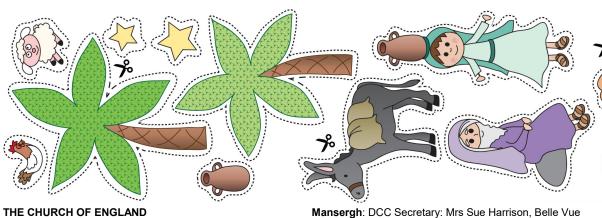


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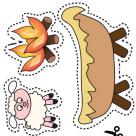
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### View from the Bridge

As we draw a close to 2020 and a second lock down it has been a memorable year. I personally am grateful for the support and encouragement I've had from my neighbours and friends around the town. I am waiting to go into hospital in the next few weeks for a major operation and will be out of action for a few weeks.

Remembrance Sunday had to be scaled back and the service held online. Our war memorial has had its annual clean thanks to Mark Butterworth. Our thanks also go to Cedric for his three sculptures at the Lunesdale Hall representing the three services 'The Spitfire, Soldier and Anchor'. November's council meeting was again held on Zoom. The pedestrian crossing has been delayed, but the work will go ahead. Listed building and planning permission has been requested to fix the CCTV bracket on the Royal Hotel. Once this has been received, installation of the cameras can be arranged. The minutes of the meeting are posted outside the Lunesdale Hall. The next meeting will be held on 9th Dec at 7pm. If you wish to join the meeting on Zoom please contact the town clerk: kevtherev7@hotmail.com.

With talk of a vaccine to help rid us of this Covid-19 virus we can cautiously look forward to a happier 2021. My special thanks as usual go to my two minders, personal chauffeurs, fellow councillors and Diane. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Cllr. Geoffrey Buswell

#### **Fireworks**

Around 450 cars descended on Underley Park for the annual firework display. To ensure the event was Covid secure, this year's display was drive-in only with all tickets bought in advance via the club's website. An army of volunteers helped before, during and after the event to mark out large bays for each of the cars, put out signs, erect security fencing and to direct traffic on and off site.

Our guests enjoyed a fabulous firework display within their designated areas before providing a rapturous drive-in style standing ovation; a mix of flashing headlamps and car horns! The event ran like clockwork, with all cars parked by 7.35pm and the last car leaving via Raygarth at 8.27pm. The club would like to thank all involved for creating a fantastic experience for spectators

This was the latest of a series of Covid-secure activities at the club and the management team are working on various ideas/plans when permissible and appropriate. To keep updated on what we are doing next please see our Facebook page or the club website - klrufc.co.uk.

## St Mary's CE Primary School

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021, please visit our website to view a video we have put together for prospective pupils and their parents. The deadline for applying for a Reception Class place for September 2021 is 15th January 2021. If you have a child who is due to start nursery, ( in the term following their 3rd birthday), then please get in touch for an application form.

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#### Flower Bank

Flower Bank, Kirkby Lonsdale, will open to customers on Thu 3rd December. Until then flowers can be ordered via our website www.flowerbank.co.uk or by calling 015242 21010. Christmas door wreaths, bouquets, table arrangements, grave pots and wreaths.

## **Kirkby Lonsdale History Archive**

We have a wonderful resource available, with photos, history and information on our town and some stories of past times. We also ask that if anyone has other old photos we would love to put them on the site so they are there forever. I realise that several photos are going round Facebook but how much better if they were on our town site for al to see. Contact me on short1950@yahoo.co.uk or 72468.

# **Macmillan Fundraising**

Thank you to those that supported me with this year's Macmillan fundraising event. Due to COVID-19 I was unable to hold my usual Macmillan coffee morning, but I was still able to raise £1093.68 for Macmillan by selling calendars and cards and also by hosting a selection of raffles. Many thanks to those who generously donated and to those that made this possible. *Amy Begg* 

# **Community Book Bank**

At the beginning of lockdown someone dropped off two boxes of books in St Mary's Church porch. This has now grown into a much-visited community facility. Donations of books, for adults and children, can be left during day-time hours. Complete puzzles would also be welcome, preferably with an elastic band around the box. Please observe social distancing, remembering to place books in quarantine for 72 hours and washing hands thoroughly after handling.

If the books are overflowing please call The Hub on 015242 36404.

## **Community Interest Company**

Merry Christmas from all at the Information and Gift Shop and the Community Interest Company.

It's Christmas, this year there is certainly a sense of relief that we have made it to the end of the year!

Christmas Festivities start from the 4th December. The Christmas lights will be switched on along Main Street, New Road, Booths roundabout and at the entrance to the town on the A65. We will have Christmas trees in Market Square and Town End. Special thanks go to the Pease family and Ann and Peter Irving for their donations of the large Christmas trees.

Late night shopping in December is planned for Friday 4th, Friday 11th, Friday 18th and Tuesday 22nd Dec. Shops will stay open until 7.30pm. Talented students from QES will be playing Christmas carols in the centre of town. It's our chance to support our local retailers and celebrate Christmas as a Community.

Sunday 6th December, 2020, is the 200th anniversary of the fatal fire at the Rose and Crown, where the Royal Hotel now stands. On that day in 1820 theRose and Crown Inn burnt to the ground and five Chamber maids perished. Kirkby Lonsdale didn't have a fire engine in those days and the fire soon took hold. To mark this tragedy and pay our respects there will be a small procession by our town guides from the Royal Hotel to the maids' monument in St Marys churchyard where flowers will be laid and a few prayers said.

Christmas Window Competition: look out for some fantastic festive windows in town. We are asking for a public vote to find the winner. Look at our Facebook page and website, www.kirkbylonsdale.info

Have you noticed these additions to many of our town's benches? We've put the seven stories contained in the vault around town. You can find them outside the Royal Hotel, The Information and Gift Shop, Devil's Bridge, St Marys church yard and Ruskin's View. Thanks go to Jayne Davies and John Hamlett, who were soaked to the skin attaching them to the benches.

It's been one unique year. We have sadly lost two volunteers and seen the town centre closed for months. The enforced isolation has been hard on so many levels. To offset this however there have been so many neighbourly acts of kindness; the Community Hub has harnessed such goodwill, shop owners have shown great generosity and worked long hours. Kirkby Lonsdale has stood up to the challenge with a community spirit full of kindness and strength. I feel very lucky to work in and for such a small town with a big character!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Janet Nuttall, Town & Tourism Manager.

## **Charity Plea**

This year has been a difficult one for everyone, but particularly for charities. A group of people based in St Patrick's Church, Endmoor, and other local churches, sponsor children in the Good Samaritan Orphanage, Andhra Pradesh, South India, which is run by Christians. These children have been born into families who are extremely poor and cannot support them or have lost their parents to HIV or other terminal illnesses. Halfway through this year, the people who run the Orphanage sent us a plea: 'We don't need medicine, we need food.' Just like here, parents of children had lost their jobs, but there is no welfare state. To keep their children alive, they had to take them to the Orphanage.

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Over the past few months, I've written a few articles with recommended walks in and around Kirkby Lonsdale, and with increasing numbers of locals and visitors enjoying walking during this year's lockdowns, I thought I would write a piece about footpaths and rights of way in the local area.

When the Yorkshire Dales National Park was extended in 2016 to cover much of the Kirkby Lonsdale area, Cumbria County Council delegated the National Park Authority with responsibility for most aspects of managing the public rights of way. This includes maintenance of the path surface, foot- and bridle- bridges and signposts, and assisting landowners with maintaining gates and stiles. So it was the YDNPA, with co-operation of the Underley Estate, that surfaced the footpath between Lily Wood and the Underley business centre. Many of us are already appreciating not sliding around in the mud! Work is ongoing with the wooden bridge in the wood, as a main beam has cracked, so the path is closed. There are plans afoot to replace the bridge and install some steps down the slope.

It is Cumbria County Council Highways who maintain concrete and tarmac paths within urban areas, so they look after parts of the riverside path, and it was they who filled and faced with concrete a void under the bottom of the Radical Steps. The work to repair the river bank (the section with a fence temporarily erected) will involve the Town Council as landowner, as it is their section of the bank that has washed away.

We should never take our footpaths for granted: there are estimated to be over 150,000 miles of them in the country, but not all footpaths are rights of way, such as the permissive path through the rugby club grounds. And there is no right of way onto land not accessed by a public footpath, even if it contains a heritage site, for instance Casterton Stone Circle, which can actually be most clearly identified from the footpath.

Tess Pike, Blue Badge Tourist Guide

"I would like to thank all my family, friends and neighbours for sending me cards, presents, singing and good wishes on my 100th birthday. I was so proud and honoured to be asked to lay the wreath at the grave of Brigadier Wyatt on the day before my birthday. I am so lucky to have lived so long in this wonderful community." Bill Packham

# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to Bill Packham and Unknown Warrior 100

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, on the day before he turned 100, Bill Packham laid a wreath on the grave of Brigadier General Louis John Wyatt, who had selected the body of the Unknown Warrior 100 years previously. Rev. Richard Snow led the service, which he based on the Order of Service used in Westminster Abbey in 1920. Simon Sedgwick sounded the Reveille call. The service was organised by SSAFA, the oldest armed forces charity in the country, which continues to support sailors, seamen, airmen and their families. The service was livestreamed to SSAFA Cumbria's Facebook page by Robin Ree and can be watched at https://www.facebook.com/SSAFACumbria1.



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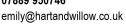
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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a catastrophic fire that destroyed 'one of the most noted inns in Westmorland' and 'hastened five maids into eternity'.

The Rose and Crown was situated next to a private home called Jackson Hall, which we know today as The Royal Hotel. It overlooked Jackson Hall's gardens which were later to become the town's Market Square. After the fire, a 'New Road' was driven through the rubble of the burnt-out building, and the name stuck.

The inn must have been so well-known that the fire was documented in *The Annual Register, Or, A View of the History, Politics, and Literature of the year 1820*, a reference book that has been recording important international events since 1758. In January it recorded the death of King George III, and in December:

FIRE at KIRBY LONSDALE. The family at the Rose and Crown on the night of the fire consisted of Mrs. Roper, her two daughters, Mr. Preston, six servant men, five servant maids, and a girl who had formerly been a servant in the house, and who was lodging on that night at the inn. The family retired to rest about midnight; and Mrs. Roper, after looking over the premises to see that all was safe, retired to her own room. Soon after 1 o'clock, on Thursday morning, she was alarmed by the smell of fire. By the most extraordinary exertions, the daughters of Mrs. Roper and the six male servants succeeded in effecting their escape; but the flames had spread with such fatal rapidity, that it is probable the remaining five girls were not aware of their danger till all hope of escape was extinguished: they all sunk into the jaws of death without any attempt having been made to save them. The instant Mrs. Roper found herself in the street, she ran through the town in the state in which she had risen from her bed to alarm the inhabitants, and to obtain their assistance. In a very short time a number of people were collected; and not suspecting that any persons were still in the house, their exertions were solely directed to preserving the adjoining buildings, and rescuing such part of the stock and furniture as they were able to save.

The story is also recorded in "The Annals of Kirkby Lonsdale":

On the  $6^{th}$  December, 1820, about one o'clock in the morning the proprietress of the inn was awakened by the

crackling of flames and a suffocating smoke and soon saw that the whole house would very shortly be ablaze. She hurriedly aroused her daughter and all the servants she could manage to get to, but she was forced to fly for her life when her clothing and hair began to singe. Rushing with her daughter first to one and then to the other staircase, they found both a mass of flames, but just managed to escape and save their lives by leaping through a window. The alarm quickly spread to all the occupants of the house. Six men servants who slept in one room wrenched out the iron window stanchions and just got out in time, but five of the maid servants perished. The whole town was soon aroused and people rushed about in terror, each asking the other what to do, while many risked their lives in making the most heroic attempts at rescues. The flames were soon beyond the power of any one to extinguish, so the inn was entirely demolished. An extremely impressive funeral service was held for the five maids, and an obelisk in the churchyard



by the Vicarage footpath, suitably inscribed, gives a record of their death and their burial. The fire was caused by a red hot cinder which had lodged in a brush used by a servant to sweep up a hearth, which, after being placed under the staircase, had taken fire, setting the stairs alight and ultimately the whole of the house.

Next time you walk through St Mary's churchyard, pause by the obelisk that the people of the town had erected in memory of Agnes Nicholson, Hannah Armstrong, Bella Cornthwaite, Agnes Waller, and Alice Clarke.

Tess Pike, Blue Badge Tourist Guide Background photo: Mel Ormston

#### **Advent Excitement**

December is a month that is packed with excitement and expectation. This year the build up to Christmas has felt more desired and needed than other years. I unpacked decorations early, starting planning Christmas meals in October and began listening to Christmas carols in early September. I seemed to be trying to bring the excitement and sense of expectation that I associate with December and Advent earlier into the year to mask or perhaps help me temporarily forget that the world feels so different to previous years. I wonder if anyone else has done anything similar?

Luckily, a lot of The Family Project's plans and projects enabled me to engage in the Advent excitement and expectation too. On Sunday 29th Nov at 2pm we had our Messy Gingerbread Nativity baking session and story. This can be found on the Kirkby Lonsdale Messy Facebook Page for those who could not take part live. The opportunity to gather together, bake and hear a retelling of the Nativity story was for me a perfect start to Advent. The fact that we could partner with the Zero Pantry to purchase local plastic free ingredients for our baking session was a welcome bonus to our baking activity too.

Heather Sattin and I have enjoyed organising The Kirkby Lonsdale Living Advent Calendar these last few months. Pick up a map from the TIC or St. Mary's Porch and see pictures of the windows on our Facebook Group (Kirkby Lonsdale Living Advent Calendar 2020). A new window is being unveiled each night at 6pm (please ensure you stay 2m apart). All windows that are already unveiled will be ready for viewing from dusk till 9pm every night during December. We hope they will bring joy to many people.

One of the things I love doing during December is putting up my Christmas Tree. A lot of decorations hold specific

treasured memories of perhaps a person or a place. This year, Pauline, Annie and I have created Jesse Tree decorations that you can print off and use to make your own Jesse Tree filled with decorations and scrolls. A Jesse Tree is a tree that uses decorations and stories that help you prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. Each story helps us remember a different member of Jesus' family. In total we have created 16 stories to accompany 16 decorations. To find these decorations and stories please join the Facebook group kl.church Jesse Tree. If you are not on Facebook please email me and I will send you them to you: lol@cilfamilyproject.org

I wonder what new traditions we will all start this year after living during such strange times? However this Christmas is for you, I hope you can find some element of peace and hope in the Nativity story, a story which can seem so familiar yet nearly always surprises us with a new thought or reflection. Have fun reflecting and have a Merry Christmas. *Lol* 

### St Mary's School PTA

Sincere thanks to all those who supported our 'Bag2School' collection in October by donating their bags of old clothes. We filled two vans and it was our best collection yet - raising over £300 for school.

At this time of year, we are usually very busy organising our Christmas Fair and launching our Christmas Raffle. This year, we're asking all those who would normally have bought raffle tickets form us to spend that money with local businesses instead. One of our PTA members has set up a 'Kirkby Lonsdale Virtual Christmas Shopping' page on Facebook for local shops/businesses in and around KL — many of which support our school raffle every year. Please help us repay their generosity and, wherever possible, buy local and support local this Christmas.

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## **Images of Kirkby Lonsdale**

A photobook by Robin Ree

Local amateur photographer Robin Ree has delighted us all by posting his images on the We Are Kirkby Lonsdale Facebook page. Many have asked if there could possibly be a book. This gave the idea of a fundraising photobook, as the ideal gift or coffee table book.

All proceeds of the £12 book will be donated to the North West Air Ambulance and Play Park Refurbishment Project. This is being further enhanced by the kind sponsorship of several of the town's businesses. By the time you are reading this, the first delivery of the book will have been made, with copies being available in the hopefully open... Book Lounge, Card Gallery & Information Centre... amongst others. Copies can also be ordered by contacting Graeme Gladwinfield who is happy to organise free local delivery, national and

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### The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

The Rotary Club continues its meetings online and club members are getting used to this although it is not the preferred way of meeting. This year, as always, many Rotary Clubs across the UK collected for the popular and deserving charity Children In Need. Owing to Covid-19 and the need for social distancing our club could not collect at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale, so we have had to find a different and safe way to collect.

To this end a 'Goodbox' was placed on the counter at the kiosk in Booths Kirkby Lonsdale and also in Kirkby Motors Garage on the A65. Both boxes were programmed to accept a card donation of £3. Collection buckets were placed on the counters of shops in Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham and Ingleton. Thank you to our local shop keepers for supporting this and to everyone made a donation. On Tuesday 10th Nov I enjoyed a virtual talk, hosted by the Rotary Club of Furness Peninsular, by Gina Campbell daughter of Donald Campbell. Her father was killed in 1967 when breaking the water speed record on Coniston water.

As Club President my chosen charity for the year is the NW Air Ambulance. It was hoped to arrange a visit which is not now possible but we live in hope and perhaps it might be possible before my year in office ends. At the time of writing we look forward to a talk by Kevin Dyburgh who works with a group supporting the NW Ambulance Service. Sadly the traditional Christmas party Is not possible; in its place we plan to hold a virtual carol concert. It is still in the planning stages! 2020 has been a strange, different and sadly for many a tragic year. Throughout its huge challenges our NHS staff has responded superbly and we join with the rest of the nation in offering grateful thanks. We must hope that 2021 will be better in all aspects of life.

From all the Rotary Club members and myself we offer our best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Lilian, President of The Rotary Club of Lunesdale.

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## **Community Christmas Hampers**

This year's pandemic has thrown up an array of challenges for all of us and the advent of Christmas is adding to this for many households. Although a time of celebration, it has always been important to remember those who don't have support networks around them. This year there will be many more people unable to meet up and connect with family and friends. The Hub will remain active through the festive period, for those who need errands running or just a familiar voice.

Do you know someone who would benefit from a Christmas Cheer Hamper? The Community Cupboard will deliver hampers for residents nominated by you—people you feel would benefit from knowing their community is still caring for them. Send your nomination to admin@klcommnity.co.uk or call The Hub 015242 36404 and provide the name and address of the household you are nominating and number in household.

If you would like to contribute to the spirit of Christmas we are looking for donations and items for hampers. Please either leave your donations in the box in St Mary's church porch, contact The Community Hub 015242 36404 or email admin@klcommuity.co.uk for collection. Nominations and donations in by Sunday 13th December please. Let's all spread some Christmas Cheer throughout our community and make Christmas 2020 a special one for everyone.

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### **Community Hub Christmas**

First, we want to wish everyone in the Kirkby Lonsdale community a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a good 2021.

The Community Hub helpline continues to be open to help local residents with Booths shopping, prescriptions, taking items to the Post Office etc. We picked up sawdust for a rabbit once. If there's something practical you need doing like this and you are unable to leave home, please ring us on 015242 36404 and we will find a locally based volunteer to help.

We are normally open from 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday and our Christmas opening hours are below.

You'll see that from Monday December 21st to Thursday December 24th, and from Monday 28th December to Thursday 31st December we will be open from 10am to 1pm as usual and we will be offering our normal service on those days of connecting requests from residents with volunteers who can help.

If you're planning to use the service in December, may we encourage you to 'shop early for Christmas' so that we can serve as many local residents as well as possible. On Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Dec 27th, New Year's Day, Jan 2nd and Jan 3rd, our line, 015242 36404, will be open each day from 10am to 1pm and will be answered by one of our team. We won't be able to offer our full volunteer service on those days but we will be able to help if you have an emergency and aren't sure where to find help, or if you just want to have a friendly chat.

#### **December**

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At the start of the year, none of us can have imagined that 2020 would unfold the way it has. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the Community Hub, including the Town Council who gave us money to get started, the many unsung heroes who helped us set up our systems unbelievably quickly, all our wonderful telephone volunteers, and of course our many frontline volunteers who, willingly and in all weathers, go out and about in the town to meet requests. We are incredibly grateful to all of you.

# Community Hub Helpline: 015242 36404

## **The Community Cupboard**

The Community Cupboard has been operating since May, initially out of QES Lunesdale Sports Centre then, since September, at the Rugby Club. From its first week of deliveries at the start of lockdown The Cupboard has been held up by cheerful volunteers and a wider support network to call upon for advice and guidance.

We have been funded locally by generous residents, local groups and by Cumbria County initiatives and feel confident that we can meet demand in whatever form it presents itself. The Community Cupboard has been created to head off any crisis situations and provide greater options for those living with existing or new challenges on their budgets. We hope that it will become a part of the glue that holds the community together.

One enormous movement that has come from setting up The Community Cupboard is our Food Club. The Food Club operates on a weekly basis, collecting food from Preston's Fareshare depot and sharing it out amongst our 72 members. This food is basically nearing its sell-by date or costing supermarkets too much to keep on warehouse shelves. It frees up money to enable local treats, after-school activities and uniforms as well as reducing landfill. A large share goes into the weekly parcels in the Community Cupboard. Anyone can join and everyone can benefit.

So, can we make a real effort to rethink what The Community Cupboard is and can become? Spread the word, talk about it positively and suggest friends who are going through shaky times dip in and see if it helps or refer elderly households who would benefit from a weekly/biweekly parcel.

Access to Community Cupboard is via klcommunity.co.uk or by calling The Community Hub on 015242 36404. There are no barriers to you accessing this provision and the ability to repay the help received is there at any time through volunteering time or donations when the time is right. Should you wish to access support anonymously, please be reassured that confidentiality will be respected.

KL Food Club is also accessed through klcommunity.co.uk, click on Food Club link and register your interest, the club is currently full but is operating a waiting list to which you will be added.

Thank you to the Masonic Charitable Foundation and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland Freemasons, for generously supporting the Community Cupboard with funding that it is a part of the support they have given to four Food Banks in the area.

Thanks to all!

### **KL and District Civic Society**

Whilst the Covid pandemic has curtailed our usual programme of talks, the Society hosted its first 'Zoom talk' on Monday 9th November for members. We had over 30 Zoomers!!

It was presented by Hannah Kingsbury who is the Cultural Heritage Officer for the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership. This is a four-year scheme, supported by the National Lottery Fund. The Westmorland Dales is an area to the north of the Howgill Fells. The scheme aims to unlock and reveal the hidden heritage of these dales. She gave us an excellent and informative talk about her role in the scheme and what work has been done so far. Hannah told us about a number of heritage projects that are being run, including the community archaeological survey of Great Ashby Scar and a survey of traditional buildings. Volunteers have played a vital role in these projects and hopefully next year the scheme can move forward again. We look forward to Hannah speaking to us again and hearing about the outcomes of these projects.

Website: www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk

As the event was such a success, we have booked another of our speakers to 'Zoom' talk!!! Alan Cleaver will present a talk entitled 'The Corpse Roads of Cumbria' on Monday 8th Feb 2021. Alan and his wife Lesley are former journalists and now live in Cumbria. Their love of walking and local history led to the publication of the 'Corpse Roads of Cumbria' which won the Lakeland Book of the Year in 2019. They will talk about the history of these ancient paths and the superstitions surrounding them. We will send out details of how to 'log in' to our members in the New Year.

# **Scouting Continues**

Lockdown meant back to online scouting; Zoom and all that. Altered our Remembrance Day plans, but not our virtual family camp.

It also halted the project of our 14-18 year old scouts in Aluna Explorers to clear the undergrowth around the Glebe Field under Duncan's supervision. The old tennis court up to the protected Motte has already been cleared. Next were the nettles and weeds overhanging the wall fronting the Brow. Keep an eye open for this being completed and you'll know we're meeting face-to-face again. And we've doubled Explorer numbers over the project showing what wonderful young people we have around Kirkby Lonsdale.

To join, to help, contact Skip (Nigel Bradshaw) 73722 or kirkby\_lonsdale\_scouts@live.co.uk.

Skip (Nigel Bradshaw), Group Scout Leader, 1st KL Assistant Explorer Leader, Aluna

### **Looking Forward**

So much of this year for Kirkby Lonsdale WI has been unusual as we've all had to adapt to change. Looking forward, the New Year is just around the corner with the promise of snowdrops and longer days, and of course hope is now on the horizon. Hope, for times to get better, for many things to resume and which at some point will include our meetings. And, of course, we have Christmas which is always special, even if this year it is Christmas with a difference.

In last month's AKL we learnt of the Rainbow Parish's Christmas Tree Festival. We will be participating in this community venture, our tree will convey the WI's best wishes to the community and will be covered with 66 decorations, one for each of our members.

In the recent WI 'Keeping in Touch' bulletin Karen Hanks, our CWFWI Chair, highlighted WI Austwick's idea of giving their members a gift of some bulbs to plant, a lovely gesture that has inspired us to follow suit. Each of our members will receive a Christmas gift, a little something, as a thank you for being so supportive during our first year. KLWI is very fortunate to have such wonderful members, some of which include Alyson Bagguely at Siena who kindly acted as a collection point for our newsletters and raffle tickets, and June Peckston who organised our wreath which was laid at the socially distanced Remembrance Day service.

The winner of November's competition, a hand-made, decorated, Chinese lantern, is Jen Kell. Congratulations! And don't forget December's competition - a decorated, handmade Christmas tree decoration dolly peg. Please state whether you would like your decoration to be returned to you or hung on our Festive Tree. If the latter, remember, it must be made from materials that are 100% environmentally friendly. There is a special competition for March: 'A decorated pair of His and Hers coat hangers'. Pairs of wooden coat hangers will be delivered to you along with your Christmas gift.

All that remains to say is please continue to stay safe, take care, and Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year. Rosalind and all on the Committee.

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Helen provides advice on and prepares Wills, ensuring clients are given the appropriate advice so that their wishes are carried out upon death and to minimise any inheritance tax liability. She also assists clients with Lasting Powers of Attorney in respect of health and welfare and property and financial matters.

In light of the pandemic, Helen and the Private Client team have seen an increase in the number of clients wishing to review their Wills and making powers of attorney to ensure that family members or trusted individuals can assist them with their property and financial affairs.

This is especially so if they are restricted from dealing with their own affairs due to shielding or having to exercise caution during the pandemic. Helen and her team have adapted to ensure that clients' needs are met by offering socially distanced home visits and appointments by telephone or video call, so that they can continue to take professional advice and feel at ease that their legal affairs are in order.

She also assists families at difficult and emotive times, such as upon the loss of a loved one, to finalise their affairs including applying to the Probate Registry for Grants of Probate or Letters of Administration and administering the estate amongst the beneficiaries of the Will. In certain circumstances a beneficiary of a Will may wish to vary their entitlement and Helen can also advise on this and prepare a deed of variation, if required.

Sometimes individuals do not take legal advice and ensure their affairs are in order whilst they are in good health. If an individual loses capacity and has left no one with legal powers to manage their affairs, including their property and finances, then Helen can assist with advising upon and making an application to the Court of Protection; the Court that makes decisions on behalf of those lacking capacity.

Helen is really enjoying working in Kirkby Lonsdale with the beautiful surrounding countryside and great community spirit, which she recognises has been more important than ever in the current climate.

Should you require any private client advice, or any other legal advice, please do not hesitate to call Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand on 01524 846846. It is a full-service law firm, providing a range of legal services at both its Lancaster and Kirkby Lonsdale Offices. The firm has a long-established history in the local area and provides quality and tailored advice to suit its clients' needs. Please visit www.osg.co.uk for further details.

Helen and all of the team at Kirkby Lonsdale, wish all the residents of Kirkby Lonsdale and surrounding areas a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



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