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This edition is being sent out as an email.

It has been kindly distributed by Darren and Sarah Rogers and Kitty Smith.

Their contact lists will not reach everybody, so please feel free to distribute this as you wish.

I will be able to print and deliver a limited number of copies on request to anyone in the parish who is unable to receive it electronically. If you need a printed version please phone me on the number above.

Obviously this issue does not contain any forthcoming events due to the current situation. I will however continue to produce this on a monthly basis.

I would hope that people might use the Link as a way to reach out to or share things with other members of the community during the crisis in whatever way they choose.

There are fewer limitations on an email version. It can be as many pages as it needs to be. Colour can be used, graphics, images and photographs are not a problem.

Please feel free to contribute anything you wish.

# PARISH CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT NETWORK

**To every household in the parish from the Parish Council, Charities, First Responders and Parish Church and community volunteers**

In these hard and strange times, we are presently setting up a system for residents self-isolating on the basis of age or underlying health conditions. We are offering support with:

**emergency supplies  
medication collection  
posting mail  
having a chat**

and to that end we will be putting a card [based on the Viral Kindness national network] through a number of letter boxes with contact details of a volunteer in your village.

If you have NOT received a card and need help, please ring one of the following and we will make sure you get one:

We would also like to hear from anyone willing to volunteer to support others. As the situation worsens we have no doubt that more residents will be affected including some of our volunteers.

**David Graham 715 348**

**Joan Raine 715351**

**Richard Backhouse 715325**

**Alex Barbour 716001**



## Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

Following increasing concerns over the spread of the Coronavirus and the daily fast changing position with regard to what we should and shouldn't do, having already cancelled last month's big breakfast we have decided to cancel our monthly coffee mornings and afternoon tea until further notice. Yarn Group will also not take place.

Whilst we know how much you enjoy our 'get togethers' we have to consider everyone's safety as paramount.

We are only too conscious of the important role played by MMVI in our community, more so in times of need such as the present time and we don't want people to feel further isolated. The situation is likely to get worse before it gets better and with that in mind we have come up with an idea which we hope will help people at this difficult time, particularly those who do not have access to the internet/facebook.

We are preparing double sided laminated A4 signs, one with a tick on and one with a cross. The idea is that if each household in Maulds Meaburn which would like one, displays it in a prominent position at the front of their property whichever side applies to them at that time, others in the village will instantly recognise if that person needs assistance or not. The 'tick' displayed means that the household is self isolating and needs assistance, the 'cross' means that the household is self isolating but does not

need help. For those needing help we will aim to collect shopping/prescriptions etc. For those of you who do have access to the internet/facebook please email us (as below) if you need help. Given the wonderful community in which we live we are sure that you already checking on neighbours whom might be vulnerable but this is something additional.

For anyone self isolating, we do have lots of second hand books (adults and children) in our foyer and again, if you would like any, contact us by email and we can send you a photo showing the books and can then arrange to get them to you.

Please contact Margaret Jarvis on 01931 715441 ([m.jarvis746@btinternet.com](mailto:m.jarvis746@btinternet.com)) or Sarah Rogers on 715575 ([sarrog@btinternet.com](mailto:sarrog@btinternet.com)).

Thank YouThe Trustees of MMVI.



WESTMORLAND DALES



News:

In light of the current pandemic with Covid-19, we have cancelled all spring and early summer events until the situation improves. It seems the situation is changing daily. Please keep an eye on our website page, facebook and instagram with latest updates about our local heritage. Stay safe, best wishes from the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Team.

[www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk](http://www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk)

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/westmorlanddales/>

## Your parish church in April, May and possibly June

We had been hoping to keep the church open for solitary worship as this can be very important, particularly in these unprecedented times. However, we regret that, following instructions by the Church of England, St Lawrence Church is closed until further notice.

No Weddings or Christenings are possible in Church until further notice. For emergency baptism, please contact the Rector. Funerals are currently only possible at the graveside or in the Crematorium with restricted attendance.

### Pastoral Care and Spiritual Guidance

We continue to provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance, albeit not usually face to face. If you, or anyone you know, wants someone to talk to or to pray with, please contact the Rector:

Revd Stewart Fyfe, 01931 714620

You can follow our services by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Heart of Westmorland". Viewing is free and no YouTube account is needed.

And the people, the human church, WE are still here and happy to chat on a phone, run errands and do whatever we can, especially if you are self-isolating, as we at St Lawrence are part of a larger parish community team called the Parish Coronavirus Support Network. Some of you will have had a yellow card through your door, giving you the name and number of a person nearby, who can help.

If you have not received one but would like to, please ring me, Alex on 716001 or David Graham on 715 348 and we can put effective wheels in motion for you.

## **NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH SCHOOL**

Last month it was the storms and now it is the Coronavirus. We are following the government's advice closely and our priority is the well-being of the children. The children are presently on their Easter break. It was unfortunate that the Easter community lunch had to be cancelled but we have to consider everyone's safety, including the wider community. Sadly many of our planned external activities have also been cancelled for the same reason but our years 5 and 6 did get to go on the planned residential to Blencathra, joining up with two other local primary schools. During the daytime they went on planned outdoor activities such as fell walking, ghyll scrambling and canoeing. The evenings were spent playing games and making new friends. The children were all very well behaved and teachers and children alike had a great time.

Meanwhile Class 1 has been busy making a 'Spring' table display. We also have some 'GOOD' news which we can now share with you....in late February we had an OFSTED inspection and we continue to be a 'GOOD SCHOOL'. The report (which can be found on our website) acknowledges that our children feel safe, are well behaved and work hard and described our school as 'a hive of activity' highlighting the wide range of interesting and varied extra-curricular activities we offer. It also recognized that our children achieve well across the school and are well prepared for secondary school. We just need to continue our work on improving some of our outdoor learning space which as you know is an ongoing project. Well until next month....remember to take a look at our website and Facebook page to see what else the children have been doing. Also, if you have recently moved into the area or have a child coming up to the age of three, why not arrange a visit to see what wonderful opportunities we can provide for your child. With breakfast as well as themed after school clubs we are able to provide care from 8am to 5pm. Contact school on 01931 715265.

## **Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council 2nd March 2020 Draft Minutes**

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

Cllr Neil Hughes CCC.

Four members of the public were present.

Apols. None

Cllr Hewitt declared a Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Items 3 & 4.

It was agreed that the Clerk would authorise a dispensation for Cllr. Hewitt for the term of this Council to participate in discussion regarding the Commoners' proposals for Parish Land. (Agenda Items 3 & 4) on the basis of his expertise and knowledge of the issues as a commoner/grazier.

Dan Hunt of Bowfell Consulting made a verbal presentation on the Commoners' proposals to Natural England. He spoke on behalf of the commoners. He stated that the PC was being consulted through his presence at this meeting under section 38 of the Common Land Act of 1935 as a statutory consultee. The Commoners' Association was looking to enter into a 10-year agreement with Natural England, the third such agreement it had made regarding the management of the common. The commoners who had rights to graze specific numbers of stock on the fell were proposing a scheme that reduced grazing and increased tree cover. A map showing the specific areas covered was displayed. The public had a right of access to the common and the agreement aimed to balance the needs and rights of all concerned with the establishment of areas of planting. It is proposed that sheep would be taken off the common in the winter to allow the flora and fauna to recover. Cattle would increase from 115 to 200 and 12% of the area would be wood pasture/scrub planted. Areas that were used for winter shelter by animals would be fenced for a term of 15 years and wooded. In respect of tree planting a landscape and visual impact assessment had been carried out. 27 people had attended the consultation held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February in Crosby Ravensworth. Natural England would withdraw funds if, after five years, fewer than 90% of the tree planting had failed, meaning that maintenance would be a key issue. The commoners were seeking a letter of support from

## **Bowfell Consulting Councillors Feedback**

Q: A Councillor asked if there was a budget for tree maintenance.

A: The Commoners association would hold and manage the budget for this.

Q: A Councillor queried that there was a discrepancy in timescale regarding fencing to protect new wooded areas being in place for a term of 15 years but the proposed agreement only lasting 10 years.

A: The discrepancy was noted. It was said that the 10-year term for the agreement was the best that could be achieved, the agreement was being made in the context of farmers having European farm subsidies withdrawn and would offer some security to the commoners involved.

Q: Who would insure the liabilities arising from these activities grazing of stock management etc. on the common?

A: These liabilities would be insured by individual farmers.

Q: A Councillor asked if the scheme was designed to restore the landscape to a specific time/point. 'Was there a restore point?'

A: The scheme was 'forward looking', dealing with how things will be rather than how they have been. For example, in wood pasture Witch Elm/ Aspen would be substituted for Ash. Scrub planting would include Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Juniper.

Q: The Chairman asked what the process leading to the establishment of the scheme was.

A: 1. An agreement between Natural England/Commoners Association as to the scheme design (May 2020) 2. Following that, an agreement with the Parish Council as part Landowner.

There was discussion of the Parish Council's interest and whether a charge in favour of the Council should be raised in this second agreement.

Councillors agreed that signature of the agreement should not be contingent on a payment to the Council. Councillors were concerned that the scheme may fail in respect of tree planting owing to maintenance issues; a failure of this type owing to negligent maintenance had been noted at Orton. It was thought that vole population would increase and have an impact. It was said that the Commoners would manage maintenance through contractors and its finance committee. A possible PR role for the tree group was discussed.

Councillors were asked for their views:

The scheme was said to 'tick all the boxes' in the context of climate change. Despite liking the scheme and the way in which it proposed to manage the co-existence of livestock and trees a Councillor was concerned that the

Commoners themselves should be happy with the proposals.

## **Lyvennet Plantation Consultation**

Councillors supported the proposed scheme as advised by the agent. The clerk would respond to the agent Edwin Thompson.

**Transparency Training** 19 February 2020. Training organised by CALC had been attended by Cllr's Graham, Raine and by the Clerk. The Chairman was satisfied that the Council was compliant with the transparency code subject to some minor tweaking. Councillors considered the merit of applying for the Local Council Award Scheme foundation level. It was RESOLVED not to apply. Councillors were not persuaded that the Council required external validation.

**Towards a Zero Carbon Eden** – Key Partners Summit Wednesday 18th March, 12 – 3.30pm Councillors Taylor, Mc Ivor and Raine planned to attend. Councillors were reminded to complete their own Eventbrite forms. Monks Church Bridge. The Chairman had attended the planning committee where the planning consent had been approved for repairs to the bridge parapet. The occasion had provided the opportunity to raise the issue of the earlier rejection of the carefully prepared Cumbria County Council Scheme to widen the bridge. Yorkshire Dales National Park Members had also been made aware that the Council's correspondence on this matter had not been answered. YDNPA members were aware of the unsuitability of many of the park's historic bridges for modern and large vehicles. The upshot was that a meeting had been proposed by the YDNPA with Historic England, Cumbria County Council and one member only of the Parish Council to look at the issue on the site again.

**Correspondence.** Cllr McIvor had examined the issues raised by a resident regarding Hawthorns on Maulds Meaburn Green and it was agreed that these would be trimmed in line with the residents' request. Litter picking equipment had been offered to by Eden District Council and received with thanks. The equipment could be stored at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.

**Annual Inspection of Trees.** Charges of £350 from North West Arb. were approved for the annual inspection of trees on Maulds Meaburn Village Green. No quote had been forthcoming from Eden Treescapes and it was agreed to reprice the annual works in 6/9 months' time. It was resolved that the report must make clear that each tree had been inspected.

**Annual Inspection of Parish Swings** This had been undertaken by the Clerk and a member of the community on the 23 February 2020. Proactive replacement of bolts would be undertaken on the swings at Reagill swings would be rubbed down and painted by the community member when the weather had improved. All swings were noted to be in good structural condition. The bushes on the left-hand Crosby Ravensworth swing would require replacement within the next two years. Clerk to arrange. The gates and fencing at Reagill had been observed to be in good order.

**Finance.** It was RESOLVED not to recharge the costs of legal and tree works in 2019/20 (£1,980) to the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust. Fees had been paid on behalf of the Trust by the Council while the bank account was being changed. It was agreed that the trusts funds needed to be built up and all these expenses could just as well have been incurred by the PC.

It was RESOLVED to make donations totalling (£50) to members of the community who maintained the public areas in Crosby Ravensworth (Mowing and Strimming).

It was RESOLVED to transfer £7,000 to the general reserve account and £3,000 to the restricted Police Reserve accounts where interest would be paid. The Council had received a windfall surplus of income from rent over the amount budgeted and significant refund of VAT (£2,558.97) largely arising from the Police House refurbishment. The reserves had been depleted to fund refurbishment at the Police House.

## **Air Ambulance Collections**

**There will be no Air Ambulance Collections until further notice**

## **Monthly Summary - February 2020**

**Water, water, everywhere, and all the boards did shrink; Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink.**

The above verse may be from Coleridge's '*Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner*' but by word, it wasn't half appropriate during February. It was GRIM - easily the wettest February recorded here and it also became the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest of any month in my records – beating the 317.2 mm from November 2009 and is now only second to December 2015 (Desmond)!

It was wet, very wet - Appleby was under water, we had our own flooding in Maulds Meaburn and surrounding villages and then with the burst water main caused by '*Storm Ciara*' we had no water for a few days!

It was also very windy, nine days having gusts of wind in excess of 50 Mph and which saw the month finish with a mean wind speed of 14.1 Mph – far exceeding the previous record of 12.0 Mph from December 2015.

With lashings of rain that provided for both the second and third wettest days in my records, several named storms, saturated ground, virtually permanent grey skies with little sunshine and strong winds, February 2020 will be long remembered, but one that we would rather forget. After a quietish start to the month, the conditions turned on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the month would be constantly unsettled with two further named storms '*Dennis and Jorge*'.

Whilst the month would also end much warmer than average, it still managed to have the occasional wintry feel, 10-13<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, during which we actually saw some snow laying on the ground, but not much.

And like January, it was slightly bizarre that the month finished with such a high mean temperature as it rarely felt that mild and also like January, only one day scraped into double figures.

MSLP of 1002.1 Mb was -11.8 Mb below the local average for the

month and overall a mean minimum of 1.94°C and a mean maximum of 7.25°C saw the temperature 0.93°C above the eleven year average for this site.

It was the coldest since 2018 and of the twelve now recorded, seven have been colder and four have been warmer - the highest temperature recorded being 10.1°C (9<sup>th</sup>), the lowest minimum -1.2°C (7<sup>th</sup>).

Rainfall totalled 343.4 mm (CR School 428.6 mm) being 387.6% of average.

During *Ciara* (8<sup>th</sup>) 89.6 mm (3.53 in.) of rain fell and then *Dennis* a week later brought 68.7 mm.

The 19<sup>th</sup> saw 27.5 mm and then the 21<sup>st</sup> had 28.3 mm

During the month the following was recorded: snow fell on ten days with two of those days (13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) being a '*day of laying snow*'.

There were 3 air frosts and 16 ground frosts with hail falling on 6 days.

A 'gale' was recorded once (9<sup>th</sup>) - the maximum gust being 60 mph (16<sup>th</sup>).

## **WINTER**

In spite of February's rains, here at Maulds Meaburn the winter of 2019-20 was only the third wettest of the 13 now recorded.

It was also very mild, snow and frosts were rare; the number of air frosts finishing 21.4 below average.

Rainfall totalled 611.3 mm (Crosby Ravensworth 746.6 mm), being 154.4% of average.

A mean temperature of 4.77°C is the warmest since 2016-17 and the fourth warmest of the eleven now recorded.

It was 1.18°C warmer than the average of those previous ten winters.



## Take Away Menu

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Please place orders by ringing us on 01931 715500. Leave a message if there's no answer and we'll get back to you!

### OPENING HOURS

Monday/Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday	4pm - 7pm
Sunday - (roasts available)	12pm - 5pm

### MENU

12" Pizza	- Margarita (v)	£10
	- Vegetarian - onion, mushroom, pepper (v)	£10
	- Pepperoni -	£10
	- Meat Feast - Pepperoni, Ham, Spicy beef	£10
Fish, Chips + Mushy Peas, Tartare		£10
Cheese + Bacon Burger, Fries, Slaw		£10
Plant Based Burger, Sauerkraut, fries (v)(ve)		£10
Sweet + Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Prawn Crackers		£10
Lamb Madras, Fragrant Rice, Mango, Naan		£10
Chicken Tikka Masala, Fragrant Rice, Mango, Naan (gf on req)		£10
Sides - Skinny Fries/Dripping Chips		£2

Please Ask Us For Any Daily Specials



## How It Works

This is how the government have advised us to operate

### Collection

Ring us with your order on 01931 715500 from 3pm Wednesday - Saturday and 11am Sunday.

Select a collection time. We will limit to 10 minute time slots to make sure we comply with the advice.

Please pay for your order over the phone with a debit/credit card. I'm sorry we will not be accepting cash

Turn up to collect your order at the agreed time and park in the car park, get out of your car so we can see you have arrived and stay in the car park. We will put your order on a table outside the front door. Please wait for a member of staff to close the door before collecting!

### Delivery

This will be available to those who are in isolation in accordance with government advice.

As above, place and pay for your order over the phone. Your delivery will be delivered to your door. We will have to be selective on delivery times due to running skeleton staff. We will knock and leave the order on the door step and leave.

We thank you for your custom at this worrying time and we very much look forward to resuming the normal personal service we usually offer.

❤️ STAY SAFE! ❤️