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Remembrance

Many will know that in the north side of St Mary's Churchyard, to the right of the path that leads to the Rectory, is the Grave of Brigadier General L.J. Wyatt.

In August 1920 Army Chaplain Rev David Railton wrote to the Dean of Westminster Abbey having seen a grave in 1916 in a back garden at Armentières; a grave with a rough cross on which were pencilled the words 'An Unknown British Soldier'

With the support of the Dean Herbert Ryle arrangements were made to bring an unnamed soldier back to England. Four unknown British servicemen were exhumed from four battle areas, the Aisne, the Somme, Arras and Ypres. Their bodies were brought to the Chapel at St Pol where Brigadier L. J. General Wyatt, officer in charge of troops in France chose the soldier to 'come home' and represent his fallen brothers in arms who lay unnamed.

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The unnamed soldier was brought home and buried in Westminster Abbey on 11th November 1920. King George V placed a wreath of red roses and bay leaves on the coffin. His card read 'In proud memory of those warriors who died unknown in the Great War. Unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and behold they live. George R.I. November 11th 1920'.

When he retired from the Army General Wyatt took on various directorships and moved to Kirkby Lonsdale with his family. In 1945 he was appointed sheriff of Westmorland and held the post for at least five years. He died in 1955, aged 80 years.

This year Remembrance Day 11th and Sunday 8th will be very different from what we are used to. Our uniformed groups and Community Representatives cannot process in honour of all those who gave their lives. Sadly, we cannot gather all together in our lovely churches as whole communities due to Covid restrictions. This brings sadness and a further sense of loss. This has been a theme as we have progressed through living with a threat to all of our lives. In one way or another we have all experienced a loss of something through Covid-19. Whether that be loss of a loved one, loss of freedoms, loss of a job or loss of being able to see family or friends as we would like. Our forebears lived through a deep time of loss from the two world wars and very sadly all areas of our world are experiencing loss right now.

A time of Remembrance is an opportunity to stop, to think and to share a collective time of reflection. Where are we now? What are our hopes for the future? Perhaps offer a prayer of thanks for all those who have gone before us. As communities have always done, and are doing so now, we can draw strength from each other in our mutual concern and love and our determination to make the world a better place. This is a time of waiting, of patience, of trust and of hopefulness in spite of difficulty.

In the words of Psalm 91.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my
fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

The central theme of the Christian Story is about Death and Resurrection. In the darkness there is hope of God with us, out of darkness comes the light and the promise of new life. On this 100th Anniversary as you maybe watch the Service of Remembrance from Westminster Abbey and the laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior you might like to visit Brigadier General Wyatt's grave and pay your own tribute to him and to all those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Rev Wendy Thornton (Please see centre page pull-out for ways to join in with Remembrance.)



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View from the Bridge

The excitement at the end of September soon turned to anguish as I had need of our NHS: two emergency admissions within seven days and a minor bladder operation. Hopefully now on the road to a full recovery.

Having experienced the care of not just the nurses but the ancillary workers at LRI, many on 12-hour shifts, having to wear face masks for the full shift plus the constant changing of gloves and aprons every time the enter and leave a ward. I will never think twice about wearing a mask whilst out around town or shopping. It may not prevent me from catching Covid-19 but if we all take it seriously, socially distancing, washing our hands, we may see the light at the end of the tunnel and life returning back to something like normality. I would just like to thank all who came forward to offer help and support; it is very reassuring to know these offers are there even if you haven't had need to take them up.

Those out for their daily walk along the Brow can't help but notice the view of Barbon Fells now that the saplings have been cut back. We had to wait after an early delay due to lockdown and then till the birds had finished nesting and fledging. Unfortunately, the path over wooden bridge down to Lily wood has had to be closed and a diversion in place for safety reasons but the top path is still open and a beautiful walk with all the autumn colours.

The flags should be down by the time the AKL is delivered. They have added some colour to the town which would have been very bland without the colourful hanging baskets. The Christmas trees should be going up shortly and thanks to Underley Estates for supplying the tree for the town square and Peter Irvin for the tree at Town End.

The Town Council meeting on the 14th was again held on Zoom and it may be some time off before we can meet face to face as usual. Any questions should be sent to the Town Clerk Rev. Kevin Price at kevtherev7@hotmail.com. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the notice board outside the hall and online.

My usual thanks to my fellow councillors and Kevin for keeping business ticking over for the past few weeks, to Marie and Robin for my transport and to Sarah who has made sure the larder was full. Not forgetting Diane, thank you.

Stay safe and best wishes.

Cllr. Geoffrey Buswell

Listening to and learning from the young

The change from Autumn to Winter seems to have been more noticeable to me this year. I am not sure if this is because the changes have happened more sharply or simply because I have spent more time noticing this year. Either way, I have enjoyed being aware of the seasonal changes and have begun to get excited about the festivities of Christmas too. As some of you may have seen, Heather (from See & Know) and I are organising Kirkby Lonsdale Living Advent Calendar. People sign up to create a window display based around a carol of their choice. During December, every evening a window display will be unveiled at 6pm somewhere around town. There will be a map detailing all the windows. Thanks to all those who are already taking part. If you would like to participate too do email me on lol@cilfamilyproject.org

St. Patrick's Youth Group have enjoyed various activities on Zoom including baking bread, making oat-based cookies, tie-dyeing T-shirts and lots of games. The young people have impressed me with their dedication to this group, appearing eagerly on zoom to join in with the latest activity. Their positivity and energy are infectious, blowing away any feelings of zoom fatigue some of the leaders may have as soon as the sessions begin.

Increasingly these, and other young people's prayers, have been filled with concern for the sick or for the world and the climate crisis we are facing. Their prioritisation of what they deem matters is good to listen to as an adult. Many young people cannot understand why more is not being done to prevent the climate emergency or to help those who are so sick. Their lack of need or desire to know the financial side of these issues could be seen as naïve. However, I wonder if this may give them a clearer insight into what our priorities should be. Often our view is clouded when we realise life is more complicated because everything has to be financed. Yet, I have been reflecting that their prayers and eagerness for change to happen, for us all to do our bit, whether that be preventing the spread of Covid or campaigning for the climate crisis to be taken seriously, shows wisdom not naivety.

Their generation, Generation Z, seems to be a generation that cares for the community and the world first and foremost. That is what matters to them. The means to do that financially will be something I believe they will work out because their depth of care is such a core part of this generation. It has brought me a lot of hope during these odd times to realise our future cannot be as bleak with these young people in it. ***Lol***

Lunesdale Hall Back in Business

By Kirstie Pelling

Formerly known as Kirkby Lonsdale Institute, Lunesdale Hall was completed in 1895, according to the Annals of Kirkby Lonsdale; 'built on land bought from the Underley Estate for £200 with money partly provided by Dr Paget-Tomlinson and Dr Llewelyn Davies, the vicar, and partly with money raised by generous public subscription'.

Chair of Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council and longstanding Hall Committee member Geoffrey Buswell says: 'It's got character inside and out, and one of the best dance floors for miles.' He explains the Bective Room was originally known as the Reading Room, Surprisingly the kitchen on the west side was added ninety years after the building was completed.

'Allegedly Llewelyn Davies wanted a room for the young men of the parish which they could use for exercise and games and also for reading, and they were allowed to smoke in there on a few days of the week,' says Pat France, Chair of the Friends of St Mary's. 'Hence the name Reading Room. I imagine once the main hall was built, the exercise and games took place there.'

Lunesdale Hall always played a big part in town life. During World War II it provided overflow classroom accommodation for schools swelled by children evacuated from the North East.

Its history is punctuated with whist drives, rummage sales, pantomimes, Jubilee celebrations and the Golf Club annual ball which always ended with a 'gallop.' The Annals of Kirkby Lonsdale describes Mary Pailthorp's recollection of 'dressing up in the evening for numerous balls and dances, which she and her sisters always referred to in the hearing of their strict and perhaps puritanical grandfather as *deportment classes*.'

Miss Pailthorp wasn't the only regular. 'I've lived here all my life and I've always used it,' says long-term Kirkby Lonsdale resident Audrey Wilson. 'Gardening Club met there and we went to dances and concerts—everything's happened there and I've enjoyed it all.'

She remembers the time Ken Dodd came to perform and her Father Jonty disappeared until the early hours. 'He said he'd sat up till 3 o' clock in the morning with Ken Dodd and Harry Willan, (the local magician who often appeared at the hall.) They got on like a house on fire – 'What a time we had!' he said.'

Live acts were always an important part of the set up. Geoffrey Buswell remembers the Houghton Weavers playing three times, as well as a Simon and Garfunkel tribute and the Hairy Bikers. 'Acts love the hall it because it has a proper stage.'

Local businessman John Short has been a regular on the

stage through the years. He recalls being involved in many productions for the town's drama group including W. Somerset Maugham's *The Noble Spaniard*. 'The set was absolutely gorgeous.'

A highlight of his career was the comedy *No Time for Figleaves*. 'There were only two men left alive and I was one of them. Poor world! The younger element thought it might have a risqué element to it so we had packed audiences,' he laughs.

'I loved the place – I still do,' says former Hall Committee Chair Alan Day. 'Before you take anything out (of a town) you should put something into it. I wanted to do something for the Institute, so I took it over when it was in a sad state. There were a lot of improvements after that including access for the disabled.'

He says many of the features were a gift for a committee keen to improve the venue. 'We brought the original décor to life. The dance floor had to be sanded and made smooth. We tried unsuccessfully to get the building listed so it couldn't get knocked about and spoiled.'

The Committee's hard work was rewarded by audience attendance at events. He remembers parties to mark The Queen's milestone birthdays, and events to commemorate national days. 'On St. George's Day we used to have a roast beef dinner and St. George appeared on his white horse. He stayed for the weekend and went all around town.'

Chair of the current Lunesdale Hall Committee Mike Burchnall says performers visiting in the future will benefit from upgrades that are part of a fresh programme of works on the hall. 'The Hall Committee has put in a lot of time, forward thinking and energy to ensure this facility is kept smart and in good shape for future generations to use.'

For Audrey Wilson, it's hard to contemplate the town without its community hub. 'You need something central for people to meet together and the hall is that place.' Alan Day agrees. 'We've got to keep the hall. If the town wants to stay as a tourist place it has to have this feature. It is a lovely, lovely building.'

Not everyone realizes how much goes on in the hall. Did you know the upstairs rooms house five therapists who provide a range of services? Check out their Facebook page [@thelunesdaletherapycentre](#).

Regular sports and events include karate, dance groups, craft fairs and a country market. The Lunesdale Hall Committee is up for discussing any ideas for keeping the hall busy and occupied – COVID 19 restrictions allowing.

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Reopening Churches

We continue to review the government and church guidance on opening the church buildings and are treading a cautious path in setting up more activities. We now have regular services in St Mary's, KLMC, St Joseph's and St Patricks. Most of the other churches have some services and all details are on the kl.church website (details below).

You can sign up to our weekly church newsletter covering all the churches from either the Rainbow or the Methodist Church websites. If you wish to have a copy of the newsletter posted to you please contact Merlin Hibbs (015242 76410) and we will add you to the list.

We continue to provide the recorded services for those of our community who are unable to attend services on our Youtube channel kl.church – there is a link from our kl.church website. We are also pleased to connect with those who have joined us for worship from different places.

Websites

Rainbow Parish – <https://therainbowparish.org>
KL Methodist Church – <https://klmethodist.church>
St Joseph's Church - <https://www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk>
kl.church – <https://kl.church> (note not yet https)

Living Advent Calendar

As thoughts turn towards winter, 'The Family Project' along with 'See and Know' have come up with the idea of creating in the town a 'Living Advent Calendar' made up of homemade window displays. We would like to invite you to decorate a window in your home, visible from the street, using a Christmas carol of your choice for inspiration. The more variety the better.

At 6pm each evening between 1st and 24th December, a new decorated window would be unveiled. Once a display has been revealed, we would hope for it to stay open until Dec 31st if at all possible. We will create a map to show where and when each display will first appear. There are lots of ideas online from towns and villages that have done something similar - Pinterest is well worth checking out for inspiration.

If you are interested in taking part, please email lol@cilfamilyproject.org ASAP so we can get an idea of the numbers interested in taking part.

Thanks, Lol and Heather

Compline

On Friday evenings in November.

We will have a zoom Compline Service on Friday evenings at 7.30pm during November. We usually do this during Lent and this year during lockdown, and it was thought good to do it during the Kingdom Season - the four weeks before Advent. It will be by 'Zoom' so if you would like to join please email or phone me and I will let you have the zoom link.

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Times of Remembrance

All Souls' Services

Close to the beginning of November many people all across the world mark the festival known as 'All Souls'. It is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones departed. This year, services will be held in both St Patrick's Church and St Mary's Church, on Friday 30th October at 7.30pm. Normally there is an open invitation to these services but the current situation means that the number of people who can be accommodated is restricted. Those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months will receive a letter of invitation. If this doesn't include you, but you would like to attend, please contact a member of the ministry team first. *The Ministry Team*

Casterton

A group of family and friends gathered on Tuesday 29th September, abiding by Covid guidelines, for the funeral of Joan Wynne. Anne Pettifor led the service and Joan's eldest granddaughter gave a fitting eulogy highlighting the major events in her long life.

Casterton held its Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th October. The church was full of groceries generously donated by villagers and parents and pupils at Casterton, Sedbergh Preparatory School. The service was different from our usual Harvest Festivals but was sensitively conducted by Richard Snow. All the produce has now been delivered to Manna House and Springfield Hostel in Kendal. Many thanks to all who contributed.

At the Casterton Zoom DCC AGM on 12th October, Stephen Evans was re-elected as Churchwarden and other members of the DCC agreed to continue with their current responsibilities.

The Rainbow Parish arrangements for Remembrance Sunday can be found elsewhere in AKL. There will be a service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 22nd November at 10.30am.

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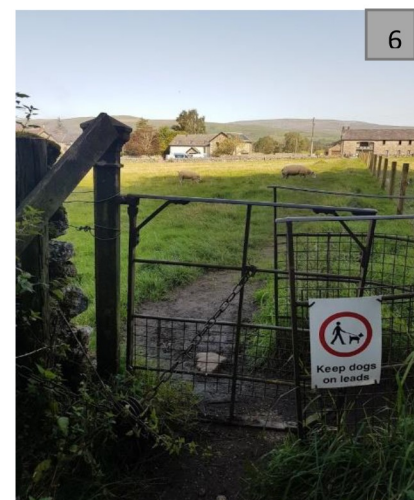
Cross the A65 with care and go through the kissing gate (3) into the rugby field. Walk directly ahead, crossing several field boundaries and following footpath signs until you reach farm buildings, where you should turn right at the fingerpost (4).



A short walk along the track brings you to a minor road. Turn left, walk along the road (taking care with traffic) until you see the bus shelter on the right (5).



Turn right towards 'Biggins'. At the end of the lane, turn right at a fingerpost to 'Low Biggins'. Go through the kissing gate and follow the path through the woodland and into a field (6). Follow the fence on your right and go through a gate which brings you back out onto the minor road. The remainder of the walk is on roads, so take care as you turn left out of the gate and follow the minor road to the main A65. Cross the A65 and continue straight, back past the QES buildings (2) and Tollgate Cottage (1), where a right turn will bring you back down into Kirkby Lonsdale.



Tess Pike, Blue Badge Tourist Guide



REMEMBRANCE DAY

SERVICE 8 NOVEMBER 2020

The coronavirus restrictions mean that the arrangements for the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday services will be different this year.

The number of people who will gather at the memorials will be restricted to just those representatives of the community, and community organisations, who are directly involved in the service and laying wreaths.

Remembrance Sunday is a very significant day in the life of our country and so we are inviting, and encouraging, everyone to join in what will be happening at the memorials, at the same time, from their homes, or by watching a specially recorded online service that will be available on the kl.church YouTube channel.

In addition, St Mary's Church will be open from 12noon until 4pm on Sunday 8th November as a place for prayer and reflection on this important day.

The material that is printed overleaf is essentially what will be happening at the memorials across our parish, beginning at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday, with a few additional notes and readings .

At 10:45am the service will begin

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and
faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together, live in freedom,
justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability
and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting
and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts
past and present, have been given and taken
away.

We Must Not Forget

*I don't think they really knew
that soldiering was not a game.
Target practice was really fun
and marching just the same.
But then there was the horror
of tanks and gas and flame.
We must not forget
those brave young men
who came not home again.*

George Harrison

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:1-12

WE PRAY FOR PEACE

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died
in the violence of war, each one remembered
by and known to God;

May God give peace
God give peace

for those who love them in death as in life, offering
the distress of our grief and the sadness of
our loss;

May God give peace
God give peace

for all members of the armed forces who are in
danger this day, remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace
God give peace

for civilian women, children and men whose lives
are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in
penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace
God give peace

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who
seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace
God give peace

for all who bear the burden and privilege of
leadership, political, military and religious; asking
for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for
reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace
God give peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you
those whose memory we cherish, and those
whose names we will never know. Help us to lift
our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who
wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in
your future; for you are the source of life and
hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Representatives will lay wreaths as symbols of remembrance and hope. If you are using the service at home you might like to light a candle at this point.

Poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended. The significance of the poppy as a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen was realised by the Canadian surgeon John McCrae in his poem In Flanders Fields. The poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by his comrades and quickly became a lasting memorial to those who died in World War One and later conflicts. It was adopted by The Royal British Legion as the symbol for their Poppy Appeal, in aid of those serving in the British Armed Forces, after its formation in 1921.

In Flanders Fields
BY JOHN MCCRAE

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; and all who have lived and died in the service of the people of the world.

A list of those to be remembered by name is read.

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

We will remember them.

*At 11am, the Two Minutes Silence begins.
The completion of the silence may be signalled*

*Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your
presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. **Amen***

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid. **John 14:27***

WE RESPOND IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

*Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service.*

*Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
We will*

*Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
We will*

*Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
We will*

*Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that
have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed in
the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.
Amen*

*The services at the memorials will end with this
blessing:
God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always. **Amen***

Brigadier General Louis John Wyatt D.S.O. D.L.



This year marks two important anniversaries in Kirkby Lonsdale, one of which was the bringing back from France of the body of the Unknown Warrior, to be buried in Westminster Abbey on 11th November 1920. This is the story of Brigadier General L J Wyatt, who subsequently retired to Kirkby Lonsdale with his wife, known as “Gipsy”. They lie buried in our churchyard near the Rectory, just down the road from The Courtyard on Fairbank where they had lived.

At precisely midnight on 7th November 1920, Brigadier General L J Wyatt, General Officer Commanding British



Troops in France and Flanders, went into a small hut near the village of St Pol, Ypres in Northern France.

Earlier that afternoon, four bodies had been disinterred from four unmarked graves in the battlefields of Aras, Ypres, the Somme and the Aisne and these bodies now lay, each covered by a Union flag, in the hut in St. Pol. The bodies chosen were all casualties from the early part of the War, and were all received by a British clergyman and two British undertakers, Mr Nodes and Mr Sourbutts. They were examined to make certain there were no distinguishing marks which could have identified them. By the light of a lantern Brigadier Wyatt chose one body, and this was to go into the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The remaining three bodies were re-interred in St. Pol churchyard, with full military honours, with Brigadier Wyatt attending the funerals.



After the Brigadier made his choice, the body was placed inside a coffin made of English oak, and sealed with wrought iron straps, and a seal stating “A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918. A sword, a gift from the King, was attached to the seal. On 10th November the coffin was taken to Boulogne, with six barrels of earth from Flanders. The coffin was carried aboard HMS Verdun, and on arrival at Dover was placed inside a SE railways van, to be taken to Victoria Station, the very same van that had carried the body of Nurse Edith Cavell in May 1919.

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Kirkby Lonsdale has a fantastic array of independent shops, boutiques, restaurants & Cafes that at Christmas time dress their windows to give shoppers that extra festival feel whilst out and about Christmas shopping.

What is the Competition?

We are asking independent retailers to join in the Christmas Window Competition and this year.

Businesses will be judged in the following areas: Originality/ Creativity; Visual Impact; Festivity; Eco friendly, Zero waste.

Businesses will be put to a public vote running from Monday 7th December 2020 so make sure your Christmas window displays are ready for that day!

The public vote will run from 7th-14th December on the Kirkby Lonsdale Town Facebook page. The winning businesses will also be profiled in the local press on Thursday 18th December.

After the public vote the winning business will receive and a cheque from Kirkby Lonsdale CIC for £125. Entry form can be downloaded from our website kirkbylonsdale.info

Sport

Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club hosted the Early October Cumbria Golf Alliance Event. Representatives from virtually every Golf Club in Cumbria enjoyed the course which was presented in magnificent condition. The Club also provided local winners in each division.

A Neighbourly Christmas?

Calling Oakfield Park, Harling Bank, Biggins, Robrairie, Binfold, Lunefield Gardens, Ruskings, Lonsdale Rise, Raygarth, Fairgarth and all areas.

Sheila Willan from Lunefield Drive is planning a socially distanced Christmas event for her neighbours. Sheila has written to all residents on Lunefield Drive:

‘We can’t have a party so we could all be out at front of our houses with a drink of your choice to wish each other seasons greeting at a time TBC. We could have Christmas music and do festive window dressing or decorate a Christmas tree in the garden. The children could create a winter scene in a shoe box to keep them busy using whatever they can find in your own houses. One entry per household with 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes. These could be photographed and shared then judged.

This is a wonderful idea and this year more than every we should come together and celebrate in a socially distanced way of course. Are there any other areas that would like to follow Sheila and Lunefield Drive’s idea?

National recognition for Abraham’s

Drapers, ‘the bible of the fashion industry’ for more than 130 years, has announced that Abraham’s of Kirkby Lonsdale has been chosen as one of this year’s 100 Inspiring Independents.

Owners Josie & JAC Beeson said: ‘This recognition is especially significant for us as we celebrate our 5th anniversary of owning Abrahams. 2020 has been a particularly difficult time for small independent businesses. We decided to take a creative approach and during lockdown so even though the store was closed, we were able to take orders for locals and for customers further afield. We also developed an ecommerce shop.

We would like to thank staff and customers for their loyalty. We do not know what the next five years will hold but we are quietly optimistic that Abrahams will continue to successfully adapt and offer a unique shopping experience to all.

Rainbow Parish Treasurer

Robert Cass, the Rainbow Parish Treasurer, has declared his wish to stand down in the near future after 16 years in the job.

We are looking for volunteers who may wish to take on all or part of the role which includes financial accounting, management accounting, book keeping, payroll management and financial reporting (to the Charity Commission and the Diocese).

Please contact either Rev Richard Snow or Merlin Hibbs for more information (see contact details at the front).

Christmas is still on!

Unfortunately, the fair in any form is not going to be possible this year. Christmas, however, will happen and we will celebrate it! The 2nd Christmas review meeting was chaired by CIC's Sarah Ross. Representatives from the Town Council, Chamber of Trade, local residents, the Rainbow parish and business owners in town, took part.

The churches will decorate the church grounds with lights and possibly small Christmas trees representing other organisations in town. Lol Wood is running a live Advent calendar, while Shelia Willan is organising an event on Lunefield Drive. The CIC and COT are organising a shop window competition. We will have lantern walks around town and together with Civic Society and Town Guides will mark the 200th anniversary of the maids who died in the fire on the site of the Royal Hotel.

We're grateful to Underley Estate for again providing the main Christmas tree for Market Square, and to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Irving for the Town End Christmas tree. Gavin Charlesworth and his team have taken over from the Fred Gibson, who looked after getting and setting up the Market Square tree for many years. Our thanks go to Fred for his major contribution to our celebrations. Gordon Higson, who provided the smaller trees and lights for individual businesses, has also retired. Thanks to Sue and Paul Stephenson from Lunesdale Home & Gardens and Craig Bradshaw for taking this job over.

The town will be decorated with professionally provided lights, and with reindeers on the roundabout at Booths. The large tree at Robrairie will be wrapped with lights, as will the Market Square and Town End trees. The Lunesdale Hall will be also lit.

The CIC, who are coordinating and part-funding this, appreciate the financial support from the town council, the Civic Society, the Chamber of Trade, which means we don't have to approach local businesses this year.

The votes are in... Christmas lights will be warm white this year. Thanks to all the many people who voted online or in person.

KL's WWI Heroes

Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7:30pm. Bearing in mind the current situation, I have decided to present my talk via Zoom, instead of at Lunesdale Hall as intended. I will contact all those who have already booked. If you would like to book a Zoom ticket, please book at the Visitor Information Centre or contact me directly (015242 72530 / Tess.Pike@btinternet.com). Tickets: £7 in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Tess Pike, Blue Badge Tourist Guide

News from the Information and Gift Shop

We are changing our opening hours now that the clocks have changed to 10.30 to 2.30 seven days a week. (Sundays are 11.00 until 2.30).

Kirkby Lonsdale continues to be an extremely popular day-out destination and holiday cottages are fully booked. I'd say our main inquiry continues to be about where to go for lunch? where are the toilets? and have you got a bus timetable?

We've successfully recruited four new volunteers to our team. Thank you, to all those who have joined us at the Information and Gift Shop. We hope to have enough volunteers to return to full day opening in January. This month look out for our Town Guided walks taking place every 1st and last Friday and Saturday in the month. Book at the Information and Gift Shop.

Have you noticed #Pledge To Talk run by BBC Radio Cumbria? Just sit on the bench outside the Information and Gift Shop & Boots and see who you get chatting to! Radio Cumbria would like to hear about who you meet. It's all in aid of combating loneliness, which is one of the side effects of Covid-19.

The Royal Barn has a new co-working space, where pub desks are proving really popular.

QES are asking for volunteers to make paper butterflies for Art Installations in the three churches. Pick up paper and instructions from the Information and Gift Shop. See P26 for more details.

KLRUFC are looking for girls of all ages to join the squad.

Please visit our Facebook pages, Kirkby Lonsdale Town and Kirkby Lonsdale Charter Market, and our website www.kirkbylonsdale.info for more info on events.

Janet Nuttall, Town and Tourism Manager

Helier Hibbs

On behalf of Audrey, Merlin and Linda Hibbs we would like to thank you all for the messages of condolences on the death of Helier Hibbs of Barbon. Your kindness and sympathy has been a great consolation to us and we feel fortunate to live in such a caring community.

Marnie Green

On 2 October 2020 Margaret (Marnie) Green, wife of the late Norman Green passed away peacefully in Sheffield. Both Norman & Marnie spent many happy years living in Vicarage Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale and will be greatly missed by her family and anyone that knew her.

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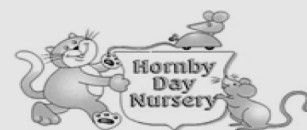
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The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Club members are adapting to meeting online just as we are all having to adapt to the new 'normal'. This does have some advantages e.g. our club secretary Richard Parsons and myself were able to attend, online, Carnforth Rotary Club's 74th formal Charter celebration. It required that we provided our own food and drink at home and took part in the total occasion in our own homes. Highlight of the evening for me was Richard winning the raffle a big, fluffy and loveable teddy-bear. It was probably his highlight too!

All Rotary clubs celebrate their charter/birthday evening. Just for your information the first Rotary Club was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905.

Among the interesting speakers we have had recently was Nan McCreadie the first lady President of RIBI who took up office on 1st July 2013. A quote from Nan's inaugural speech: "We are currently undergoing a new stage in our development and more and more women and younger people are wanting to join Rotary and to help their local communities." Helping our local communities is still one of Rotary's priorities.

Paul Fisher was our speaker on 10th September. Since 2014 he is the RIBI co-ordinator for the BBC's very popular Children In Need national, annual collection. 60 Rotary clubs across the country support this event including our club. Several clubs, in past years, have joined together at Heathrow Airport to collect where as much as £25,000 is raised in the terminals. Due to Coronavirus collecting methods will have to change this year and different ways found to collect by all clubs including our own.

Martin Coombes, a trustee of Amasango School in Grahamstown, South Africa first told the club about this school 5 years ago. It was a pleasure to welcome him back on 8th October to have an update on its progress. It is a special needs school aiming to provide primary school education and to build self esteem for its pupils. It is a school, although primary school level, which will have children referred who are much older in years than what we consider to be primary school age.

Keep safe and keep well.
Lilian

NWCR Christmas Fair

As you all know we are unable to have our annual Fair but for anyone who would like to purchase Christmas cards I have a brochure at my house 22, Ruskin Drive or you can buy on line at nwcr.org/shop or contact any of the committee members. Thank you for your continued support.

Daphne Peel 71432

Community Hub

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We're aware of a couple of other services which may be of interest. South Lakeland District Council offer a Handy Person Scheme, which, with certain conditions, provides a handyman to help with essential jobs such as changing lightbulbs, putting up shelves, unblocking sinks etc. There are more details on the SLDC website or please ring the Hub if you would like more details of this.

We also have a message from Age UK: Age UK South Lakeland is pleased to offer Digital Inclusion Support to the older members of our community. We can provide telephone support for those who have their own devices and need help to improve their skills or increase their confidence with using technology. We are also able to offer a free Tablet Loan scheme with Wifi for those without access to technology together with telephone support getting setup and using the tablet. If you or anyone you know would like to know more about the scheme, please contact us on 030 300 30003 or email helpline@ageuksouthlakelandand.org.uk. We would be delighted to discuss how we can help.

Finally, if you have a few minutes or more to spare as a volunteer, we would love to hear from you as we are looking to add to our volunteer team. Please get in touch via the Hub number 015242 36404 or email klcommunityhub@gmail.com.

Many thanks from the Community Hub team

Scouting

All sections, covering 6 to 18 year olds, are up and running with outdoor meetings that pass strict Covid assessment rules. If you see us out and about do say hello to us from a 2m+ distance. The rules restrict numbers so anyone interesting in joining us is advised to get in touch as soon as possible for possible places. Finally you may have seen the old scout hut advertised for sale last month. It sadly isn't a suitable place to meet nowadays. However, we have exciting plans for a new hut to be shared with other local groups. If anyone wishes to know more please contact me.

Skip (Nigel Bradshaw), Group Scout Leader, 1st KL
kirkby_lonsdale_scouts@live.co.uk

KL WI

The leaves are turning giving a spectacular show and will soon be falling. Autumn is definitely here. So to keep us busy over the next few months why not enter our monthly competitions – for WI members only. Many congratulations to Jenny Kell for her winning entry in our October competition - a decorated, homemade, Halloween biscuit. Well done.

November: A decorated, handmade Chinese paper lantern - to be delivered in a tied carrier bag

December: A decorated, hanging Christmas tree decoration dolly peg - to be delivered in a tied carrier bag (NB: No previous entries will be permitted).


January 2021: A handmade, painted/drawn 'Happy New Year from Kirkby Lonsdale' postcard - to be delivered in a sealed envelope or sandwich/freezer bag.

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Take care and stay safe.

Amanda and the KLWI Committee. Tel: 015242 98587 / 07765480943 Email: kirkbylonsdalewi@gmail.com, Facebook: Kirkby Lonsdale WI, Website: www.klwi.co.uk

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we wear our poppies with
pride, to show we
never will
forget.

Local poet Julie Callaghan has compiled a collection of 150 verses she has written during lockdown and is using them to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. The book features poems about the pandemic, local landmarks and includes some inspired Robin Ree's photographs. It is available from The Book Lounge, The Tourist Information and from Julie. Donations gratefully received in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Book Lounge

Just a reminder that The Book Lounge provides a range of photocopying services. A4 and A3 in both colour and black & white, scanning and you can email documents for printing to photocopying@lunesdalebooks.uk We also sell reams of printer paper.

The back room of the shop is having a facelift with more shelving to accommodate a wider range of new books. This year we are participating in the Booksellers Association Christmas Book Catalogue which is currently available from the shop or the post office in Kirkby Lonsdale and will appear on social media soon. Although I can't stock everything in the catalogue, I can order any of the titles along with any other books you may want, we also sell and redeem National Book Tokens.

In September the shop had its 2nd birthday, I can't believe how the time has flown and how much the shop has grown and developed over the last 2 years.

Many thanks to my customers for supporting the shop during these difficult times.

Valerie

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Social Butterfly

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A Whole Schools & Community Project Reflecting on the Emotional Impact of Covid 19

The 'Social Butterfly' Art Project has been designed by the Art Department at the Lunesdale Learning Trust (encompassing QES & QESstudio Schools) in response to a project brief set by The Big Vision, the ecumenical church community in Kirkby Lonsdale. The aim of this community and school project is to use the medium of art to reflect, heal and consider our collective and personal experiences of Covid 19, with a focus on the fragility of life, mental health issues and art as healing medium. The butterfly is a strong metaphor for change and evolution and similarly, the rainbow is a source of inspiration and hope.

Students will create an art installation in each of the three outdoor church spaces in Kirkby Lonsdale around the theme of 'Social Butterfly' with the ultimate aim of raising funds to support a local charity, Brathay Trust's, Young Minds Matter, which focuses on supporting young people with mental health issues. To read more about this charity, please visit:

<https://www.brathay.org.uk/appeals/donate/young-minds-matter>

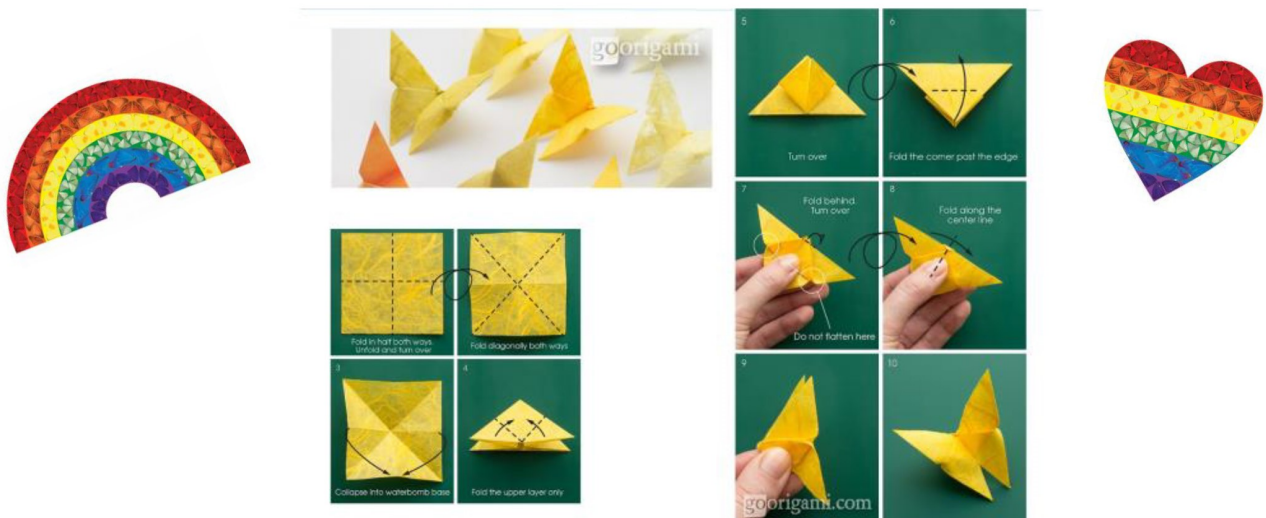
Kirkby Lonsdale charity, Christopher Robin's Charitable Trust have very kindly donated to this project, for which we are very appreciative. Kirkby Lonsdale's Community Interest Group & Tourist Information Shop have offered to sell artwork in their gift shop and students may sell artwork online via the school website.

Now, this is the part where we need your help!

We are asking everyone in the community to contribute by helping make origami butterflies for our art installations. If you can spare a few minutes, please call in to the Kirkby Lonsdale Community Interest Company, Town End Garage in Casterton, or Cowan Bridge Stores to collect your free sheet of coloured paper and follow the attached instructions, leaving your completed butterfly in the shop for collection by our staff. **The opening date is Tuesday 3 November and the closing date is Saturday 5 December.**

Please get involved in this fantastic community project!

Thank you in advance



A Christmas Tree Festival?



Christmas Tree Festivals in churches have become quite popular in recent years. Normally individuals, and/or organisations 'enter' for a large or small space inside the church and decorate a tree. In some places, along with traditional trees, all sorts of weird, wonderful and alternative trees are created. I have even heard of one where the decorations were predominately brussels sprouts.

So here is an idea.....

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to create and decorate a 'tree' as a part of an Eco Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Churchyard. You can do this as an individual, a family, a group or an organisation. Everything about your entry (tree and decoration) must be environmentally friendly (e.g. if you are using a proper tree, it must be in a pot so that it can be planted afterwards; if you choose to make your 'tree' from scratch make sure it is recyclable; how about bird feeders for decorations?) and, of course, all of it must be capable of surviving outside for a few weeks. We are planning to use the area of the churchyard between the gates by the Sun Inn and the Fairbank gates so that people can enjoy the 'trees' as they walk through. Your 'tree' can be as simple or as elaborate as you like – perhaps the nicest thing will be a forest of 'trees' that wish the community a happy Christmas. It would be good if the 'trees' could be in place from the middle of December until the first week of January. If you want to find out more and enter a tree, please contact Richard Snow, 015242 72044 rector@therainbowparish.org.

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