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Crosby Ravensworth,
Kings Meaburn and
Reagill

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As you have probably gathered the Link may not be out by the 1st of the month. I would encourage anyone advertising events early in the month to also put them in the previous issue.)

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**Articles and contributions etc., would be appreciated preferably by e-mail nickthomas@macace.net. Please send items as either text in the body of the email or as a word document. (apple-mac files acceptable)
Please do not send Microsoft publisher documents as I am unable to open them.**

Parish Council Minutes:

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>

link to the agenda for the next Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council

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

KINGS MEABURN FIELD DAY 2024

Please come and join in the fun on Saturday August 3rd from 2pm onwards at the village field (next to the White Horse Pub)

A traditional village fete with stalls, side shows, raffle, dog show, children's fancy dress, afternoon teas and sports, followed by a BBQ and football match.

All proceeds go to the upkeep of Kings Meaburn Village Institute

Services at your parish church of St Lawrence in August

(for other churches please check www.northwestmorland.church)

Sunday August 4th - 11.00am - Holy Communion with Rev Sheila Clark

Sunday August 11th - 11.00am - Morning Prayer with Rev Jon Russell

Sunday August 18th - 6.00pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday August 25th - 11.00am - Lay Led Morning Prayer

Other events

Saturday August 3rd - Wedding of Sophie Edwards and Jonny Burrows 1pm

Saturday August 10th - Wedding of Jessica Clifford and Haydn Ward 1pm

Saturday August 31st - Wedding of Alicia Spratley and Lewis Rowley 1.45pm

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

Karen Asquith hollyhowe15@me.com

Calling residents to stand for Election on 5th September 2024 for Crosby Ravensworth Parish council.

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

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

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

At present the Parish council has a vacancy, if you are over 18 and live in the parish you are eligible to stand for election, ideally it's good to have representation for all three townships.

We are now a community where most people were born elsewhere; it is good to have a mix of age groups, longer standing residents who have good local knowledge and others with experience they can bring to the table of ideas that have worked elsewhere.

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

Nominations notices will be posted shortly: elections@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk for more details. Don't ignore it – It could just be the job for you!

Love Your Community!

Joan Raine Chairman of the Parish Council

Debbie McCall Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

Please find below a link to the Notice of Election for Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Notice-of-Election2-1-Aug-24.pdf>

Naomi Callaghan - Parish Clerk - Crosby Ravensworth

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute



EXCITING NEWS from MAULDS MEABURN VILLAGE INSTITUTE

We have a new website!

Our address is MMVI.org Check it out and we'll endeavour to put all information you might need on there. Let me know if there are any issues! Karen Asquith

All welcome to Maulds Meaburn Village Institute for an
August GATHER INN
Friday 9th August
With the USA folk band. Free entry. A selection of sandwiches
and wedges will be available.
Bar open 7pm



Photo by kind permission of Arthur Clegg

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
Our next one is on Wednesday 7th August
Kindly hosted by Margaret and Philippa



Donations welcome!
10.30 'till 12 noon

Please contact Karen on hollyhowel5@me.com if you would like a table to sell produce.



BAKING DEMONSTRATION WITH ABBI LAWSON

Talk and Tasting with a focus on
local and foraged food

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute
2pm, Saturday 28th September

Tickets £5

(a donation of a small raffle
prize would be appreciated)

Tickets available
on the door or from
Appleby Tourist Information



Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

Illustrated Talk

LEE SCHOFIELD

Wilding the Eastern Lakes

Lee is author of *Wild Fell: Fighting for Nature on a Lake District Hill Farm* (Penguin/Transworld), his account of a decade working for the RSPB at Haweswater and his pioneering conservation work. Writer for BBC *Wildlife* Magazine, *British Wildlife* Magazine, *Trail* Magazine, *Cumbria Life* Magazine, and other publications.



With Lowther Estates, Lee is now working on the largest Landscape Recovery project in England, aiming to create a 60 square mile corridor of wildlife-rich land from Penrith to Kendal, with wild Haweswater at its heart.

TICKETS:
Reserve through
Karen Asquith:
hollyhowe15@me.com

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Saturday 7th September, 7.00pm

Refreshments after the talk

Tickets
£5.00

Bar open from
6.30pm



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. 2-4pm (apart from public bank holidays) the Post Office provides an outreach service, saving you a trip to Appleby/Penrith.

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.

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.

Thursdays...

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

Fridays...

The Gather Inn often happens on the **second** Friday of the month, (please check with Karen if there is nothing specific advertised) It's usually from 7pm for a 'drop in for a drink and a chat'. Occasional 'extras' are advertised. The bar will be open for all Gather Inn's.

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Back by popular demand!

All welcome to
Maulds Meaburn Tea and treats!
Please join us in the Village Hall for coffee
or tea on Monday 19th August



Donations welcome!

2.30pm 'till 4.30pm

Please contact Karen on hollyhowe15@me.com if you would like

a table to sell produce

The Post Office will be there

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A Look in the Past

Recently I have come by a book entitled '*Some Westmorland Villages*' which was compiled in 1957 by members of the Women's Institute throughout the county. It provides interesting facts about forty-eight villages within the county and has quite a lengthy piece about Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn. Reagill is also covered, but is listed with Sleagill in its own chapter. Of note are the small sketches that appear throughout the book and which were penned by a Miss F.E. Hawkins of Crosby Ravensworth.

I won't quote the two relevant chapters word for word, but will include all the points of interest and will do so over several editions of The Link.

And just possibly upon reading this some of you may have further info' to add.

Amongst a number of curiosities, we learn about a blacksmith in Crosby Ravensworth who had a pet fox, 'cow doctors', a bowling green, the devil and somewhere called Liqourice Hill. Also how the pope became involved in local matters in Reagill!

Unfortunately though, the name of the author of the Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn entry is not given.

The books starts with details about **Crosby Hall** – at one time when in possession of the Pickering family in the sixteenth century, an imposing fortified building, complete with massive tower, protective walls and a moat.

It was surrounded by fine sycamore trees which still remain and which must be something like 300 years old.

The house was rebuilt within the last 150 to 200 years.

It had a ghost or '*dobbie*', a supernatural being which sometimes took the form of a sheeted skeleton, sometimes that of a white bull which had the very unpleasant and disturbing habit of licking the window-panes of the house.

It chiefly haunted the tower and fortunately, for the peace of mind of the tenant and neighbours, vanished when the tower was demolished.

However, it did not do so until it had thoughtfully disclosed to the owner the whereabouts of a hidden treasure, and, less tactfully, told him the exact time and manner of his death(*).

Crosby Hall was bought from the Lowthers a few years ago and is now owned and farmed by Mrs Todd and her son Guy Todd.

***Ed:** I feel that the sentence should have at least finished with an exclamation mark. Alas it does not tell us of what the treasure was nor the manner of death!

Meaburn Hall – is built on the site of an old manor house and is itself a very lovely building, parts dating from the early seventeenth century, others from later in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

But the general impression as one looks at is of an Elizabethan house.

It has a long history, all connected with the Lowther family and at one time it had extensive and beautiful pleasure gardens, a bowling green, of which the remains can be seen, with two neat and very attractive little stone summer-houses in which players could rest and regale themselves between games.

Adjoining the house was a fine deer-park, the high walls are still to be seen.

It is now a substantial farm-house, lovely and secluded and incidentally the haunt of antiquarians from near and far.

Next month – *‘Farming and farming changes’*

Moving onto **Reagill:**

In 1212 Reagill Grange was granted to Shap Abbey and a few monks lived there to produce food and collect wool from the surrounding district and deliver them to the abbey.

However, a complaint was sent to the Pope in Rome that the Abbott of Shap over-exacted the tithes of Renegill (Reagill) Chapel and, after investigation, the Pope wrote in 1224 that Shap abbey must pay six skeps of oatmeal a year to Crosby church for all old lands used: but for new land broken up there need be no payment. At that time the Grange was linked to the Manor-house at Barnskew by a rough road and by a further road to Appleby.

In 1315 Shap Abbey exported wool direct to Flanders for weaving (10 sacks a year at £6 a sack, just as it came from the fold.)

Darren Rogers

Note to our current WI – can you tell us of the names of your members in 1957?

Also who was Miss Hawkins?

RESIDENTS - by William Wood

Unseen, two spectres glided along the river bank in conversation.

“Fenton,” said his friend Cuthbert, “do you believe in humans?”

“Some do,” replied Fenton with caution.

“But do you?”

“It is difficult,” he conjectured, “to believe in something you haven’t seen for yourself.”

“Have you never seen a human?”

“I don’t think so. Have you, Cuddie?”

“I thought I did. Perhaps it was only my imagination. I don’t know.”

“What happened?”

“Well, I was upstairs in my house. I walked into the spare bedroom and I thought I saw a figure, a young flesh and blood boy with his back to me. I approached and placed my hand on his shoulder.”

“And?”

“You know, for a moment I thought I felt real contact.”

“Spooky!”

“Worse. He turned, looked right through me and hurried off. I was left all alone in the room. Perhaps, though, there was nothing there in the first place.”

“Humans, even if they do exist, are said to be quite ephemeral. Few of them even reach a hundred years of age.”

“Sad. No they can’t be true. What is the point of them?”

“But Cuddie, why bring this matter up now?”

“I don’t know. Sometimes I just wonder, isn’t there something more, something in there?”

“You know your trouble? You are not getting enough moonlight.”

“No. It’s difficult in Cumbria. So dull and cloudy all the time.”

“Cuthbert, don’t be such a misery. There’s a blue moon tonight. We can bask in that.”

“Look at the weather. We won’t see it.”

“Ah well, there’ll be other fine nights. There’s no hurry. We have an eternity.”

“I know. I’m sorry. I’m just a bit low this decade. Dispirited.”

“I don’t think humans are the answer to your woes, Cuthbert. Even if they existed they have a poor reputation.”

“Yes, they are hardly going to save their world, are they?”

“On the contrary. We should be happy with our lot. I know what would cheer you up.”

“What’s that?”

“Let’s float into Appleby. Let me buy you a new shroud.”

“Oh Fenton, do you really mean that?”

“Of course I do. Turn over a new sheet.”



Keep the date!

Friday October 11th 7pm in CRVH

The Bloody Big Quiz

Food, Bar, Quiz, Raffle

In aid of **Blood Cancer UK** and in memory of my late son, Ian,
who died of leukaemia in 2005

Drew Woodward



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!

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group

'End of Term report' winter 2023/24



Volunteers hedge planting on Trainlands

In response to falling volunteer numbers in the last two years we decided to organise a series of 'Beer and Bacon' events through the planting season.

We put out a series of six dates in October and then publicised each event locally on Facebook and with posters. Each event required three hours of work in return for a pint and a bacon sandwich.

The result was six very enjoyable work / social events which helped to increase our volunteer hours for the year from 500 to 650.

We did, however, still need to get some external help with hedge planting and thanks go to Susie Grainger and her team for their support.

Work completed this year is as follows:-

Barnskew	325m hedging, 30 trees
Brackenslack (Bowness)	214m hedging, 10 trees
Brackenslack Farm	198m hedging, 10 trees
Townhead	115m hedging, 310 trees
Trainlands	352m hedging, 35 trees
Woodfoot	210m hedging, 60 trees
Wickerslack	950 trees
Wyebourne	80 trees

Wickerslack plantation

Wickerslack plantation was our biggest project this year. 950 trees planted along a quarter mile bank to add to the 250 we planted last year.

The winter of 2023/24 will be remembered as the wettest we have experienced since we started tree planting. Underfoot conditions were so soft that we

experienced significant delays to fence installation and were unable to complete 84m of hedging and 88 trees as fencing and tree crates couldn't be completed

The headline statistics for winter 2023/24 planting are:-

1485 Trees -- 8484 Hedging plants in 1414 metres of Hedging



Funding

As always none of this work could have been achieved without funding and so again we must thank all our funders:-



YDNPA FIPL was again our biggest funder in 2023/24 at just over £44k

Woodland Trust provided hedging plants, canes and spirals for Barnskew

Westmorland and Furness Council granted us £6k from various funds

Tesco awarded us £500 from their 'Stronger starts' scheme

Regular Contributors donated £250 this year.

Thank you all!



A selection of the trees planted in our first years. There are few footpaths in the village that don't pass some of our work and the results are very satisfying.

As always we are planning for next season and have made FIPL applications for trees and hedging on Brackenslack, Town Head and Midtown Farm. Unfortunately at the time of writing our applications have been approved but YDNPA have run out of funding so we will need to tailor our plans to match any funding we can put in place. In the meantime, as well as fund raising, we continue with checking our planting to date and are carrying out maintenance as required.

As always we have plenty of opportunities for volunteers.

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

And finally the numbers to date

In the five years since the group was formed we have planted:-

6543 Trees -- 37698 Hedging plants in 6283 metres of Hedging (nearly 4 miles!)