

Coniston and Crake Valley News



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JOB VACANCY FOR A PARISH CLERK/ RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Colton Parish Council wishes to appoint a Parish Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk is responsible for the day to day running of the Parish Council, and the successful applicant will have excellent communication, finance and organisational skills.

The Clerk will be home based (other than attending monthly meetings).

10 hrs per week - NJC Scale LC1 13-17 £14.60 - £15.58
per hour (£28,163 to £30,060 pro rata) depending on
experience and qualifications.

Contact the current Parish Clerk for application form and
job description via email

clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 31st March, 2025.

We are a friendly & active Parish Council and if you
would like more information on what we do, please visit
our website

www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

The Coniston and Crake Valley Benefice

“To Grow, Witness and Love Like Jesus”

Serving the parishes of Colton, Coniston and Torver, Egton cum Newland and Lowick with Blawith

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<p>To contact any of the Churchwardens, pastoral team, retired clergy or lay ministers please call or email the Administrators.</p>
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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

St Andrew's Church, Coniston LA21 8EN

St Luke's Church, Torver LA21 8AZ

St Luke's Church, Lowick LA12 8EE

Holy Trinity Church, Colton LA12 8HF

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge LA12 7RQ

Tottlebank Baptist Church, Colton LA12 8HY

Welcomes you to our Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.30am followed by refreshments, and midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The church building is usually open daily 10am – 4pm for visitors and for private prayer. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8ER

The Sunday morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. For further information contact Joyce Holland on **015394 41594**.

St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Heart, Coniston LA21 8AW

Mass is held on Thursdays at 10.30am and Saturdays at 5.00pm. For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.

Cover photo: Wrens by Peter at Brantwood

Church Services for March 2025

2nd	Sunday next before Lent		
St. Luke Torver	9.30am	Winter Breakfast	Hazel Bowness, Linda Inman, Val Towndrow
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Chris Clark

5th	Ash Wednesday		
St. Andrew Coniston	12.30pm	Ash Wednesday	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday	Rev Brian Streeter

9th	First Sunday of Lent		
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship	Pam Priestley
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Paulette Bissell

16th	Second Sunday of Lent		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Paul Rand

23rd	Third Sunday of Lent		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev Grace Cauldwell
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Morning Worship	Pamela Hull
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Grace Cauldwell
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

30th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)		
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship	Pam Priestley
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter/ Christians Together in Coniston

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. This year the service is prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands, with the theme "I made you wonderful"

We will be taking part in this in Coniston, with a service at **the Methodist Church on Friday March 7th at 2 pm**, followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us, including men!

Pastoral Letter from Revd Joanna Henson

God Has No Hands but Your Hands!!

Each year, OUP publishes a Children’s Word of the Year language report, delving into the trends in children’s language and how it is shaped by children’s engagement with topics from that year, ranging from politics, climate change, to cultural events.* In 2024 the word chosen that they felt has been important was “kindness”.....yes “kindness”.

In a world which seems to be so filled with violence and conflict this fills me with hope that the world can become a better place. There is still room for kindness.

History has seen so much violence many lives and homes ruined and well loved landmarks destroyed. This brings me to the heart of this letter, drawn from a story of a church that was destroyed during World War II and nothing remained but a heap of rubble and broken glass.

Church members, however, miraculously found a statue of Christ still standing erect. In spite of all the bombing it was unharmed—except that both hands were missing.

The congregation began rebuilding the church facilities. One day a sculptor saw the broken figure of Christ, and offered to carve new hands. The church officials met to consider the sculptor’s friendly gesture and decided not to accept the offer.

Why?

Because the members of that church said: “Our broken statue reminds us that Christ has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor—except our hands. He inspires! We serve!”

Perhaps they had memories of one of the favourite poems of St. Teresa of Avila:

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

We pray for peace on earth but it begins with you and me and this poem is a timely reminder of the part we play in ministry with Christ! Christ ministered to the poor and hungry, healed the sick, forgave sins, blessed others, reached out to saint and sinner; and sought to help the least, the last and the lost...

And then Jesus said to his disciples – that’s you and me....,
“Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10: 37).

Kindness begins with you!

*<https://global.oup.com/education/content/dictionaries/key-issues/childrens-language/oxford-childrens-word-of-the-year>

Tottlebank Baptist Church warmly invites you to our Saturday Specials led by Richard Henry.

The next is on **Saturday 29th March** from 10.15am to 12.30pm and the topic "What's all that babbling about?" (Gen 11:1-10)

Around the Parishes : Colton

Candlemas Service, Colton Church, February 2nd

Colton Church was alive not only with the sound of music but with the voices of the children enjoying church.

A joyful celebration of Candlemas with a biblical story, St. Luke's gospel, explaining the significance of light. An innovative service for four generations of our valley.

Children were warmly welcomed, encouraged to roam freely (under discreet watchful eyes of adults aware of health and safety measures)

A long red carpet and centre aisle provided opportunities for running, sitting and climbing; freedom of movement to explore under pews, even reach windowsills! Older children guided younger ones.

Activities were carefully, sensibly planned, stimulating curiosity.

Example – parable of the Good Samaritan using a stained glass window. Children were visually captivated, keen to find someone who has been robbed and injured so they can give medical aid e.g. bandages!

Another exciting activity – hunting for miniature Jesus figures hidden around the church followed by taking them home – Jesus is always with us.

The music was lovely, I returned home with a service sheet which my Zimbabwean Christian carer picked up and started singing the hymns (songs) which she knew very well! She was very interested in the service and now wants to come to Colton Church!

Very special thank you Pam, you excelled yourself and your enthusiastic team who tirelessly kept up with requests and questions. I left rejuvenated and happy (87 years)!

I trust the many children will recall this exciting occasion in church rather than "sit still, don't touch, be quiet and it won't last for much longer".

PS Everyone was invited to refreshments including a piece of Candlemas Cake, also created by Pam.

Susan King

Colton Parish Council News

Parish Clerk Vacancy.

We have appointed a Locum Clerk for 6 months until July. We will still need a permanent clerk so please contact us if you are interested. Full training will be given.

Councillor Vacancy

There are still vacancies for 3 Councillors and would like to hear from anyone interested, particularly those who can represent the Finsthwaite, Lakeside area, Currently the Council comprises Members from the western area and we lack the local knowledge and contacts.

Emergency Planning

After the sequence of storms this winter, we are looking to review the emergency planning in the area. There are plans in place in some areas, but we are looking to find where there is deficiency particularly in the more remote areas and would be willing to help give support and funding where necessary. However, we need to work closely with the various communities on this issue to gain full coverage and coordination.

Community Grant Scheme

Grants are available to Colton based community groups or residents based in Colton to residents, including village hall committees. We can give small, one-off grants to help your group make a difference and there's no deadline. Applications will be assessed at the Parish meeting. For further details visit <https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Grant-awarding-policy-and-application-form-October-2022.pdf>

Road Closures

There is increasing frustration over the number of local road closures and these change on an almost daily basis. To get accurate updates check <https://onenetwork/> and search by road number, or location name. We are currently working with other local councils to improve forward planning and communication.

Grit Bins

The Parish Council is planning to put "What3Words" locations on the inside of the grit bins, to enable accurate reporting if filling is needed, which is to Cumbria Highways dept.

If you are interested in any of the topics raised or being involved with the council, for any further information you can email us on clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk If you can't use email, you can text or call us on **07761 485956**

Egton cum Newland

The Crake Valley Friendship Club is having our first coach trip of 2025 on 19th March. We are going to Kirkby Lonsdale followed by a visit to Bay View Garden Centre. There are spare seats on our trips which are up for grabs to non-members, anyone is welcome to join us. £18 for non members. For enquiries please contact Anne on **01229 861278**. Coach leaves Greenodd at 9am.



NOTICE

Greenodd & Pennybridge Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Monday 28th April at 7.30pm in Greenodd Village Hall

Everyone welcome - new members needed

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council

Activities and News

Last year the Council applied to Westmorland and Furness Council to have 20mph speed limits introduced in Greenodd and Penny Bridge. We have just heard the good news that these schemes will be taken forward next financial year. A full consultation will be undertaken within the next few months, and we expect that the new limits will be in place before the end of the financial year 2025/26.

We are also pleased report that the Parish Council, working with Greenodd Village Hall, has now installed and commissioned an emergency generator for the Hall. This is part of a plan to equip the Hall to allow it to be as an emergency community hub during any extreme weather or other emergency events.

The Council's Heritage Project is nearly complete. A team of some 60 volunteers have been working to capture the unique history of the area. The idea is to show a snapshot of the activities and life experiences of people in the past. The research has been focussed on Arrad Foot, Broughton Beck, Greenodd, Mansriggs, Newland, Penny Bridge, Plumpton, Rosside, and Spark Bridge. We also have had a team of 4 photographers ~ members of Furness U3A ~ who have been helping us, by taking photographs that support the research and show the beauty of our area.

All this will be presented on a new website that is in the final stages of development. We will be launching it around Easter time.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Tuesday 4th March** at 7pm in Greenodd Village Hall. Please come along if you want to raise any issue that you think affects the community. Look at our website (www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk) to see the agenda. If there is something you want put on the agenda please contact our Clerk by email using clerk@enmoparishcouncil.org.uk.

Brian Campbell Chair, Egton with Newland Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council



Church coffee morning. Do join us on **Saturday 22nd March** in Greenodd Village Hall for a get together with family and friends and help us raise funds for our local church in Penny Bridge. There will be lots of lovely stalls with lots of items to buy including delicious cakes, nearly new items, tombola, raffle and more besides. We would love to see you there, between 10am and 12noon, admission £2 to include coffee and refreshment.

Best wishes **Jean and the team.**

Indoor Bowls



Backbarrow with Crake Valley Royal British Legion

Indoor Bowls in Greenodd Village Hall

Saturday 29th March at 12 noon

All welcome to take part, £6 to enter, Pie & Peas included.



please contact **Robert Hutton 01229 585888** or **Tom Watson 01229 861638**

A poster for a performance by Sugarfoot. The word 'SUGARFOOT' is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the top. Below it, in a smaller, white, cursive font, is the text 'Sparkling vocals, an alternative approach to country song & proudly part of the UK country music explosion'. The background of the poster is a dark, textured image of a person's face. At the bottom, a white rectangular box contains the following text: 'Greenodd & Penny Bridge Village Hall, LA12 7QZ', 'Tickets £10, available via:', 'Email: greenoddvillagehall@outlook.com', 'Phone: 07713351623', 'Facebook: Greenodd and Penny Bridge Village Hall', and 'SATURDAY 22nd March 7:30pm' in large, bold, black capital letters.

SUGARFOOT

*Sparkling vocals, an alternative approach to country song
& proudly part of the UK country music explosion*

**Greenodd & Penny Bridge
Village Hall, LA12 7QZ**

Tickets £10, available via:
Email: greenoddvillagehall@outlook.com
Phone: 07713351623

Facebook: Greenodd and Penny Bridge Village Hall

SATURDAY 22nd March 7:30pm

Jack James

is making his (rescheduled) return to Greenodd

On **Friday 11th April**

Admission £12 which includes Pie & Pea supper

Doors open 7pm, Show 7.30pm Supper 8.30pm, the bar will be open.

Contact **Tom 01229 861638**

Lowick

Lowick Parish Council's next meeting is on **Thursday 20th March**, everyone welcome.

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - February 2025

Total - 232.1mm (9.1")

Wet days - 19

More than 1mm on 16 days

Wettest day - 13th - 74.0mm (2.9")

75mm (3.0") snow on 4th

Frost on the 2nd, 6th - 11th, 15th & 29th.

Lunch and Dominoes

We will continue on the first **Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm** in Coniston Institute Reading Room

Do come along and join us for soup/roll and a pud, tea/coffee, followed by dominoes. All for £5.00.

The dates are **5th March & 2nd April**.

Everyone welcome.

Coniston Community Lunch

Our next lunch will be **Monday 17th March at 12.30pm** in the Institute Reading Room.

We will be serving a hearty two course lunch plus tea or coffee. All ages are welcome.

No payment is expected, however a donation towards our costs would be very welcome.

Places are limited so please confirm attendance by phoning or texting **Helen** on **07583 371275** or email **e.glaister013@btinternet.com**, by the Friday before. Also please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or need help with transport.

We are always grateful for additional help so please get in touch if you can offer any help either in the kitchen on the day or donating some food.

Sadly this will be our last lunch until October so we hope you can all make it. Best wishes from **The Community Lunch Team**

Torver Parish Council

Torver Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 30th January with ten members of the public and Deb Cook, Head of the Priestley Centre, who was present to provide a background to the Centre's application to construct six self-contained glamping pods with the retention of the existing yurt, and to respond to questions. After a lengthy debate it was resolved that the parish council was not minded to object to the application but it acknowledged that the public had raised a number of concerns which should be brought to the attention of the LDNPA. Also, after a brief debate about the application from The Wilson Arms (four timber Shepherd's Huts for holiday accommodation - variation of conditions 2, 3, 6 & 8 on planning permission), councillors resolved to support the application.

Following the notices about the uncertain future of the Coniston Medical Practice, Chair Peter Worth wrote to Coniston Parish Council and the Patients Participation Group to offer TPC's support.

TPC is scheduled to meet next on **Thursday 6th March** at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.

Reports

Mothers' Union



Six members welcomed a new member for the first meeting of the year. Following the prayer for the day their meeting began with the Mothers' Union Membership Service which included a reading from 1 Corinthians ch 12. and prayers for the new year, war-torn areas and the sick.

Planning the programme for the year took place with much discussion and reflection of our youth and lives. Three trips were planned, plus hosting the area Lady Day Service. Topics include 'A Parable' and 'Influences in our lives', trying to follow the Theme "Join Us Join In". This was followed by a delicious tea, thanks to Jean Edwards, to celebrate a member's birthday.

For the next meeting on 25th February members hope to visit the 'Threads Through the Bible' exhibition at Liverpool Cathedral.

For more information contact **Kay 015394 41559**.



Councillor Suzanne Pender's community surgeries continue to be held on the **last Friday of the month, 10-10.45am at Herdwicks Café, Coniston.**

Egton WI

We began our February meeting by presenting a cheque for £1,800 to Martin Cooper of Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team. This will go towards their new build which they hope to have completed early next year. Martin's thanks took the form of a brief description of their last rescue at Piers Gill which was extremely enlightening and demonstrated their value in the community.

The meeting then followed the usual course and finally our speaker Tom Attwood took to the stage and gave us a wonderfully illustrated talk entitled "Gardening for Bees". Tom (Tom & Abi) from Halecat and Grange Nursery said that they had been at Halecat for 15 years and Grange for 5 years. The latter was a tricky time for them as one week after taking the keys for Grange then Covid lockdown began. However since then they have established themselves and are enjoying the different aspects of the two venues. His enthusiasm and enormous knowledge shone through and he gave us lots of ideas and tips for our bee planting.

We have now voted for our charity to support this year. We hope that we will receive your continued support at our events as we will be trying hard to raise money for the "Admiral Nurses at the Hospice ". The monies will specifically help the highly trained nurses there who provide a lifeline for individuals living with dementia and their families. Our first event will be a tea party on 14th June so please save the date and join us. Tickets will be available shortly at £10. For any further information please contact me on 07519 144799.

Our next meeting will be on 11th March when our talk will be "Planning for the Future" from a representative from Progression Solicitors. Do join us then.

Gill

Green Sparks News

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Green Sparks Coffee Morning on 1st February. We raised a fantastic £191 towards the installation costs of the new River Crake Noticeboard. We are very grateful to everyone who donated items for the raffle and bring & buy sale, lent a hand on the day, and who came along. It was a great morning and wonderful to have the chance to talk to people about what we are aiming to achieve. Thank you too, to the organisers of the Finsthwaite Rainforest Talk, who donated £21, and to Spark Bridge Village Hall, who donated the use of the Village Hall. ENMO Parish Council is looking after all the money on our behalf. The next step is working with a specialist design and manufacture company. We'll keep you informed about the progress.

Cumbria Climate Assembly 2025 Have you received a letter inviting you to join the 2025 Cumbria Climate Assembly? 10,000 randomly selected households in Cumbria have been sent the letters and if anyone in the Green Sparks Network was selected, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch by email: greensparks.sparkbridge@gmail.com

Fix it, don't bin it! The next **Ulverston Repair Café** is on Tuesday 11th March 2025 from 6.30pm-8.30 at Croftlands Community Centre. Bring along household items, including clothing, that need fixing, and/or volunteer your skills to help cut waste and breathe new life into old items. See <https://ulverstonrepaircafe.org/index.php>

Cafs (Cumbria Action for Sustainability) is running a series of webinars entitled '**Unpacked**' giving participants the chance to go behind the headlines and deepen their understanding of steps towards reducing our carbon footprints. These online events include *Unpacked: Home Renovation and Retrofit* on March 19th from 7-8:15pm. See <https://cafs.org.uk/events/> for other titles in the series and how to book.

Save the date! Ulverston Eco Fair will be back at the Coro **Thursday 24th April** 10.30am – 4pm.

To join our email mailing list, or share news and information about local activities that promote sustainability, tackling climate change and boosting nature recovery, email us at greensparks.sparkbridge@gmail.com

The Farmers Arms



The Farmer's Arms is changing its ways! From 1st February we will be trialling a new vision and business model for the pub, based on what we have learned running The Farmer's Arms over the past three years and what customers have told us they value. This will be aimed at participation, activities that people can take part in, run themselves or just attend. For example our popular festivals or special celebrations like Burns Night.

Wednesdays we're open from 1-2pm for Rosemary and Brian's Community Lunch. £7pp for a delicious two-course lunch with tea and coffee. The bar will also be open from 6-9pm every Wednesday evening to coincide with our weekly talks programme - check our website and the programme below for more details on the upcoming talks.

Thursday is Pizza night with regular music performances such as the wonderful Celtic Fiddles. Do get in touch if you would like to perform or get involved in running music lessons here at the pub.

Our Pottery and wood workshops are open for drop-in sessions from 10am-5pm every Friday. £5 per hour plus the cost of any materials used.

Caféteen is run every Saturday by our amazing teenagers, well known to our regulars as they've been working for us for several years, They're now of an age that they can get more involved in the mechanics of how a café business works. They're supported at all times but have control of the menu and business model! Great cakes and classic pub food on offer from 11am-4pm.

Sundays (aside from a great Sunday roast) will be a more general day open to all, with drop-in craft workshops in pottery and woodwork as well as the popular garden schools and drop-in garden advice. We are open 12 noon to 5pm.

Fridays and Saturdays are available for private bookings - we can provide catering to suit your needs and party size. You might want to host a party, a wedding or other celebration, run a club night, quiz or special dining experience. Get in touch via our website.

Event times will vary so please do check out details on our websites in the coming months.

MARCH PROGRAMME

5th March- Soup Talk: Jonathan Orlek. Senior Lecturer in Architecture at Liverpool John Moores University and Director of Studio Polpo, a Social Enterprise architecture collective. 6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup

12th March: Poetry Writing Workshop with Ilse Pedler. 10am-1pm. £20pp

12th March- Soup Talk: Sean Roy Parker: Visual artist, writer and landworker who works across many disciplines including sculpture, installation, foraging, cooking, publishing, workshops and community gardening. 6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup.

19th March- Soup Talk: Fernando Garcia Dory: is a neo-pastoral artist and agroecologist whose work focuses on themes affecting current relationships between culture and nature in the framework of the landscape, the rural, utopia and social change. 6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup

27th March: Poetry Open Mic and Readings with Ilse Pedler and Guest Poet Ina Anderson. 6:30-8pm. £5pp

2nd April: The Lake District Farmer's Arms Gardening School X Ford Park. 2 x 9 Week Terms, £199 per person, per term.

Late breaking news

The Farmer's Arms is pleased to announce that we have just been awarded a grant by the Royal Countryside Fund (thank you King Charles)! We will shortly be purchasing a refrigerated electric van that can be hired from the pub for short trips – mainly for moving food around but for other things too. We will also be installing a refrigerated vending machine open 24/7 where you can buy and sell produce. So if you make cakes, grow veg, press apple juice or anything else you can fit into a 30cm square then this might be for you. Alternatively if you need a lettuce at midnight we may be able to help!



THE ROYAL
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND



We are nearing the end of our season so make the most of these last two months and book yourself into a film show.

1st and 2nd March (if you get this in time) - two days of our Mountain Film Festival, 2 programmes Saturday 1 - 4pm and 7.30pm, Sunday 2 - 4pm and 7.30pm.

15th March - *Taste Of Things* - there might be a second show on Sunday 16th - check the website

25th March - *Rose*

1st April - *One Life*

12th April - *Perfect Days*

www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Oxen Park Reading Room

Friday evening fund raising presentations in The Carhouse Cinema.

All 7.30pm, essential to book in with **Carol**, crlmcneill@gmail.com £5 on the door and £1 a ticket raffle.

7th March - *Breeding Gypsy Cobs* by Eleanor and Jason Lancaster

21st March - Kate Rawles - *South America on a bamboo bike* (see her wonderful book 'Life Cycle')



Flower Donations

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Coniston & Torver have asked me to remind community members that they are more than welcome to make a donation for flowers to be displayed in the church in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Naturally, the flowers will be displayed over a time period of your choosing. The same applies to the other churches in the Crake Valley.

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of someone or to celebrate a special event then please contact one of the churchwardens or myself – many thanks.

Revd. Brian Streeter

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| Colton | colton.churchwarden@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk |
| Coniston & Torver | coniston.churchwarden@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk |
| Lowick | lowick.churchwarden@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk |
| Penny Bridge | egton.churchwarden@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk |

BRANTWOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

Saturday 1st March 2-4pm **All Birds are Dada**

To mark the end of the exhibition 'Emissaries of the Land' German musician and performance artist Florian Kaplick has put together a special finissage performance, showcasing Kurt Schwitters beyond his visual work as prolific writer of poetry, sound poetry and prose in a vast range from dadaistic to critical political and always with a good sense of humour. Admission is free but booking is recommended via our website.

8th March - 1st June **Within Nature: East & West**

Exhibitions in the Blue Gallery and Severn Studio

Three artists, two from South Korea and one from England met at Camberwell School of Art in 1990 and became friends. They promised each other that one day they would hold an exhibition together. This exhibition brings together images from the two cultures, all sharing the same theme: the natural world. South Korean artists JongHa Park and his wife, Sungsil Park who live in Seoul will show paintings brought from their homeland, and work created especially for this exhibition alongside works on paper by Yorkshire based artist Bridget Tempest.

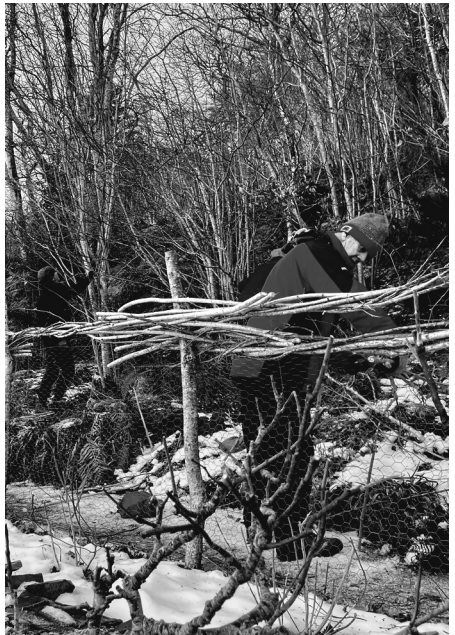
Sunday 16th March 2pm – **Concert by Pianist William Bracken**

William performs a large and diverse range of repertoire and also has a keen interest in jazz and improvisational elements of performing classical music. He is a current artist diploma student at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama studying with profs. Martin Roscoe and Ronan O'Hora. He is currently continuing studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London where he also holds a position as teaching assistant in the Centre for Creative Performance and Classical Improvisation. Seating is limited for forty, and this of course is the charm of Brantwood. Tickets £20 (includes interval drink). Booking essential.

High Season begins on Monday 31st March when we will be open every day 10.30am-4.00pm

For full details of all our exhibitions, events and bookings, please visit our website www.brantwood.org.uk. Contact

enquiries@brantwood.org.uk or call **015394 41396**.



Brantwood volunteers creating West Midlands fencing

RAINFOREST DAY & CONSERVATION DAYS

Georgia Stephens, Plantlife's Rainforest Officer will be running another Rainforest Day on Friday 11th April 10am-4pm. Spend the day at Rookhow and find out more about temperate rainforests, including surveying some of the lichens, bryophytes and mosses in Quakers' Wood. Contact Sue to book a place.

Marion Brown is organising 2 conservation days at Rookhow clearing some holly and beech on Friday 21st and 28th March 9.30am-3pm. Bring a packed lunch & snacks. Teas, coffees and homemade cakes provided (more shared offerings will be gratefully received!). Bring your own tools and gloves if you have them and we'll have a supply too. Please email Marion if you would like to join for either or both days: marion.brown@ruslandhorizonstrust.org



ROOKHOW NEWS

We're recruiting: Assistant Development Worker

We are currently seeking an Assistant Development Worker to work alongside our current Development Manager in supporting the running of Rookhow. The role is varied encompassing a variety of practical tasks, responsibilities and administration functions. We are looking for a person who is well organised, familiar with word processing software, spreadsheets and email, and has experience of working with volunteers and members of the public. The person will be expected to undertake an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. The person needs to be in sympathy with Quaker values.

Number of hours: 35 hours per calendar month

Salary: £13.45 per hour

Location: You will be expected to work on site on some Fridays and at other times remote working will be possible.

Type of contract: Permanent/part-time

Closing Date: **Monday 3rd March 5pm**

Interviews: **Friday 28th March at Rookhow**

For further information please visit our website: <https://rookhow.org.uk>
Please contact: **Sue Nicholls** Rookhow Development Manager with any queries –
Tel: 07377 971783 Email- contactrookhow@gmail.com

Jazz Trio gig Tuesday 1st April 7.30pm

Sam Nicholls, a local jazz drummer studying at a music conservatoire in London, will be performing an informal gig at Rookhow with 2 friends on 1st April showcasing some of their own compositions and free improvisation. Refreshments 7.30pm. Music 8-9pm. Pay as you feel. Please email Sue to reserve a space.



300th anniversary weekend

This June, Rookhow celebrates its 300th anniversary. Rookhow was built in 1725 as a gathering place for Quakers. Today it continues to be a special place open to the wider community where people can come for rest and reconnection. We're planning a celebration weekend 6th-8th June at Rookhow.

We're hoping people will come forward to form a 'hosting' team to stay at Rookhow for the weekend to welcome people who are journeying to Rookhow on the Saturday. We encourage people to make their own pilgrimage to Rookhow either by cycling from local Quaker Meeting Houses, walking over High Dam from Newby Bridge or parking nearby and walking (there will be spaces for those with limited mobility). Open to all Rookhow supporters and local people, not just Quakers. We hope some of the organisations who use Rookhow will take part.

For more information and to book a place: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EFRE>



Sam Nicholls and friends, jazz trio performing at Rookhow on 1st April

Parish Prayer Diary March 2025

1st: Pray God's blessing on Keziah Taylor and David Carr as they solemnise their marriage at St Andrew's Church, Coniston today.

2nd: **Sunday, the first day of the week:** May our Holy God, who knows the disorder of our sinful lives, set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love His goodness and glory revealed in Jesus our Lord.

3rd: Pray for the United Nations aid teams in Gaza as they strive to fulfil the agency's three priorities of providing water, boosting healthcare and nutrition and helping people withstand the cold.

- 4th: Pray for our local General Practitioners, and their medical and administrative support staff.
- 5th: Almighty and everlasting God, You forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Church of England Collect*)
- 6th: Pray for university students experiencing mental health difficulties because of academic, financial or social pressures.
- 7th: On this *World Day of Prayer*, as Christians around the world prayerfully reflect on Psalm 139:14, join with Christians of The Cook Islands in the South Pacific, proclaiming and celebrating that “we are being made wonderful!”.
- 8th: On International Women’s Day, pray for strength and wisdom to those taking action to promote equality for women throughout the world who experience discrimination, harassment, poor working conditions and violence.
- 9th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**: Pray our Almighty God, whose Son Jesus fasted in the wilderness and was tempted, as we are, yet without sin: may give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to His Spirit; and, as He knows our weakness, so may we know His power to save through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 10th: Pray for the leaders of the 56 independent countries and 33 small states who make up the Commonwealth as they reflect on this year’s Commonwealth theme ‘*Together We Thrive*’, and renew their commitment to building a future where all 2.7 billion Commonwealth citizens can live in societies that are safe, just and united by a spirit of peace and partnership.
- 11th: Pray for all who work within the Probation Service supervising offenders serving community sentences or released into the community from prison.
- 12th: Pray for King Charles and the Royal Family.
- 13th: Pray for all those involved in the process to discern and nominate a new Bishop of Carlisle as interviews take place today and tomorrow.
- 14th: Pray for who administer the law may uphold justice and truth.
- 15th: Pray parents and God-parents bringing children for baptism, will be faithful to the promises they make before God.
- 16th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**: Pray that by the prayer and discipline of Lent we may enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings, and by following the way of Jesus come to share His glory.
- 17th: Pray for those who live and work in the communities of Lowick Green; Lowick Bridge and Water Yeat.
- 18th: Pray for the Diocesan retreat centre Rydal Hall and its ministry to retreat guests and day visitors.
- 19th: all who use Lent for deeper study of God’s word: that they will go forward in the power of the Spirit, continuing to grow in wisdom, faith and love.
- 20th: Pray for the small minority of Christians in Somalia who follow Jesus in secret because of violence from extremists towards them: praying for protection, spiritual comfort and continued strength and peace, especially for church leaders.
- 21st: Pray for the various Red Nose Day events raising donations to tackle homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health at home and abroad.
- 22nd: Pray for those struggling with an eating disorder.

- 23rd: Sunday, the first day of the week:** May our loving, Eternal God, grant us insight to discern His perfect will for us, that we give up what harms us and seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 24th:** Give thanks for the clean water that sustains our life, pray for the billions of people without access to safe water, and the organisations working to change this.
- 25th:** Pray for those wearied by illness or severe anxiety.
- 26th:** Pray for Christians involved in the entertainment industry and professional sport.
- 27th:** Pray for our local farming community and the considerable challenges facing them: rising costs of energy, machinery, food, labour shortages, unpredictable weather and taxation worries.
- 28th:** Pray for the leaders and members of *Network Youth Church*, a new way of doing and being church with young people across Cumbria.
- 29th:** Pray for today's Coniston 14 Road Race: organisers, marshals, participants and supporters.
- 30th: Sunday, the first day of the week:** As we give thanks for our mothers who nurtured us, we pray our Father God, whose love is strong and tender, will watch over us and hold us all the days of our lives.
- 31st:** Pray for, and with, Christians across Syria seeking God's guidance through the unfolding chapter of their history; staying steadfast in faith, drawing strength and solace from an unwavering trust in God's plan for their well-being.



Please send all articles and events for the April Magazine by Saturday March 15th to editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk or call Juliet on 07884 232281.

From the Registers

St. Andrew, Coniston, 1st March: Wedding of Keziah Cora Taylor and David James Carr

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 16th March: Baptism for Cora Ally Wilde

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 19th March: Interment of Ashes of Leslie James Bowker

Readings for March 2025

2 nd	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2	Luke 9.28-43a
5 th	2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10	John 8.1-11
9 th	Romans 10.8b-13	Luke 4.1-13
16 th	Philippians 3.17-4.1	Luke 13.31-35
23 rd	1 Corinthians 10.1-13	Luke 13.1-9
30 th	2 Corinthians 1.3-7	Luke 2.33-35

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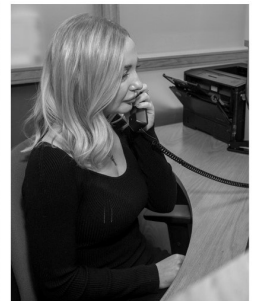
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Tuesday	Coniston CAMEO 2 - 4pm	Coniston Institute
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Wednesday	Parent and Toddler Group 9.30 - 11.30am (term time only)	Coniston S & S Centre
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Thursday	Volunteer Day 9.30 - 3.30pm	Brantwood Gardens
Thursday	Zumba 6.30pm with Valentyna	Coniston Primary School
Thursday	Netball Skills 6.30 - 7.30pm	Coniston S & S Centre
2 nd Tuesday	Egton WI, 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
2 nd Tuesday	Ulverston Repair Café 6.30-8.30pm	Croftlands Community Centre
3 rd Tuesday	Coniston WI, 7.30pm,	Coniston Institute
1 st Wednesday	Charity Quiz, 8pm, £3 per person	Coniston S & S Centre
1 st Wednesday	Lunch & Dominoes 12.30 £5	Coniston Institute R R
1 st Wednesday	Prayer Hour - 10 - 11am	St Mary's, Penny Bridge
3 rd Wednesday	Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.30pm	Bouth Village Hall

What's On Guide - March

1 st /2 nd	Mountain Film programme - see page 15	Carthouse Cinema
1 st	Music performance, 2pm, see page 16	Brantwood
5 th	Talk: Jonathan Orlek see page 14	Farmers Arms
7 th	Talk: Breeding Gypsy Cobs, 7.30pm	Carthouse Cinema
8 th	Live music - Kinnaris Quintet, 7pm	Coniston Institute
12 th	Poetry Writing Workshop, see page 14	Farmers Arms
12 th	Talk: Sean Roy Parker see page 14	Farmers Arms
13 th	Talk: Lakeland Walking Tales 7pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
15 th	Film: the Taste of Things	Carthouse Cinema
15 th	Live music - Chris James 7.30pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
15 th	Live music - Daoiri Farrell Trio, 7pm	Coniston Institute
16 th	Piano Concert, 2pm, see page 16	Brantwood
17 th	Community Lunch, 12.30pm	Coniston Institute
19 th	Talk: Fernando Garcia Dory, see page 14	Farmers Arms
21 st /28 th	Conservation Days 9.30am - 3pm see page 17	Rookhow
21 st	Talk: South America on a bamboo bike 7.30pm	Carthouse Cinema
22 nd	Church Coffee Morning, 10am	Greenodd Village Hall
22 nd	Live Music: SugarFoot 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
25 th	Mothers' Union Lady Day Service	Coniston
25 th	Film: Rose	Carthouse Cinema
26 th	Bouth Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12.30	Bouth Village Hall
27 th	Poetry Open Mic and Readings, see page 14	Farmers Arms
28 th	W&F Suzanne Pender surgery 10-10.45am	Herdwicks, Coniston
29 th	Indoor Bowls and lunch, 12 noon see page 9	Greenodd Village Hall
1 st April	Film: One Life	Carthouse Cinema
1 st April	Live music - Jazz Trio 7.30pm see page 17	Rookhow

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