Coniston and Crake Valley News

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WATER YEAT VILLAGE HALL

Sugarfoot

Sugarfoot have been bringing a taste of Nashville to the Lake District and beyond through their rich blend of Country and Americana music. They are remarked upon for their sparkling female vocal lead duo and their alternative approach to Country song.

Saturday 08 November 8.00pm

£15 on the door or in advance
www.wegotticket.com/wateryeatvillagehall

Doors 7.30pm café/table seating
No bar – bring your own drinks and nibbles

www.facebook.com/wateryeatvillagehall/ www.e-voice.org.uk/wyvh

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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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

To contact any of the Churchwardens, pastoral team, retired clergy or lay ministers please call or email the Administrators.

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 10am and Saturdays at 5.00pm.
For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.

Cover: Rookhow's Dark Skies lighting

Church Services for November 2025

2nd	**All Saints' Day**		
St. Luke Torver	9.30am	**Winter Breakfast**	Linda Inman, Val Towndrow, Hazel Bowness
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**	Alex Stewart
Holy Trinity Colton	3.00pm	**Remembering Service**	Rev Brian Streeter
9th	**Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)**		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	**Morning Worship**	Rev David Bickersteth
Holy Trinity Colton	10.30am	**Morning Worship**	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	10.30am	**Holy Communion**	Rev Harry Welch
Coniston Methodist & **St. Andrew** Coniston	10.45am	**Remembrance**	Rev Grace Cauldwell
16th	**Second Sunday before Advent**		
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**	Dorothy Reilly
23rd	**Sunday next before Advent**		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	**Methodist Service**	Andrew Lockley
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	**Holy Communion**	Rev David Bickersteth
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	**Holy Communion**	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	**Morning Worship**	Andrew Lockley
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	**Torver Junction**	Rev Brian Streeter
30th	**First Sunday of Advent**		
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	**Healing Service**	Pamela Hull
St. Mary Penny Bridge **(Greenodd Village Hall)**	11.00am	**Holy Communion**	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	**Holy Communion**	Rev Grace Cauldwell

Tottlebank Baptist Church - The next Saturday Special at Tottlebank Baptist Church will be on Saturday 29th November 2025 10.15 am - 12.30 pm and the title will be "Here comes that dreamer" (Gen 37:1-20)

Christmas Fayre and Winter Warmer at Tottlebank Baptist Church LA12 8HY - *To raise funds for St Mary's Hospice Saturday.* **15th November 2025** 11.30 am - 2.30 pm. Homemade soup and a roll, tea or coffee and cake. Plus sale of Crafts, Plants, Homemade cakes and Home produce, etc Everyone is welcome to come along and help us raise funds for this good cause.

Pastoral Letter - Harry Welch

Dear friends,

A politician was asked if he was going to swear to tell the truth when testifying during an upcoming public inquiry. He replied, ”Yes, I will swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing like the truth”. Hopefully this was an attempt at humour. However, truth can be elusive. A search on YouTube will reveal no end of news broadcasting organisations each with their own bias, declared or not, and this in addition to the mainstream newscasters in print and online such as the BBC or commercial TV stations. This is not an issue that taxes only our own generation.

Blaise Pascal had a Christian conversion experience so profound he recorded it and kept the paper with him at all times. He was a 17th century mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher and Christian writer. Pascal also had difficulty discerning truth when it came to science and faith. He came to the conclusion that there are two forms of truth.

First, God’s Truth, Revelation, which when discerned will be seen to be not just for the moment but reaches back to the beginning of time and forward to the end of time. The Old Testament prophecies are such. Nothing could be taken away from, or added to such truth.

Pascal contrasted this truth with scientific discovery which some of his peers claimed to be truth. Scientific truth, when discovered, is transient. It is at best work in progress with successive scientists adding too or taking away elements of the discovery.

Azer Bestavros was an 20th century Egyptian Christian scholar, lawyer and teacher. Like Pascal he wanted to live a true Christian life and pointed out some of the errors those enquiring after the faith may come across. He warned people to be wary of false evidences of the Christian faith in the lives of those who claim to follow Jesus Christ. He proclaimed three ‘Bewares’:

1. *Beware of Artificial Piety*, by this he meant shallow holiness, an outward exhibition of religion but no depth, no sign of God’s presence in their life. Jesus condemned such deception;

2. *Heartless Knowledge*, using shallow evidences of faith to condemn others rather than raise them up to Christ. Jesus revealed such empty tombs;

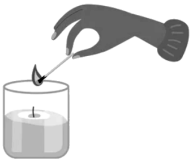
3. *Dogmatic Religiosity*, this shows itself by arguing the faith in such a way as to put off those seeking God. Such people rest on what they know and block out revelation from God.

In these three traits we have evidence of those who have religion rather than faith.

How do we avoid such traps? Stay close to the Master, listen to the world with body, mind and spirit, be open to receive Revelation from God Himself and test everything. Shun those who are religious, keep fellowship with those who display the love of God, whatever the circumstances, and in turn give the glory to Him.

In Him, ***Harry***

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS FOR LOVED ONES



There will be an opportunity to come and remember and give thanks for the life, character, and love shared of a departed loved one on **Sunday 2nd November**, 3.00pm at Holy Trinity, Colton.

This may be a recent bereavement, or some time ago, but please do consider coming to light a candle and give thanks.

Alternatively, please do send any names that you would like to be read out from the roll of names for the remembering and thanksgiving. These can be emailed to **vicar@conistonandcrake.churches.co.uk** or sent to the Vicarage, Penny Bridge, LA12 7RQ.

Brian Streeter

OLD PARISH MAGAZINES!

... THE ...
Parish Magazine
FOR
COLTON, FINSTHWAITE,
RUSLAND, SATTERTHWAITE.
April, 1904. Price One Penny.
J.D. MOON, MUSIC WAREHOUSE, MARKET PLACE, ULVERSTON.
Reliable Pianos and Organs,
TUNING AND REPAIRING A SPECIALITY.
The Lancaster Banking Co., Limited,
Grosvenor Branch; Haverthwaite Branch;
OPEN EVERY FRIDAY. OPEN EVERY TUESDAY.
RICHARD ARMER,
BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER,
1, Fountain Street, Ulverston.

We are looking for old parish magazines for our archive – do you have any?!

Please do rummage about in those forgotten places of your home for old parish magazines for the parishes (and old parishes) of the benefice – that is Blawith, Colton, Coniston, Egton cum Newland (Penny Bridge), Lowick and Torver.

We are building and constantly adding to the magazine archive here,

https://www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk/magazine-archive

If you do have any magazines then they can be scanned and sent by email to **vicar@conistonandcrake.churches.co.uk** or better still, sent to the Vicarage, Penny Bridge, LA12 7RQ.

Brian Streeter

Voluntary Car Scheme – Westmorland and Furness Council

Repeated Appeal

We are urgently in need of additional drivers. Would you be someone who could occasionally drive someone to a hospital appointment, GP, train station, shopping or social event? If you would like to know more about voluntary driving (petrol costs are reimbursed) I would be happy to have a chat.

Marguerite Calvert: 01229 885498

Girlguiding in Hawkshead

Girlguiding in Hawkshead would like to invite young members who are five this term to Rainbows. Brownies aged 7 -10 and Guides aged 10-14. Young Leaders who may be doing the D of E or are interested in working with children are also welcome. We have a team of 10 Adults but are always keen to welcome more.

Please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and I will be in touch when you register.

The Shoebox Appeal

The Shoebox Appeal will be working to send some wonderful boxes over to Eastern Europe to children who have little joy in their young lives. We meet on **Friday 14th November** to make up pencil cases at 2p.m. - 4.30 tea and cake included. We then meet on **Monday 17th November** at 1p.m. to get everything ready until 7.30p.m.

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday at 10.30 am. We need about 45 helpers both male and female to help as we make over 2000 boxes. It is a huge challenge. We have free parking. If you would like to make a donation online the bank account details are **First Hawkshead Brownies Sort 20-45-28. Account no 03459527**. Or if you can knit or sew suitable items or buy toothpaste etc, just drop them off at Oaklands.

Around the Parishes: Colton

Rev. Derek Tinsley

When the Rev. Derek Tinsley moved on from this Parish he is reputed to have said that he trusted we would continue to discover peace in this beautiful valley as he had experienced for 10 years from 1985-1995.

Alongside this peace Derek found happiness and friendship. So many people, sadly no longer with us, loved him. Elderly and young responded to his outgoing personality, not just in church, but in the wider community. He soon involved himself in local schools, partaking in a variety of activities, especially musical ones.

I'm reliably informed that he had various organs all over the vicarage and could often be heard playing the church organ on an evening. He was always in demand for weddings and concerts. He was proud to play for his younger daughter Ruth on her wedding day in Rusland Church.

Colton Victorian Vicarage doors were rarely closed. He and his wife Hilary welcomed everyone whatever their faith, extending this welcome to newcomers. Annual garden parties were joyous, memorable occasions for the valley. They are frequently referred to even today. The house and garden were open. There were teas on the lawn, innovative games for children, music, camaraderie, everything a village fair should be! The Tinsley's also hosted Christmas activities for us all, music a highlight.

Our vicar was a man of many interests - including, antique organs and ancient church music. Derek travelled far to visit those in hospital. He will be talked about for years to come having supported many through the storms of life as well as sharing celebrations. The few of us left will keep his memory alive. We remember and miss him and thank him for contributing to our community, not forgetting his second in command, Hilary.

Susan King, Friends of Colton, Rusland and Satterthwaite

Colton Parish Council News November 2025

Tackling storm damage Storm Amy caused localised flooding, fallen trees and branches and surface damage on some lanes. We have reported the issues that we have been made aware of to the Westmorland & Furness Highways Team and hope that the repairs will be carried out soon.

Steps you can take:

You can report problems, including flooding, potholes, fallen trees and damage to the road surface and by phoning the Council on 0300 373 3300 or using this link https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/streets-roads-and-pavements

If a drain needs clearing or the verges require work, you can contact the Parish Council clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk and we will assess if the job is something Archie, our Parish Lengthsman, can do. If road repairs are required, or the location is

not a safe place for Archie to work, we will refer the problem to the Council's Highways Team.

Make sure you are 'Winter Ready'. For advice on preparing for winter, including how to report an empty grit bin, what to do in a winter emergency, such as storms, snow or flooding, and if you have any welfare concerns see https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/winterready

Colton Parish Council has supported new proposals to apply Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) to the East side of Coniston Water. Following increasing concerns about anti-social behaviour, we have added our voice to calls for increased powers for the Council and all those involves in visitor management to tackle this growing problem. Find out more here https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/your-environment/public-spaces-protection-orders-pspos

Red squirrels Did you know that over recent months there have been a few sightings of Red Squirrels locally? Reporting sightings can help local wildlife charities ensure that red squirrels get the protection they need. To find out more about local action to protect and encourage red squirrels or to report a sighting look for the South Lakes Red Squirrel Group on Facebook or see the Cumbria Wildlife Trust website, Go to https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/about/what-we-do/wildlife-conservation/saving-red-squirrels#report

We're here for you! Contact the Parish Council to raise local issues, have your say about matters that affect our community, or to get involved. Email us clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk or speak to your local Councillor. See our website https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk for or follow us on Face Book. Why not come to one of our meetings? All Welcome! The next two are:

7pm **Monday 17th November** at Oxen Park Reading Room

7pm **Monday 15th December** at Finsthwaite & Lakeside Village Hall.

Bouth Village Hall coffee morning dates! For Colton residents and visitors

Bouth Village Hall coffee morning **19th November** (**10.30-12.30**)

Christmas extended coffee morning with a light lunch **17th December** (**10.30-13.30**)

Tickets from **Kevin Smith, 07745 117406**

Saturday 22nd November at Bouth Village Hall

If you are feeling the winter chill why not come along to the Colton Church "soup and pud" lunch arrive at 12.00 further details from **Sue Smith** (**07598 709322**).

Alternatively, if you fancy music and a dance, let us take you down memory lane 4Tunes who are a newly formed 'café' quartet, will be playing an eclectic mix of music ranging from Sandy Denny to Johnny Cash and John Prine, with a mix of bass and acoustic guitars, keyboard and cajon percussion. We will be accepting donations for entry on the door, further details contact **Kevin Smith** (**07745 117406**) bring your own drinks, entry from 19.00.

Parking is limited at the hall, so please car share if you can, or park in the village and walk up the hill.

Lowick

Lowick YFC

Lowick YFC kicked off September with a fantastic fundraising event at Cartmel Village Hall - our very first Race Night. Over 100 Attendees joined us for an evening of fun, food and fundraising. Guests enjoyed delicious pies, provided by Laura from Ulverston Auction Cafe and placed their bets on the races.

Thanks must go to all of the people who made the event possible, our 2 sponsors; Carrs Billington and Armistead Barnett who both donated prize money for our Winning Jockey of the evening, and to everyone's generosity, we raised an incredible £1,650 for two brilliant charities: Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND) and Yellow Wellies. We look forward to welcoming representatives from both organisations to an upcoming business meeting, where we'll officially present the funds raised.

Winter Competitions are well underway, Lowick members have been busy taking part in the first round of Winter Public Speaking Competitions. In the Brainstrust Competition, Zara, Emily, Anya and Sib represented our club in a lively debate against three other teams, tackling topics such as:

- Should schools increase PE to combat obesity?
- Are farmers doing enough to reduce carbon emissions?
- Do the public truly understand where their food comes from?

The team placed 2nd, securing a spot in the Southern District Finals this December. Best of luck to them as they prepare to compete again!

A special shoutout to our Inter member, Emily Doyle, who qualified back in May for the National Finals of the Floral Art Competition. The event took place in Malvern on 28th September and featured some truly outstanding exhibits. Well done to Emily for representing Lowick YFC on the national stage!

(Emily Doyle's Floral Arrangement)

(Finalists from the Race Night)

Farmers Big Breakfast

A monthly get together at a different village hall around South Cumbria and North Lancashire which gets our farming community together for a chat over breakfast and a brew. We raise money for a different charity each month that is close to our communities' hearts.

Come along and support your farmers/neighbours or friends.

All welcome.

Venue…Lowick Community Hall…

Date…**Sunday 16th November**…

Time…10am-1pm…

Adults - £10 Children - £5

For more information please email: eweok2025@gmail.com

Egton cum Newland

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council

The date of the next Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th November 2025**, 7pm at Greenodd Village Hall.

Crake Valley Friendship Club

The Crake Valley Friendship club's last coach trip of 2025 is on the **19th November**. We are going to Skipton then on to Boundry Mill, There are spare seats on our trips which are up for grabs to none members, anyone is welcome to join us £18 none members.

For enquiries please contact **Anne** on **01229 861278**

Coach leaves Greenodd 9.00

Church coffee morning

Join us for coffee and cake at Greenodd village hall on **Saturday 6th December** 10-12noon. There will be a lovely selection of stalls with lots of goodies for sale. Cakes, raffle, chocolate, tombola, nearly new bric a brac and Albert with his wood. Come and join friends and neighbours for a chat over coffee and cake in comfortable surroundings and help us to raise funds for our local church.

Jean and the team.

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - September 2025

Total - 403.4mm (15.9ins)
Wet days - 22
More than 1mm on 19 days
Wettest TWO days - 14th & 15th - 138.0mm (5.4ins)
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the reading was not taken on the 14th.

TORVER PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of TPC is scheduled for **Thursday 6th November** at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. Flood Risks will continue to be a focus. Rick Graham has provided a very useful and comprehensive assessment of where we are with respect to the source of the storm overflow and the current state of the drains which mitigate flooding in the village. Also, a representative from the Rivers Trust is willing to come to Torver to look at the various sources of flood water and give an opinion on practicalities. TPC remains one councillor short of its allotted five: anyone interested in joining the council should contact its Chair, Peter Worth. What is involved? – over the year, six meetings each of an hour's duration (7.30-8.30pm) in the Schoolroom.

Friends of the X112 bus group update

It is now eleven years on from when the Friends of the X112 was formed. Our formation has enabled Blueworks Taxis Ltd. to continue running local bus services between Barrow, Ulverston and Coniston linking many small rural communities who, in 2014, were faced with the possibility of all previous rural bus services being withdrawn.

Those eleven years have produced a quite unique partnership between the community and a local bus company. This has been backed up by funding provided by many, mostly Cumbria based, grant funding organisations and, in more recent years, Westmorland and Furness Council.

We do have a few younger members who work very hard but we desperately require two younger people (we were in our late 60's when we started!) to be officials on our committee to help with secretarial work and marketing.

If it is possible to spread that information around in the hope that someone might be interested to help we would be extremely grateful.

For the time being the 'Friends' will continue to operate for as long as we can but it clearly does rely on finding the funds to keep it going and that is the hard part!

Anyone genuinely interested in joining the group as an official can contact either myself, Roger (roger@rdhwc.plus.com. Tel. **07401136229**) or Alayne (fisheralayne@gmail.com. Tel. **07546474350**)

Thank you for all your support and, hopefully, continued support.

The 'Friends of the X112'

P.S. More than anything else we do need to see that people still need the bus services and that is shown by people actually using the bus whenever they can.

Lunch and Dominoes

We will be starting again on **Wednesday October 1st 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. To book a place, ring **Jean** on **41617**, by the Monday before.

We will then continue usually on the first Wednesday of the month for the winter season. November will be on the second **Wednesday** (**12th**) due to a previous booking of the Reading Room. Everyone welcome.

CONISTON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

At this point in time, and analysing figures for the last five years, it looks as if it will be a good year in terms of money taken from sales, and possibly the best over that period. One week in August gave us a record sales figure. We still have no tenant for the top shop (No.5) but are close to completing a deal. The loss of the experience and expertise of Ken Ennion and Phil Davies has left the committee short of members. To compensate, the Committee has used Co-operatives UK to produce a new Rules of Governance that will introduce an asset lock and broaden access to the committee to allow employees to be fully involved. Also, to raise the level of professionalism in the management of our properties, we are working with Matthews Benjamin. The top shop has been unoccupied now for 21 months. That is a considerable loss of income. The maintenance of the aging properties is increasingly expensive. At considerable expense, all traces of asbestos were removed from the Top Shop (No.5 Yewdale Road), and before a new tenant moves in, the aim is to replace the large front windows. The LDNPA has told us that the building at No.3 has been nominated for its Local Heritage List. At the meeting of the Committee on the 18th of September, members were unanimous in favour of accepting the nomination.

Coniston Bus Walk to Hawkshead - Wednesday 19th November

Regular 3rd Wednesday Bus Walk. Away walk on new Parish Council waymarked route to Hawkshead via Hawkhead Hill Baptist Chapel & tranquil garden. If fine, picnic lunch in Colthouse Quaker Meeting House garden (bring your own food). Leaving Coniston Central Bus Shelter at 09.30 (return by mid afternoon). Gentle pace. All welcome. Just turn up. It will be possible to bail out half way and take the bus from the H.H. Baptist Chapel.

Coniston International Twinning Association Quiz at Ship - Wednesday 19th November 6.30pm for 7pm

Come as a team or join one on the night. All welcome (no need to be a member) Just turn up. £2 per head. Please order food before 7pm. Have fun and support a superb local pub.

For further details:

Call **07514 480 875** or email "roberthenrymccracken@outlook.com"

CONISTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who came to our October lunch, it was lovely to see you all and a great start to the season. Our next lunch will be **Monday 17th November** at 12.30pm in the Institute reading room.

As usual a hearty two course lunch (usually soup and pudding) will be served by our team of helpful pupils from Coniston Primary School. There will be tea or coffee after and hopefully some treats from the sharing table. No payment is expected, however we'd appreciate a contribution of £5 towards our costs.

To help planning 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. Please spread the word to those in the community who may not see this and may enjoy the company. If you know of someone who cannot attend, but would appreciate a bowl of soup, please let us know and we can hopefully drop some off.

Additional support is always welcome on the day, so please get in touch if you can offer any help either in the kitchen, or by donating some food - perhaps a pudding or something for our sharing table.

With thanks and best wishes from

The Community Lunch Team

CONISTON FESTIVE FAYRE

(Saturday Nov 22nd)

Save the date! **November 22nd** will be the Coniston Festive Fayre which will combine the official Christmas Lights turn-on with an artisan market in the Coniston Institute (10am to 5:30pm). The School Christmas Party will be the same day at the Coniston Sports and Social Club followed by a lantern parade with Santa (c. 4pm) into the village and an evening of activities, including a quiz night at The Sun and live music at The Crown. For more information, to sponsor, support or enter the Raffle or to simply book Santa's Grotto please go to: https://christmasinconiston.pitchinplatform.com/.

Update from Coniston Carers

We are pleased to share with you the news that Coniston Carers will be not be closing at the end of October.

It was heartening to see so many people attend the Annual General meeting in September, sharing their enthusiasm and support for the continuation of Coniston Carers.

The Annual General meeting provided an opportunity to bring governance into line with the Memorandum Of Association (governing document), which the charitable company agreed at it’s incorporation in November 2000. You can find the document on the Companies House website by searching for Coniston Care Scheme Ltd.

The governing document requires a membership, who are responsible for appointing directors (also known as the charitable company trustees). We are pleased that there is currently a membership of 25 people. Anyone can become a member at any time. Please get in touch if you would like to be a member by phoning 015394 41868.

With a membership in place the following people were appointed directors;

- Natasha Owen, Nicola Kennelly, Sarah Way, Carole Barr, Adam Kelly, Paul Raven, Katie Dawson.
- Elaine Troughton has continued as a director.

The meeting thanked Jonathon Hext and Elaine Troughton for their work as directors and Jonathon resigned from the company.

The new directors understand that work is required to stabilise and build the service provided. We are very happy to listen to feedback and ideas from the community whilst we do this.

There is currently capacity to support people in their homes. If anyone has care needs currently and would like to contact us, please call 015394 41868.

Reports

Mothers' Union Report

Members of Coniston Mothers' Union had an enjoyable day out at the end of September. It began with a trip to 'Pure Lakes' at Far Sawrey, where we were given coffee and an introductory talk. How the firm started, its history to present day, including its move to Sawrey, the products and workshops they offer. A tour of the workshop with descriptions of how they make their products, then the wonderful task of trying all the tester creams and lotions!

A short journey to The Cuckoo Brow Inn followed, where another warm welcome was given. Several future dates for events were discussed before an enjoyable lunch was had by all.

Our next meeting on **30th October** will include a craft session dressing corks.

All are welcome, contact ***Kay*** **015394 41559.**

Oxen Park Cinema Club

November films coming up: Book all films online and do add yourself to the waiting list if the film is full. If we have a good number waiting then we will put on a second show.

Tuesday 4th November - a Supper Special evening with supper at The Manor followed by the film THIS IS GOING OT BE BIG

Saturday 15th November - THE MARCHING BAND - Full already so look out for a 2nd show on **Sunday 16th** (or **23rd**)

closely followed by THE OUTRUN on **2nd December**

Egton WI

Our October meeting started with us being able to welcome another new member which was lovely. After our usual business we had a talk all about living in New Zealand in the second half of the 1900's with the Māori myths and legends! Penny Aubrey illustrated her entertaining talk with a slide show which brought back memories for those of us who have been lucky enough to visit NZ ourselves.

As we continue to raise money for the Admiral nurses at St. Mary's hospice we look forward to hosting a dance in our village hall later in the month. On **November 3rd** we will be hopefully engaging our brains to compete in the county quiz of which we are also a hosting venue. See if one of our teams can improve on the second place they got last month at the Osmotherly hosted quiz.

We look forward to our AGM in November when we hope members will wear a hat and maybe 1940's style clothes as they all did 80 years ago when our WI was formed! We will be having pie and peas at the start of the meeting followed by homemade (what else) birthday cake and tea/coffee. We will have a fun quiz on the tables to keep everyone occupied before we have the essential business. It should be a night with a difference.

For any information about our WI contact **07519144799**

Coniston WI

Coniston WI are delighted that due to Rawdon Smith Trust funding we are able to invite the over 70's from Coniston and Torver for Christmas lunch on **December 13th** at **12.30p.m**. at the Sports and Social Club in Coniston. If people have been there last year then they will get an invite, but everyone is welcome. Please reply to **Gill Irwin** on **015394 41136**.

Coniston WI members enjoyed evenings making items for the County show. Without members producing entries the wonderful WI Marquee would be empty. We entered 162 items and won six cups. We were delighted, but the main thing was the companionship the craft sessions brought. Coniston members, go swimming, walk and craft most weeks of the year. If you would like to join us on **the third Tuesday of the month** at the Reading room, then we will be there to welcome you. We are going on a shopping trip to Leeds and see the M & S archive, visiting the theatre as well as learning about woodwork at our next meeting.

The WI are also taking over the Christmas Post service for Torver and Coniston. If you have helped in the past and would like to again, then please contact **Judith** evenings **015394 41245**.

CWT Rusland Local Support Group: Upcoming Events

Feel like getting out and about with some physical conservation work over the winter? Please come and join us at one of our local events. And if you want to learn more about the role and work of the Rusland Group, including the Rainforest Project then do come to our talk. Details as follows:

- **Saturday 8th November**, Black Beck Woods – Rhododendron Bashing

- **Tuesday 18th November**, 7.30 pm, Ulverston Methodist Church. Talk on the work of the Rusland Group and the Rainforest Project.

- **Saturday 17th January**, Black Beck Woods – Coppicing for conservation

- Also a 'Save the date' - **6th December** - for a Rainforest Project volunteer planting day. Details will follow.

To attend any of these events, just email us at:
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As always, you can also keep in touch with us by: Joining the *Wild about Rusland* Facebook group, Going to: https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/rusland or Signing up for the CWT Newsletter.

BRANTWOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

In **The Terrace Café**, join us every weekend from **1st November** to **14th December** as we count down to Christmas! Each weekend, a different local maker or crafter will be showcasing their beautiful creations - the perfect chance to find a unique festive gift. Enjoy the cosy atmosphere with our hearty food, handmade cakes, and festive tipples while you browse. Come and celebrate local creativity (and a bit of Christmas magic) at The Terrace! On these weekends, there will also be **Christmas craft activities upstairs in the Loft**. Crafts include Miniature Wreaths and Festive Table Decorations, Twig & Fabric Christmas Tree Decorations and Garlands. Full programme on our website.

As part of **Coniston Festive Fayre and Christmas Lights Switch on 22 November**, we are hosting mindful crafting sessions. Inspired by John Ruskin's love of nature and craftmanship, decorate traditional pomander balls with cloves and fill fabric sachets with dried herbs and petals. You will also make Christmas cards, gift tags and bookmarks. Book in advance through our website.

Our exhibition **The Ways of Turner: Tracing His Northern Tour** by artist Monika Müller continues in the Studio until **21st December** as well as our Blue Gallery exhibition **Order out of Chaos: The Beauty of Flowers** by Piers.

Please note that we will be moving into **Low Season from Monday 3rd November**. The House and Gardens will be open **Wed-Sun** from 10.30am – 3pm. The Terrace will be open from 10am – 3pm also **Wed-Sun**.

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**.

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Fri 5-11pm (Woodfired Pizza Night)

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Sun 12-4pm (Roast Lunch)

OPPORTUNITIES:

Calling singer/songwriters and musicians of any genre!! We are now running regular music nights on Fridays and sometimes Thursdays! We're always on the lookout for more great folks to shiver our timbers, so please get in touch if this is of interest. Performance fee + drinks on us!

Rent-a-field- are you an outdoor personal trainer with a regular class looking for a new location? Or another specialist with an outdoor need? We may be up your field! Drop us a line to talk more details.

Looking for a co-working space?- We are in the early stages of establishing a local co-working space. Regular or flexible packages over a week or month, wi-fi included, so if you have a need and interest please get in touch, we are all ears!

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Rookhow

Quiet day at Rookhow

Monday 17th November 10am-4pm 'Craft and woodland meditation'

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Sound Ecology Day with Propellor

Wednesday 19th November 10am-4pm. Sessions of sound exploration in Quakers' Wood. For more details email: contactrookhow@gmail.com

Winter Notes

Thursday 4th December. 6pm Soup and rolls. 7pm music. £18 to include food. A seasonal concert in the beautiful acoustic of Rookhow Quaker Meeting House with Jack McNeill and friends. For more details email: contactrookhow@gmail.com

Quaker Meetings in the Rusland Valley

Every 1st Wednesday 7.30-8pm

Every 1st and 3rd Friday 12.30-1pm.

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Volunteers

Practical volunteers- gardening, woodland and DIY jobs. Every Friday 9.30am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch. Homemade cakes provided. Join our friendly team to help maintain the site. Contact Sue & Kath to find out more or pop down on a Friday.

Christmas availability

We have availability in the Bunkbarn over Christmas so if anyone is planning a big family or friends get together, please get in touch. Sole use (includes woodland). Minimum 2 nights. £390 per night for the Bunkbarn. 7 nights for the price of 6. Up to 16 people. Website: rookhow.org.uk

Green Sparks News - November 2025

Green Sparks has been working with Oxen Park Reading Room to organise this year's Winter Talks. We've arranged an exciting range of speakers on the themes of sustainability, nature recovery and tackling climate change, that we hope will entertain, inspire and challenge you! The first three are:

7.30 pm Sunday 2nd November - An Update on the Rusland Rainforest Restoration project. A great opportunity to hear our local project lead Marion Brown bring us up to date with the project's progress and tell us what's next for this precious and rare temperate rainforest that is right on our doorstep.

7.30 pm Friday 28th November - Cumbria Climate Assembly and Charter - Find out how Zero Carbon Cumbria brought a randomly selected group of Cumbrian residents together to hear expert evidence and produce a Climate Charter mapping

the way towards being a net zero county by 2037. Assembly member, Suan Marston, will talk us through the experience and how individuals, communities and businesses can all make use of the Charter to help us all contribute to tackling climate change.

7.30 pm Friday 12th December - The Bethecar Moor Project - Following a very well received series of introductory talks last year, Richard Dobson will talk us through the work undertaken by this community project, led by the Commoners of Bethecar Moor, to restore the Moor.

All talks take place at the Cathouse Cinema in Oxen Park. Tickets are £5 on the door, with proceeds going to support Oxen Park Reading Room.

Other news

Concerned about the impact of fast fashion and throwaway culture? Check out https://cumbriaclothingcollective.co.uk/ for tips on reducing the carbon footprint of your clothes and shopping habits.

Did you know that you can put foil, aerosols in the blue recycling bag? But toothpaste tubes need to be taken to a designated recycling point (the nearest ones to us are in Boot in Barrow and Boots in Kendal) To find out what can go where see https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item

Go along to Futureproof Cumbria's in person event on *The Home Heat Pump Advantage: smarter, warmer, greener* in Kendal on **25th November** see https://cafs.org.uk/events/

If you have news, activities or resources you think will be of interest to others in the Green Sparks network **email us on:** greensparks.sparkbridge@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Parish Prayer Diary November 2025

1st: Give thanks for the faithful saints down the ages who proclaimed Jesus died and rose; pray we may faithfully proclaim Jesus is Lord in our generation.

2nd: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

Fed by God's word today may He strengthen us to daily reject all that is contrary to Kingdom living and to embrace that which enables the Kingdom to grow within us and our communities.

3rd: Pray for Rt Revd Sarah Mullally preparing to take up the role of Archbishop of Canterbury.

4th: Pray for Christians working in science and technology, remembering how many of the greatest intellects and inventors had a strong faith in God.

5th: Pray for individuals who in every area of their lives exercise their Christian faith with integrity and compassion.

6th: Pray for faith groups, local authorities and charities addressing homelessness as winter approaches.

7th: Pray for the Leprosy Mission enabling people to attain healing and dignity.

8th: Pray for Citizen Advice, its volunteer advisors, Witness Service volunteers, trainers and staff.

9th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

Pray that our God, who alone is our refuge and strength, may bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, and the earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10th: Pray for delegates attending the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belém, Brazil to lay the groundwork for a five-year plan aligning global efforts around the Paris Agreement, the international treaty on climate change.

11th: On Armistice Day, remember those who died in the service of their Country during two world wars and the many conflicts since, praying comfort for those who mourn and healing to those wounded in body, mind or spirit.

12th: Pray for the *Shine Your Light* preparations to bring the Good News of Christmas to public spaces in December.

13th: Pray for the Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship, its members and newcomers.

14th: Pray for Children in Need fundraising events and the projects receiving funding.

15th: On this International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, unite with the global church lifting voices for persecuted believers worldwide.

16th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

May the Lord stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Christ Jesus.

17th: Pray for determination for those in church leadership to put wise and workable safeguarding measures in place that will protect everyone.

18th: Pray for all who work within the North West Ambulance Service.

19th: Pray for ordained ministers serving the church, often across several parishes.

20th: Pray for unpaid carers in the UK, especially children and teenagers who support a dependant parent.

21st: Pray for Haiti as the UN Security Council authorise a multinational 'Gang Suppression Force' to help Haitian police combat the spiralling gang violence affecting all aspects of life in the island nation.

22nd: Pray for all who live and work in the communities of Lowick Green, Lowick Bridge and Water Yeat.

23rd: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

Stir up O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people, that hearing the call of Christ the King and following in His servant service, they come with joy to the Kingdom that has no end.

24th: Pray for Open the Book at Penny Bridge CE Academy this afternoon.

25th: Pray for communities lacking basic sanitation where people suffer sickness from unsafe water; pray also for organisations working to address this issue.

26th: Pray for our Government.

27th: Pray for Christians in Pakistan who face violent oppression and lack of religious freedom in all areas of life, especially for converts who suffer the brunt of persecution. Pray the church in Pakistan will be light in the darkness of severe anti-Christian injustice, persecution and often violence.

28th: Pray for Church Mission Society partners Ben and Katy Ray in Tanzania as they work with people with disabilities, providing training so they can earn a living.

29th: Pray for local businesses.

30th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

At the beginning of a new Church year, we recommit ourselves to turn from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet Jesus, our Lord, our King, our Saviour when He comes or calls

Please send all articles and events for the December Magazine by November 15th to editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk

From the Registers

St. Andrew's, Coniston, 24th September 2025, Interment of Ashes
- Roy Hartley Sephton &
Dorothy May Sephton

Holy Trinity, Colton, 10th October 2025, Burial of Revd. Dr. Derek Tinsley

Holy Trinity, Colton, 14th October 2025, Interment of Ashes
- Thomas William Holliday

St. Andrew's, Coniston, 23rd October 2025, Funeral of Donald Eric Kelly

Readings for November 2025

2nd	Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18	Luke 6.20-31
9th	Job 19.23-27a	Luke 20.27-38
16th	Malachi 4.1-2a	Luke 21.5-19
23rd	Jeremiah 23.1-6	Luke 23.33-43
30th	Romans 13.11-14	Matthew 24.36-44

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Tuesday	Coffee and Chat, 9.45 - 10.45am	Greenodd Village Hall
Tuesday	Coniston CAMEO 2 - 4pm	Coniston Institute
Tuesday	Youth Club age 11 & over 7 - 9pm	Coniston S & S Centre
Wednesday	Yoga 7 - 8pm 07471 421 153 to book	Coniston S & S Centre
Wednesday	Lowick Parent & Toddler Group 9.30 - 11.30am (term time only) £1.50	Lowick Community Hall
Wednesday	Walking Football, 6.30 - 8pm	Coniston S & S Centre
Thursday	Community Lunch, 1pm sharp, £7	Farmers Arms, Lowick
Thursday	"Young at Heart" exercise and lunch, 11am £5 (term time only) or just come for lunch at 12 noon.	Coniston S&S Centre
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
Friday	Junior Cricket	Coniston Cricket Club
2nd Tuesday	Egton WI, 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
2nd Tuesday	Ulverston Repair Café 6.30-8.30pm	Croftlands Community Centre
3rd Tuesday	Coniston WI, 7.30pm,	Coniston Institute
1st Wednesday	Prayer Hour - 10 - 11am	St Mary's, Penny Bridge
3rd Wednesday	Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.30pm	Bouth Village Hall

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