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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 up until the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### BECKERMET

• 28<sup>th</sup> April    Baptism    Delilah Joyce Wilson    Beckermet

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

• No Occasional Offices known

### SEASCALE

• 13<sup>th</sup> May    Funeral    Pamela Mary Anderson    Crematorium

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

- 27<sup>th</sup> April    Marriage: Sammantha Haslam and Michael Kenwright  
Gosforth
- 28<sup>th</sup> April    Baptism: Reuben George Hilton    Gosforth
- 1<sup>st</sup> May    Cremation and Thanksgiving: Patricia Wolstenholme  
Gosforth
- 4<sup>th</sup> May    Interment of Ashes: Shireen Audrey Wright    Gosforth
- 4<sup>th</sup> May    Interment of Ashes: Nicholas James Payne    Gosforth
- 21<sup>th</sup> May    Baptism: Christian Clarke    Gosforth

## FROM BECKERMET VICARAGE

Chris and I enjoy exploring abbey ruins. Over the last year we have visited various abbeys across the North of England: from Furness to Fountains, Egglestone to Rievaulx. As we have wandered around these magnificent places, I have wondered about the lives of those who lived and worshipped in them; the many people who followed God's calling on their lives to enter into monastic community and live a life dedicated to prayer and worship. My wonderings have led me to reflect on God's call on my life, as a Christian and then as a Priest.

We all have a calling placed on our lives. The primary calling is to a relationship with God: to live as a disciple, following Jesus in our daily lives. When we are baptised into the Body of Christ, the Church, we are taking our first step in response to this call, which we then have to choose to keep walking in every day of our lives.



Rievaulx Abbey in North

Second to this, each of us has a unique calling which God has placed on us alone. This calling may be to a particular area of work, to a role in family life, to living in a particular way, or in a particular place. Some of us are called to be doctors and scientists, others artists and musicians; some to be single and others to be married; some to be father or mother, others to be an aunt or uncle, or friend; some to live in community, others on their own... Our calling may change as we go through different seasons of life, whilst for some it will be lifelong.

Many of us, at some point in our lives, will ask what is it that we are meant to be 'doing' with our lives. Perhaps we could reframe that question to be: What is God calling me to be or do at this time of my life? When I was recently reading the book, 'In this House of Brede' by Rumer Godden, I was struck by these words: "You needn't worry about being useful, when you have become God's in the measure he wants, he, himself, will know how to bestow you on others." How often do we try to put our secondary calling before our primary, and as a result feel lost, unsure of our purpose?

Whether life as a Christian is lived in monastic community or like the majority of us today, within secular society, it is sacrificial, for God's love for us demands our whole selves in response. In the words of the well-known hymn 'When I survey the wonderous cross' by Isaac Watts: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

As I come to my Ordination to the Priesthood at the end of June, I take a further step into the calling God has placed on my life. I wonder what calling God has placed on your life? Let us together keep walking with Jesus day by day and encouraging one another in the unique callings God has given each of us.

Do come and join us for the Service of Ordination and Thanksgiving for the Ministry and Mission within the South Calder Mission Community on Sunday 30th June at 10:30am at St Cuthbert's Church in Seascale. All are welcome and we hope it will be a joyful occasion.

*Rachel*

## **SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

These continue to take place on Zoom every Thursday morning at 9.30 am and last about 20 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Please contact Jonathan Falkner on 01946 721852 for an invitation to Zoom.

A short service of Morning Prayer also takes place in Gosforth Church at 8.30am from Tuesday to Friday each week and everyone is welcome to join this also.



## **COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT (The Three C's) – 10.30 – 12 noon**

This is always held on the first Thursday of the month in St Mary's Room, Gosforth, which this month will be **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. This month we will be sending a donation to Christian Aid.



Following our coffee morning and chat last month with representatives from Safe Families, we were able to make a donation of £198.55 towards their work with local families who need support.

Come and join us for a chat and some home baking!

## **THE LOCAL FOODBANK**

Just a reminder to everyone that the local Foodbank (ours is Egremont) is still very much in need of our support. There are collection boxes at the back of most of our churches and the food collected is taken regularly to Egremont Methodist Church, where the Foodbank is based.



Just so you know, Christine McKinley will collect the items from Nether Wasdale and Gosforth churches on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, so it would be good if we could all try and put something in the box each month before that date! If you need to contact her for any reason her number is 01946 726267.

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In the middle of the Autumn Term, we started a fortnightly Bible Study in Beckermat. So far, we have enjoyed a 4-week study of the letter to the Philippians and spent 5 weeks exploring Whole Life Worship. We have yet to decide what we will be doing in the Summer Term, but it's sure to be interesting. We have been encouraged, inspired and challenged in our faith as we have dug into the Bible together.



The Bible Study is hosted by Rachel and Chris at the Vicarage, 11 Lowrey Close, Beckermat, CA21 2YX. We start gathering from 7pm for hot drinks and a chat, then we begin our study at 7:30pm, finishing by 9pm. During our Bible Study time, we read passages from the Bible together, explore them through discussion guided by some questions, and we have a time of prayer.

Dates for the Summer Term are 19<sup>th</sup> Jun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul, 17<sup>th</sup> Jul (TBC).

If you are interested in joining us or would like to find out more, do just come along or be in touch with Rachel on [revrachelcunliffe@gmail.com](mailto:revrachelcunliffe@gmail.com) or 07904 573682.

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## JUNE 2024

The branch will be active in June but at the time of writing dates are still to be confirmed. The branch will have a display during Seascale Gala week 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June and it is hoped members will be involved. In addition, it is hoped to arrange a meal out as a social gathering of members. Please contact Mary Waterhouse 27641 for details.

**June Prayer** – God of unchanging power, your Holy Spirit enables us to proclaim your love in challenging times and places. Give to all MU members steadfastness, fresh understanding and a clear vision, that together we may continue the mission to which we are called. **Amen**

## PRAYER TOPICS

- The MU members and associates in the diocese in Zone I – All-Ireland (7,000) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union and play their part in bringing calm and understanding in these uncertain times for those living in the island of Ireland.
- The politicians world wide as they make very difficult decisions in trying to bring peace in Ukraine and Gaza in particular, but also in the other warring nations, while also dealing with the economic situation, the effects of the pandemic and climate change.
- The MU Branches who work in their local prison supporting families particularly on visiting days.
- Those who are coping with particularly challenging circumstances. May they be strengthened by our love and prayers for them.
- Those who are taking exams this month and the families who are supporting them.

## *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head* *faith in the fells*

### **JUNE SERVICES at St Olaf's:**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - 11am Celtic Praise, led by Carolyn Foulerton.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - 11am Morning Praise, led by Rev Rachel Cunliffe

*Services at Nether Wasdale Church are at 9.30am on Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June.*

**REV RACHEL CUNLIFFE** – we're delighted that Rachel is leading our service on the Sunday preceding her ordination (see above) and is returning for our next service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to lead our Holy Communion. Rachel's ordination by Bishop Rob Saner Haigh is at **St Cuthbert's Seascale on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**, it is the main service in the area that Sunday.

**PCMC MEETING** – St Olaf's Parish Church Management Committee held its bi-annual meeting at the Wasdale Head Inn on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm. The accounts are healthy, showing steadily accumulating funds for St Olaf's Restoration and a useful surplus in the church's regular annual income over expenditure. However, the main business of the meeting was to consider the future of the **OLD SCHOOL** which returned to our care at the end of March.

The trustees took the decision to sell it and appointed PFK as agents to handle the sale which will be by sealed bids, with a probable guide price of £60,000 to £75,000. It will go on the market during June. It is felt that there may be much interest as it is likely to present the only opportunity to buy a freehold property in Wasdale Head, albeit a very small one that many years ago was described by a Ministry of Education Inspector (that's what they were called then) as the 'humblest school in England'. Thanks to his description, it joined the list of Wasdale Head's superlatives and diminutives! It must have been one of the smallest schools too. It was built in 1888 and had a relatively short life as a school, closing when the children moved to the new and larger school at Nether Wasdale. The proceeds of the sale be dedicated to St Olaf's Restoration, and in this way, it is hoped that a new lease of life will be brought to two of Wasdale Head's heritage buildings.

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## Where the Veil is Very Thin....

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful late spring afternoon at Wasdale Head, the perfect afternoon to sit inside St Olaf's with the door open, allowing the balmy air to flow in and the melodious music to flow out. What a privilege for the six performers and seven (five of them only briefly) members of the audience.

Stripped of the poetic language, the reader could be forgiven for thinking that the concert, arranged several months ago and advertised in the parish magazine was a disaster - but God moves in mysterious ways, doesn't he? So, let's recap...

A few months ago, a gentleman named Craig, who currently directs/organises/oversees a small ensemble of eclectic musical talent, contacted Hugh (churchwarden at St Olaf's) to ask if the group could give a concert in the church, with proceeds going towards the restoration fund. His request was granted and May 11<sup>th</sup> put on the calendar. Craig, now old enough to have grandchildren, first visited St Olaf's when he was fourteen, but has been back several times since. He felt that St Olaf's would be a wonderful venue for his protégés to perform in and give them an experience not easily come-by.

Consequently, Craig, accompanied by professional violinist Alesia, singer/songwriter Sophie, guitarists Tree and Tony, plus video photographer Amna, booked accommodation in Eskdale and travelled from places as diverse as Leeds, Bolton, Leek and Bradford to entertain us.

In any ordinary circumstances, the lack of audience would have been a great disappointment, but St Olaf's is no ordinary place and so, in stepping inside England's smallest parish church, everyone immediately felt the presence of God, which is so palpable to open hearts. The concert took place as planned and everyone said how blessed they felt. The lack of audience was not an issue, for the "performance" metamorphosed into a spontaneous act of worship.

First of all came Alesia, who played pieces by Bach and Telemann and explained that they were the pop music of their day. Telemann was a great admirer of Bach and incorporated many of Bach's techniques into his compositions. He was not, however, a slavish copier and Alesia told us how to distinguish his distinct sounds.

Next, it was Sophie's turn and her lovely voice enthralled us with two of her own compositions in the folk music genre followed by the Magnificat, in Latin, sensitively accompanied by Tony.

Tree concluded the programme with a medley of original songs, including one about St Olaf's, composed as she sang and played.

The whole concert has been recorded and it is hoped that there will be an opportunity for the whole of the South Calder Mission Community to hear it later in the year.



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## GOSFORTH BABY & TODDLER GROUP



What a busy time we've been having lately! Over the past few weeks we have welcomed several new families to our group. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming Rev Rachel to help set up and run some of our sessions along with our other regular helpers, but we could always use more help with this.

Our pre-schoolers enjoy playing with their friends and the toys, playdough, mark-making, puzzles and books, whilst their carers enjoy chatting to each other and sharing toddler tips and tricks! We usually end the session with singing some songs accompanied by the children using our musical instruments.

The group has a very relaxed atmosphere and we welcome all babies and pre-school aged children and their carers. We meet every Tuesday morning, during term time, 10 – 11.30am in St. Mary's Room at St. Mary's Church, Gosforth. Currently, there is a £2 charge per family for each session, which includes fruit snacks, biscuits and water, tea or coffee. If you feel this might be something you are interested in joining or helping with, please feel free to come along and say hello.

*Susan and Steven Round*

## NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE & PONSONBY

We had our first service of the year at Ponsonby Church on a lovely sunny morning in April. The good weather brought everyone out and the service was very well attended.

The Christening of Freddie Crayston took place during our service at Ponsonby Church on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Services will continue to take place at both Ponsonby and the Old Church during the summer months ending with the Harvest Festival at Ponsonby in September.

Following the Evensong services at 3pm there will be Pimms in the Pews.

June Services at Ponsonby:  
16<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm Evensong  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 9.30am Holy Communion

I am pleased to say that the work required to make the roof watertight at Ponsonby Church has now been completed.

*Eleanor Glaister*

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# **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church is out and about in June!

On Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> we shall be at Drigg Gala. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we shall be in Seascale at their Gala. Do visit us to say hello and join in the messy activities!

*Mary Waterhouse*

## **Wednesday Outreach – Seascale Methodist church**

Our next Tea and Chat meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

We extend our best wishes and prayers to all our members who are not well at present and those who are not able to join us for meetings.

## **Tea Services**

Our next Tea service is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm when we are looking forward to a visit from Phoenix Praise for a Songs of Praise afternoon. All the hymns we will be singing have been chosen by our Tea and Chat members.

## **A future date for your diaries -**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 – 11.30am Coffee Morning for Parkinson's UK In Seascale Methodist Church Hall. Further details next month.

*Jackie Folkes*

**SEASCALE GALA – 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

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# SEASCALE GALA

With so many events going on during Seascale Gala Week in June, it's hard not to find yourself going to one or all of them.

After decades away and for one year only, Seascale Gala Week is back with a list of activities throughout the week, culminating in the traditional parade from the top of Gosforth Road down to the Cricket pitch with four hours of entertainment for all. Please find overleaf our list of events to choose from.

The focus of Gala Week is both to celebrate 175 years since the railways came to bring our village into the modern world but also to focus on the many clubs and associations without whom our community would not thrive. Visit them as they open their doors to show you what they do, and maybe you will find a new interest within one or two of them that you may wish to join on a more regular basis that suits you.

On the last day, we will have the C2C bike race, a fishing competition from The Boat Club, alongside the village parade (with road closure on Gosforth Road), The recreation ground will then be hosting - kids sports, tug of war, Gladiators style inflatable experiences, a penalty shoot-out experience, line dancing, GADS performance, Egremont town band, DJ music, Arts and Crafts stalls, free steam train rides, 3 face painters, Moky Fit work out, a balloon artist, food stalls, classic cars, Batman and Wonder Woman making a special appearance, and later in the evening a live Rhythm and blues band at the Windscale club.

See something you like in the week of Gala Week, then just turn up, it's all free.

Thanks to our sponsors The Hadfield Trust, Mid Copeland GDF Partnership, Jacobs, and Nuclear Waste Services.

## **A POEM FOR JUNE by Hannah Augusta Moore (born c.1827-28)**

Beautiful, beautiful summer!  
Odorous, exquisite June!  
All the sweet roses in blossom,  
All the sweet birds in tune.

All the dim aisles of the forest  
Ringing and thrilling with song;  
Music – a flood-tide of music –  
Poured the green valleys along.

Dew on the meadows at sunset;  
Gems on the meadows at morn;  
Melody hushing the evening;  
Melody greeting the dawn.





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# SEASCALE

16th to 22nd



Mid Copeland  
GDF Community Partnership

Jacob

Sun 16<sup>th</sup>

The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
**Service of  
Thanksgiving** for  
Seascale, at  
St. Cuthbert's Church  
for **11am**

Including all the uniformed  
groups

Surfs up  
**Free Paddle board**  
trial session  
over 18s only  
Seascale Beach  
Time = **4pm**

Participate at own risk  
between the ear and  
the Del. Knee and thigh depth  
as the tide comes in

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>

**Tennis Club**  
Open afternoon  
Free try out  
Time = **3pm to 8pm**

Brownies  
**Sandcastles comp'**  
Beach  
**6pm to 7pm**

**Fire Brigade**  
Open evening  
Time = **7pm to 9pm**

**Line dancers**  
Open evening  
Windscale Club  
Time = **7:30pm**

Tue 18<sup>th</sup>

Shackles Off  
**Over 50's  
youth again club**  
1:30pm to 3:30pm  
Meth' Church Hall

**Rainbows**  
Beach Treasure Hunt  
5pm - 6pm

**First responders**  
The Sports Hall  
Time **6.30pm - 8:30pm**

**Pub Quiz**  
Windscale Club  
Time **7:30pm**  
(Village themed quiz)

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

**West Lakes Dogs**  
Recreation ground  
Time = **5:30pm**

**Knit In Public**  
The Sea-Front  
6pm - 8pm

Shackles Off  
**11 year plus**  
Time **6pm** With BBC  
The old Vicarage

**British Legion**  
St Cuthbert's Church  
Open evening  
**6:30pm** with tea  
& coffee & a chat

**Argentine Tango**  
8pm The Club

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Seascale  
Events

# GALA WEEK

2nd June



Nuclear Waste  
Services

The  
Hadfield  
Trust

Thu 20<sup>th</sup>

**Cricket Club**

Open afternoon  
Free trial session  
Time 4pm

**Library open day**

Time = 4pm – 7pm  
With wine and nibbles

**Golf Club**

Kids free trial session  
Time = 5pm to 6pm

**Folk Dancing**

7:30pm – 9:30pm  
The Club

Fri 21<sup>st</sup>

**Come Bowling**

Kids years 5 & 6  
free trial session  
accompanied by parent  
Time = 4pm

**Gala Bar Crawl Cup**

Five bars  
In **Fancy Dress**  
8pm Starting at-  
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2) Windscale Club  
3) Golf Club  
4) Calder House  
5) Bailey Ground Hotel

First to make one  
purchase in each bar wins  
The cup, with runners up  
in the next day draw - to win  
an anywhere train ticket

**Over 18s Disco**

The Club 7pm – 11pm

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

**C2C cycling**

The jetty 5am

**Seascale Boat Club  
Fishing competition**

9:30am to 1:30pm

**Parade school 11:45am**

Recreation Ground  
12pm  
Stalls, Face painters  
Classic Cars, Moby Fit  
Gladiator races, DJ  
Batman Wonder Woman  
Craft Stalls Food Stalls  
Brass band, Tug of war  
Line dancing display  
Steam train ride  
Kids sports races

**Live band**

8pm Windscale Club  
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## BECKERMET NEWS

At the time of writing this I am pleased to say that the weather is beginning to be more like we would expect for this time of the year. The temperature is slowly beginning to improve with some lovely sunny days while in between we have had a few horrible misty days which are more like those we experience in November. Still, let's stay positive and be hopeful of better weather to come as the days and weeks pass. It is good to see people out in their gardens again, planting and getting their greenhouse ready for the arrival of their tomato plants.

No doubt many others will be planning or have even booked their holiday(s) and therefore have something to look forward to in the months ahead. With the days getting longer and warmer we all start to feel more positive about life in general. Many will take the opportunity to get out for their daily walks and enjoy the fresh air and the wonderful countryside that we are all fortunate to be able to appreciate on our own doorstep. For many this is in fact the case but there are those in our communities who for one reason or another are unable to enjoy getting out and about to enjoy what the majority are able to do. It is important that as good neighbours we still keep a watchful eye on those we know are housebound or find it difficult to get out even though the weather is improving. A simple phone call or a brief visit could make all the difference for some individuals who may still be stuck looking at the same four walls despite the improvement in the weather.

For those of you who are able to get out and about there is always a variety of activities taking place in the Reading Rooms in the village. All the various events and activities are advertised via the leaflet that is delivered to every household giving details of the various events. Another way of finding out more details is via the Beckermets Reading Rooms & Beckermets Village Facebook pages. Adverts/posters are regularly submitted to these sites to give much greater detail about the various activities so I strongly advise keeping a watchful eye on either or both. For those who do not use such sites the village noticeboards are another way of finding out more about the activities.

The regular coffee cake & chat sessions are a great way of meeting up with other members of the village. These take place every Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am and every Thursday from 1.30-3.30pm. If you haven't managed to make it to one of these then I recommend that you do so. There is no charge for your coffee, tea, cake or biscuits although a donation would be appreciated to help with costs. As well as our regulars from the village we also have regulars who travel from Braystones and

two who walk from Egremont every Tuesday morning as they enjoy the company and crack. We have a regular Quiz Night & Bingo Evening again in the Reading Rooms on two Fridays each month. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening. If you haven't managed to attend anything as yet I strongly advise you to do so even if it is only to see the transformation achieved by the directors of the CIC with the help of grants especially from the GDF.

St John's Beckermet church services continue at 9.30am on the second and fourth Sunday of each month with Rev Philip Dorling taking the first of these which includes communion, while the other service is taken by the Rev Rachel Cunliffe or a member of the PCC. Everyone is welcome to attend as the church is open to all regardless of denomination and is a valuable asset of the village.

### **Coffee, Cake & Chat Sessions**

Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am & Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm

All welcome to attend from wherever you live.

### **Quiz Nights – 7<sup>th</sup> June & 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Bingo Nights – 21<sup>st</sup> June & 19<sup>th</sup> July

6.30 – 8.30pm – All welcome – proceeds in aid of St John's Church.

### **Soup Lunch & Cake £6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

All welcome – proceeds in aid of St John's Church.

### **Library in Reading Rooms**

Open: Tuesdays 9.30–11.30am; Thursdays 1.30–3.30pm

### **Food Bank collection point in Reading Rooms**

Food can be donated in the 2 boxes in the front entrance of the Reading Rooms whenever the building is open.

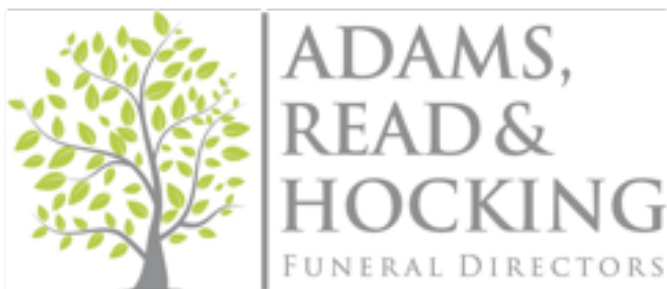
### **Village Lottery Monthly Draw (To raise funds for good causes in the village)**

The last draw took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May with three more lucky winners receiving prizes of **£50, £30 & £20**. All draws take place on the first Tuesday of the month – the next two will be on **Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> June & 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. Good Luck to all in the next draw when three more prizes will be available.

*John Mackay*

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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



It's hard to believe we are already into May and our final term of the academic year. May began with a visit from Marvellous Mel who delivered 30 minute Relax sessions to each of the classes. They shared things they are good at and learned breathing techniques to use when they are feeling nervous.

Our younger two classes, Derwent and Loweswater, had a visit from Phil and his Balance Bikes. Those who could ride without stabilisers could bring along their own bikes. They enjoyed ramps, limbo and weaving. The sun was even shining for them!

Some of the children from Year 3 and 4 travelled to Whitehaven Academy to take part in a Tri-Golf tournament against other local schools. They moved around different stations which each had a different objective and had a great time.

Sports activities against other schools for our younger children are rare, so they were very excited to attend a football tournament at Cleator Moor Astro Turf.

Year 6 had to think of a geographical feature to investigate this half term. They chose potholes and the impact they have on villagers. We carried out questionnaires and took photographs and measurements. We even called into Beck Place Garage to see how many pothole related repairs they do. We are now analysing the data collected and we hope to travel to the Highways Depot in Lillyhall to share our findings.

Our Year 6s are about to start their SATS (national tests). All we ask is that they do their best, which I am sure they will. We invite the children into school a little earlier for Toast and Chat. This give them a chance to chat with their friends and relax before the tests begin.



Our OFSTED report was recently published, following our visit in March. We remain a 'Good' school! The report praised our 'broad and ambitious' curriculum, our 'strong and courageous' pupils, and staff who 'set high expectations for what pupils can achieve, including those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.' We

were all delighted with the outcome of the inspection.

*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*



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## GOSFORTH BROWNIES



We've had a busy couple of terms, and it seems an age ago that we had to cancel the planned carol singing around the village just before Christmas due to the ice everywhere. So we went to Bradbury House to entertain them and gave them some homemade tree decorations. In January we had a fabulous evening on the opening night of GADs panto. Since then, we've visited Seascale Fire Station, had the local PCSO visit to tell us about road safety, and had Gaynor and her Hearing Dog visit us and teach us a bit of BSL. Also in the pipeline is a visit from Egremont RBL to tell us about D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a litter pick with the Wasdale Womble on Seascale beach followed by the obligatory ice cream at Mawsons, hosting a sand art/castle competition at Seascale Gala, making Olympic torch flowers with Helen's Herbs and holding our own mini Olympics, and having a Camp afternoon at Fisherground campsite. Busy, busy. We are still desperate for leaders to help us plan all such events, so please do get in touch if you can spare a bit of time. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) if you wish your daughter to join us.

*Samantha Milliner (Brownie Leader)*

## NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



We have followed the Yellow Brick Road, Dorothy has returned from Oz to Kansas and we are on the move again already with a packed programme for the coming year. Auditions for our Autumn Play will be held on 4 and 9 July. "Sheila's Island" is a dark comedy written by Tim Firth, author of Calendar Girls and Kinky Boots. It requires a cast of 4 adult females of working age so please get in touch if you are interested. Sheila's Island will be performed from 17 to 19 October. On 12 and 13 July, our Youth Theatre Group will be performing a selection from Phillip Pullman's Grimm Tales. This will be open to the general public so please come along. Our Summer Youth Workshop will run again in August, although their show at the end of the week will not be open to the general public. After Sheila's Island we start rehearsals for our pantomime – The Pied Piper by Alan Frayn (author of several of our pantomimes, the most recent being Cinderella in 2023).

To keep up to date, you can visit our website ([www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk)), follow us on Facebook and Instagram or join our mailing list. You can email us using [secretary@gads.org.uk](mailto:secretary@gads.org.uk)

*Jim Polmear, GADS*

## West Lakes U3A MAY events

<https://u3asites.org.uk/west-lakes/events>

Contact : Marilyn on 07817499849, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com) or check website for further details and updates.

**Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or activities before becoming a member.**

Current annual membership is £6 There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.



**Cycling – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am. Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831

**Tai Chi – Mondays weekly** - 11.30-12.30 Gosforth Public Hall. Currently Free.

**Chair based exercises - Mondays weekly** - with Lin Davis. 60 minute sessions starting at 2.30 followed by refreshments. Currently free.

**Ukelele - 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** – New house group in Seascale for players. 10.30-12.00. Please make contact on the number above before attending.

**French Conversation - Wednesdays weekly** - The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15. Details from James 07931996742. This group is currently at capacity.

**History - 5<sup>th</sup> June** - A talk about St Cuthbert. Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15

**Singing for Fun – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00. Kathy on 019467 21217

**Foundation Level Recorders - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30; Wednesday 2.00-3.30. 07817499849, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com)

**Folk/Country Dancing – Fridays weekly** - 2-3.30pm Gosforth Public Hall. Currently Free.

**Strolling group - CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATE** - A 2-mile gentle stroll followed by a refreshment stop starting at 2pm. Route to be decided. Val 07796527876.

**Discussion Group -Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** - This is a house group meeting at 7 Denton Park Court, Gosforth. 10.30-12.30. If you have not attended previously, please contact Graham on 019467 25794 before attending for the first time.

**Art Appreciation - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** – A joint visit with Drigg Local History Group to St James Church , Whitehaven and Moresby Church. Coach available for £10. Booking and details via Liz on 019467 28725.

**Advanced Recorder Consort - Thursdays 13<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** - 2-4 pm – Santon Village Hall supper room. Same contact as other recorder groups.

**Intermediate Recorders - Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** - Santon Village Hall supper room 10.00 -12.00. Contact 07817499849  
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**Family History Group -Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Santon Village Hall. 10.00 – 12.00. For further details or to express an interest please email Hilary on [westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com](mailto:westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com)

**Open Mind - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** - “Bhutan - Land of the Thunder Dragon” a talk by Anthony Payne. Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start. Free community lunch to follow. Booking essential via Vera 019467 25213.

**Discovery Group -Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Geophysics Assessment of a Potential Repository Site - GDF Technical staff. St Marys Room, Gosforth. Refreshments from 2pm for a 2.30 start.

**Reading Group - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** - St Mary’s Rooms. Gosforth 10.30.

**Out and About – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Visit to Blackwell Arts and Craft House, Windermere, for a guided tour and time to look around and eat lunch or picnic, then visit to Jetty Museum. Usual departure times. Return - leave Windermere at 4.15pm. Booking essential. Vera 019467 25213.



## **GOSFORTH WI**

The Gosforth WI will next meet on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.15 pm in Gosforth Public Hall. The speaker this month is Ros Downing and her subject is a Pictorial History of Cumbria. Refreshments will be served and new members and visitors are always welcome.



On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Gosforth WI will be joining the Royal British Legion in celebrating D-DAY80 with a coffee morning from 10 am to 12 noon in Gosforth Public Hall. There will also be a WWII history display of local interest. We will be serving delicious home-made cakes with tea/ coffee/squash, and there will be a raffle and children’s crafts available. The cost is £5 for adults, £2 for children. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## **GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB**

The Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 4pm in Gosforth Public Hall. £3.50 per session, including refreshments. Please bring clean flat shoes to protect the mats. Spare bowls available for you to try. Annual Membership (Jan. – Dec.) £8.

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# ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND



The club has enjoyed three interesting meetings since my last report.

The first was a guided walk around little MESOPOTAMIA, a Biographical Arboretum and Nature Reserve in Beckermat, followed by an enjoyable meal at The White Mare.

The next meeting, back at the Red Admiral, was an informative talk by Amanda Crayston, who was a partner in a local vets practice, and subsequently became a government vet. Her main tasks were investigating serious illnesses and epidemics in our animal population, to find ways of minimising their effect.

We also had a very interesting and surprising talk by Rob David at the Sellapark Hotel on the secret contribution made by Muncaster Castle to the second world war. Valuable artworks from the Tate Gallery and other sources, that were considered to be in danger of bombing, were transferred by rail to Ravensglass and stored and conserved in the castle. Additionally, cuttings of rare Rhododendron from Kew Gardens were planted in the castle gardens. These are the origins of some of the rare examples still to be enjoyed in the gardens.

*Graham Hutson*

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

Opening hours as follows:  
Saturday: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs.  
Monday: 13.00 – 14.30 hrs.  
Wednesday: 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.



The library is looking for more volunteers to continue with this village service. You do not need any library skills to be a volunteer and there will always be two on duty. It does not involve a lot of your time – anything from a 2-hour session once a month, or once a week. If you are able to help, drop into the library and have a chat with the volunteers on duty.

The May Coffee Morning at the library was held to raise funds for the Gosforth First Responders, it was well supported by village residents and raised £400. Many thanks to the WI for helping with the baking and serving on the day. We will be holding another Coffee Morning and raffle in the library on the 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10-12 am to raise money for the Public Hall refurbishment project

## NEWS FROM BECKERMET PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had our SIAMs Inspection on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024. It was a very busy but very successful day! Our children really let their lights shine when they spoke with Mr Cantley and told him all about our wonderful school. "The school community is a close-knit family, characterized by love, friendship, forgiveness, trust and respect. Every child and adult is given every opportunity to flourish and fulfil their God-given potential." Mr Cantley was especially impressed with the leadership skills and the passion shown by our children, in trying to change things in the local community and the wider world. "Pupils are courageous in their determination to change their community and the wider world for the better. The adults in the school support them to speak out and take action, showing compassion and challenging injustice." We are very proud of our school family!

During Holy Week we came together as a school every day to share the Easter story. Each class did a service starting with Reception class telling us about Palm Sunday and ending with Year 5/6 sensitively presenting the crucifixion. Reverend Rachel and our parents joined us for the services, helping to create a lovely calm last week of term. Children in Year 5/6 took part in an RAF STEM Crisis a couple of weeks ago. The bridge was down and communications weren't working so a rescue mission was required! There was lots of problem solving and team work during the morning. The children had to plan and work within an accurate budget...interpret and send a message using Morse Code... design and build a new bridge to set design criteria...all while working under pressure and time constraints. What a great morning we had! We decided that our hedgehogs were in danger from too much weedkiller. The weedkiller kills the insects and then the hedgehogs eat the insects and they often die too. We held a cake sale to raise money for our local hedgehog sanctuary...we raised £180.70!! Mr Moore, who helps run the sanctuary, came to talk to us at school last week. He showed us some photos of baby hedgehogs and we learned lots more interesting facts!

Some of our Year 2 children took part in a football tournament last week at Cleator Moor. They played matches against St.Bridgets, St.Bees and Gosforth. The children had a great afternoon and really represented our school well. They even nearly scored a goal! Some lovely people from Jacobs made us new bird boxes to put up around the grounds of our school. The children in Eco-Club decorated the boxes to make them attractive for the birds...they were very busy! The people from Jacobs came back and now our new bird boxes are up and waiting for their first visitors! We'd really like some owl boxes next. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we 'rocked our socks' for Down's Syndrome Day! The children had a dazzling display of socks and raised a huge £219.90! During the day we talked about how we're all unique and special and how our differences should be celebrated.

*Sue Alderson*



## HOLMROOK READING ROOM

**Table Tennis Club:** Meets on a Wednesday - 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All welcome, young or old. Contact David on 019467-24632. Other times can be arranged.

**Playground:** Come and see for yourself – A lovely playground in a great setting.

**Wild Flower Meadow:** Enjoy a walk or just sit and relax in the peace and quiet of the meadow. Supervised children are welcome.

**Fishing Club:** If you want to join this club it's only £11/year. If you want some more information, please contact David on 019467-24632.

**Bookings:** The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen, facilities for people with disability, in fact everything you would need for a great party. £8 / hour. Why not call David on 019467-24632 to see if it is available for your next event?

**Membership:** Membership renewals for 2024 are due from 1st March. £7 for annual membership and £4 to join a club.

These can be renewed/started any time. If you are an existing member or want to join us contact David on [drmarsden@outlook.com](mailto:drmarsden@outlook.com) or 019467-24632.

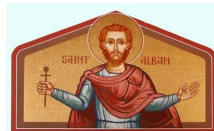
### HOLMROOK READING ROOM OUR NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June – BBQ 6:30pm - £8.50 (Members £7.50)**

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**[drmarsden@outlook.com](mailto:drmarsden@outlook.com)**

### SAINT FOR JUNE - St Alban

Although he has a city named after him with a Cathedral dedicated to him, very little is known about St. Alban who is remembered by the Church of England on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. He is described in Common Worship as the first British martyr and that he died around the year 250. He was beheaded, it is thought, for sheltering a Christian priest who was in danger of persecution. At that time the Romans who occupied the country worshipped a Pantheon of gods and were opposed to the idea of there being only one god. As St. Alban's prayer states, 'I worship the one true and living God who created all things'.



## **MUNCASTER MICROBUS**

Trips coming up are:

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Solway Coast - £12
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 5 Lakes - £12
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Egremont Farmers Market  
(£3 donation to market)
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Windermere and Ambleside - £10.50
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Coniston and Hawkshead- £9
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Yorkshire Dales and Hawes - £13

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*Norma*

## SERVICES IN THE SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY

Some Gosforth services and Phoenix services are being 'zoomed' each week. There is also a weekly liturgy available by email each Sunday.

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### ZOOMED SERVICES

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**Thursdays at 9.30am South Calder Mission Community Morning Prayer.** For an invitation please contact David Davies – [divord4@gmail.com](mailto:divord4@gmail.com)

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – All-age worship at 6.30 pm** – Especially suited to and often led by children + young people (and the young in heart).

Occasionally special events and circumstances may lead to changes in the regular programme.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month: Faith and Fellowship - 7.00pm at the The Ferns**, The Banks in Seascale. Hosted by Chris and Joy Chuter. Please ring Chris on 07768 421621 for details or email [free.c@outlook.com](mailto:free.c@outlook.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month: 7.00pm Phoenix Praise Informal Evening Worship**

St Mary's Room Gosforth. Led by Jill and Keith Hudson. Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship followed by refreshments. For more information please email [jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk) and for a Zoom invitation email [khudson@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:khudson@freenetname.co.uk) or ring 01946 721592 or visit [www.phoenixpraise.org.uk](http://www.phoenixpraise.org.uk)

### SUNDAY WRITTEN LITURGY FOR THOSE AT HOME –

#### **Into His Courts with Praise**

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# SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - JUNE 2024

| JUNE                         | Church                  | Service                       | Time  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> |                         |                               |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>   | Nether Wasdale          | HC                            | 9.30  |
| Trinity 1                    | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's           | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Waberthwaite            | Morning Prayer                | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 4</b>              | Gosforth                | Morning Praise                | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                   | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Eskdale Boot            | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Muncaster               | Morning Prayer                | 11.00 |
|                              | Whicham                 | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Bootle                  | Messy Church                  | 4.00  |
|                              | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist led Evening Worship | 7.00  |
|                              |                         |                               |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> |                         |                               |       |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | Beckermot               | HC                            | 9.30  |
| Trinity 2                    | Seascale                | Methodist at Methodist Church | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Irton                   | HC                            | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 5</b>              | Gosforth                | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Wasdale Head            | Celtic Praise                 | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                   | Family Service                | 11.00 |
|                              | Eskdale Boot            | MP                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Corney                  | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Whicham                 | Beach Singing                 | 3.00  |
|                              | Seascale                | Faith and Fellowship          | 6.45  |
|                              |                         |                               |       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> |                         |                               |       |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | Eskdale Green           | Morning Prayer                | 9.30  |
| Trinity 3                    | Nether Wasdale          | Morning Prayer                | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Waberthwaite            | HC                            | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 6</b>              | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's           | 9.30  |
|                              | Gosforth                | Morning Worship               | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                   | Morning Prayer                | 11.00 |
|                              | Muncaster               | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Whicham                 | Family Service                | 11.00 |
|                              | Ponsonby                | Evening Prayer                | 3.00  |
|                              | Bootle                  | Evening Worship               | 6.00  |
|                              | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Informal All-age Worship      | 6.30  |
|                              |                         |                               |       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> |                         |                               |       |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>  | Ponsonby                | HC                            | 9.30  |
| Trinity 4                    | Beckermot               | Morning Prayer                | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Seascale                | Methodist at Methodist Church | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 7</b>              | Eskdale Green           | HC                            | 9.30  |
|                              | Gosforth                | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Wasdale Head            | Morning Praise                | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                   | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Irton                   | HC                            | 11.00 |
|                              | Bootle                  | Songs of Praise + Picnic      | 11.00 |
|                              | Waberthwaite            | Evening Prayer                | 6.00  |
|                              | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Phoenix Evening Worship       | 7.00  |
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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> |                         |                               |       |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | Seascale                | Ordination of Rachel + HC     | 10.30 |
| Trinity 5                    | Seascale                | Bring and Share Lunch         | 12.00 |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Whicham                 | Pet Service                   | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 8</b>              |                         |                               |       |

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