact. The 'as existing' plans (Site) do not include a number of the substantial buildings that have recently been constructed and for which retrospective permission has recently been given. As a consequence, it is not possible to visualise the proposed construction on the site and its relationship to other recently constructed buildings. The point was made that a consent would allow the developer to construct almost anything as the plans were so unclear. The site plan was not edged in red and one councillor (colourblind) had not been able to distinguish the proposed area of the development at all prior to the meeting.

For a development of this scale, it was felt to be inappropriate to apply in this amateurish way. These standards would not be tolerated in respect of householder development. There was continuing concern that the proposed developments at the farm were taking place in an ad hoc fashion without professional co-ordination. The council referred to previous minutes 037/20 Planning 20/0482 WINTER TARN, NEWBY, CA0 3EW. Roof over a midden. No objection.

038/20 Planning 20/0474 WINTER TARN, NEWBY, CA10 3EW. Erection of cow shed with covered feed area, part retrospective. Determined under delegated powers before the end of the consultation period. The Council would have OBJECTED if it had been given the opportunity and had subsequently raised its concerns with planners including as follows:

‘The quality of the recent planning applications at Winter Tarn have been poor relative to the applications made by others in the Parish and have not in the council’s view met the standard required (basic details missing) for validation by planners, proper decision making and consultation or been of equivalent quality to those required of equivalent householder developments or those submitted by other local farm businesses in the parish. It was felt that this was unfair treatment by planners to those who were respectful of the planning process. The farm had on more than one occasion ‘jumped the gun’ on development using the planning process retrospectively to seek to regularise developments that had already taken place. ‘

**081/20 Planning 20/0802 WINTER TARN NEWBY CA10 3EW.** Description: Replace existing barn and roof over adjacent outside feed area. The council raised no objection.

It was noted that OBJECTIONS should be supported by an attendance at Planning Committee and the Chairman agreed that he would represent the council’s concerns at committee if the council’s objection conflicted with an approval in the officer report.

Cllr Roberts was placed in the ‘Waiting Room’ outside the meeting for this part of the discussion having declared a pecuniary interest in this item.

**Planning 20/0859** Site address: LAND BETWEEN FERN BANK AND EAST VIEW REAGILL PENRITH CA10 3ER

Description: Variation of condition 1 (plans compliance) to update drawing references, condition 3 (external walling and roofing materials), condition 6 (details of levels) and removal of condition 7 (obscure glazed windows) attached to approval 19/0622.

Amendment of Condition 7 (removal of obscured glass) was supported, The Parish Council had no comment on the removal of conditions 1,3 & 6 as no information regarding Roofing and Walling materials was available.

### **Yorkshire Dales Local Plan**

Councillors would respond to the consultation individually. Collectively it was agreed that the chairman would respond drawing together the councillors shared concerns/comments regarding.

1. Unambitious Targets (50 new houses a year) @ 1 house per year in the parish on infill sites.

2. The need for moderate growth in small communities to sustain social infrastructure such as schools and pubs  
Good quality broadband.

**Mole population Maulds Meaburn** Correspondence had been received seeking protection for Moles on MMVG. The position had some support in the community. Councillors discussed the position including the recent experience in Morland Parish where similar concerns had led to the mole population becoming established. The expense of dealing with the problem of an established population was regarded as a risk in addition the council also has a health and safety responsibility for the green which is used for community exercise and recreation.

Two councillors did not support control by dispatch of the moles and four did. The green was currently unlet and it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would discuss the situation with the licencee after this year's licence had been awarded with a view to removing the population of moles. If earlier action was required than would be possible with the licencee, the costs per mole were noted as £7 to £10. It was felt that the use of humane traps and resettling of moles as had been previously suggested did not resolve the problem and that moles would not remain in a wooded area.

The existing **Risk Assessment** was reviewed with proposed amendments of detail being resolved on screen. The risk assessment would be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

No changes were proposed in respect of the Lyvennet Beck assessment it having been reviewed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**The Asset Register** was approved for readoption subject to the addition of updated insurance values in June 2021 and the addition of a bench at Meaburn Edge which had been missed from the previous survey. The proxy value would remain unchanged.

It was **AGREED** that Councillor McIvor would research the history of the Meaburn Edge Bench and report back to council as to the possibility of moving it to a nearby location with a clearer view.

Date of Next Meeting 1 March 2021

# View from Meaburn Hall Bend Bridge

Vicky Welch



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