

## LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Flying for life - Mission Aviation Fellowship

### **Serving the isolated**

'Imagine if your community had no roads and little access to the outside world. How would you or your family reach a doctor if you were sick or injured? How would you receive an education or access job opportunities? This is the reality for millions of people. Jungles, mountains, swamps, insecurity and dilapidated infrastructure are all barriers to receiving physical and spiritual care and a hope for the future.'

*This quote is from Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) a Christian organization that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,400 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas. There are three major operational centers – Nampa, Idaho, United States, Ashford, United Kingdom, and Cairns, Australia. These centers provide operational support to programs in the Americas, Africa and Asia Pacific regions.* Mission Aviation Fellowship is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years they have been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts, to bring medical care, emergency relief and long-term development. Their pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air. Their faithful supporters give and pray to make this all possible.

### **FOUR HOURS NOT FOUR DAYS**

Thanks to MAF, three year old Ojiya from Juba, South Sudan avoided a four day road trip for a life-saving operation in Nairobi. She was born with a hole in her stomach, following complex reconstructive surgery the little girl recovered fully in hospital. Wherever there is need Christian organisations find a way of serving God. It comes as a result of our Lord's teaching to care for the poor and needy.

Matthews gospel has this: 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matt 25:35-36.

Christians have always answered the call to serve others. They do that because God gives hope to all mankind through the resurrection of his Son at Easter. Christian hope for the next life gives hope for this life. The reason Christians help the poor is because they are motivated to proclaim the kingdom of God, which is the good news that Jesus is lord. Christians believe that works of compassion are directed by God to heal the nations and bring hope to all mankind. A new heaven and a new earth await. This good news gives freedom to the oppressed, because the oppressed know that the oppressor will not always operate. Christians are commanded to visit the 'widow and the orphan' in their distress. Christians must also heed the warning of Jesus in Matthew 25 about not neglecting the poor. "I never knew you," he says to those who neglected the poor.

It is remarkable, then, how the atonement of Christ compels us to help the poor; for God entered our world and suffered, and so too, we are called to enter the world of the poor and show them the compassion of Jesus.

'Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause' (Isaiah 1:16-17).

Malcolm Stilwell

## SOLWAY PLAIN PARISH SERVICES

| Date                               | Time    | Service  | Church            | Leader | Readings  |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|--------|---|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 2  | 8.00am  | HC       | Silloth           | GR     | Acts 4:<br>32-35<br>John 20:<br>19-31<br><br>White  |
|                                    | 9.00am  | FS       | Westnewton        | CY     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | HC       | Holme St Cuthbert | CN     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | FS       | Bromfield         | TB     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | HC       | Kirkbride         | GR     |   |
|                                    | 10.30am | FS       | Holme Cultram     | TB     |   |
|                                    | 10.45am | HC       | Newton Arlosh     | GR     |   |
|                                    | 11.00am | FS       | Silloth           | CN     |   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 3 | 5.00pm  | Evensong | Silloth           | TB     |   |
|                                    | 9.00am  | HC       | Westnewton        | MS     | Acts 3:<br>12-19<br>Luke 24:<br>36b-48<br><br>White |
|                                    | 9.30am  | FS       | Holme St Cuthbert | TB     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | HC       | Bromfield         | GR     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | MP       | Kirkbride         | BR     |   |
|                                    | 10.30am | HC       | Holme Cultram     | MS     |   |
|                                    | 10.45am | MP       | Newton Arlosh     | BR     |   |
| 11.00am                            | HC      | Silloth  | GR                |        |   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> April<br>Easter 4 | 9.00am  | MP       | Westnewton        | BR     | Acts 4:<br>5-12<br>John 10:<br>11-18<br><br>White   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | HC       | Holme St Cuthbert | GR     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | MP       | Bromfield         | TB     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | HC       | Kirkbride         | MS     |   |
|                                    | 10.30am | MP       | Holme Cultram     | BR     |   |
|                                    | 10.45am | HC       | Newton Arlosh     | MS     |   |
|                                    | 11.00am | MP       | Silloth           | TB     |   |
|                                    | 4.00pm  | Healing  | Holme Cultram     | FMcl   |   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter 5 | 9.00am  | HC       | Westnewton        | CN     | Acts 8:<br>26-40<br>John 15<br>:1-8<br><br>White    |
|                                    | 9.30am  | MP       | Holme St Cuthbert | BR     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | HC       | Bromfield         | MS     |   |
|                                    | 9.30am  | MP       | Kirkbride         | TB     |   |
|                                    | 10.30am | HC       | Holme Cultram     | CN     |   |
|                                    | 11.00am | HC       | Silloth           | BR     |   |

For Clergy names see Churches information at front of magazine



### **Healing service**

Our monthly healing service will be on Sunday 21st April in Holme Cultram Abbey starting at 4.00pm.

Do join us for a service of quiet prayer and reflection where we seek God's healing and wholeness. Prayer requests can be sent to Francess McIntyre 07967376356 or email [prayer@solwayplainchurches.org.uk](mailto:prayer@solwayplainchurches.org.uk)

## CHURCH ROTAS

### Bromfield

| Date | Sidesperson    | Flowers | Church Cleaning |
|------|----------------|---------|-----------------|
| 07   | Miss<br>Wilson |         | PCC<br>TEAM     |
| 14   |                |         |                 |
| 21   |                |         |                 |
| 28   |                |         |                 |

### Holme Cultram Abbey

| Date | Reader | Sidesperson |
|------|--------|-------------|
| 07   | Sarah  | Margaret    |
| 14   | Anita  | Elaine      |
| 21   | Bill   | Margaret    |
| 28   | Norman | Elaine      |

### Holme St Cuthbert

| Date | Reader |
|------|--------|
| 07   | Helen  |
| 14   | Lynda  |
| 21   | Rosie  |
| 28   | Brian  |

### Kirkbride

| Date | Sidesperson | Flowers         | Church Cleaning |
|------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 07   | S Sowerby   | Mrs A<br>Little | Mrs K<br>Norden |
| 14   | L Beattie   |                 |                 |
| 21   | S Harrop    | Mrs L           | Mrs L           |
| 28   | J Jefferson | Beattie         | Beattie         |

### Newton Arlosh

| Date | Sidesperson | Flowers   | Church Cleaning |
|------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 07   | S King      | R Pinguey | H Graham        |
| 14   | W Bell      |           |                 |
| 21   | R Pinguey   |           |                 |

## CHURCH ROTAS

### Silloth

| Date | Sidesperson | Reader              | Flowers |
|------|-------------|---------------------|---------|
| 07   | J Oliver    | J Oliver            |         |
| 14   | F Jackson   | A Rothwell & M Kent |         |
| 21   | M Graham    | J Oliver & M Graham |         |
| 28   | J Oliver    | M Kent & A Rothwell |         |

### Westnewton

| Date | Warden      | Sidesperson    | Flowers          | Church Cleaning                |
|------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 07   | Mrs Young   | Mrs Walker     | Church Committee | Church<br>Committee<br>Members |
| 14   | Mrs Hodgson | Mr Wardle      | Mrs              |                                |
| 21   | Mrs Young   | Mrs Szandurski | Hodgson          |                                |
| 28   | Mrs Hodgson | Mrs Launchbury | Mrs Launchbury   |                                |

## PARISH REGISTER

|                          |          |                  | <u><i>Baptism</i></u>  |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| <u>Abbeystown</u>        |          |                  |  |
| Sadie Grace Walkinshaw   | 25/02/24 | Canon B Rothwell |  |
| <u>Silloth</u>           |          |                  |  |
| Sophie Louise Harrison   | 03/03/24 | Canon B Rothwell |  |
|                          |          |                  | <u><i>Wedding</i></u>  |
| <u>Abbeystown</u>        |          |                  |  |
| Ashley Sharp & Laura Sim | 02/03/24 | Canon B Rothwell |  |
|                          |          |                  | <u><i>Funeral</i></u>  |
| <u>Abbeystown</u>        |          |                  |  |
| Donald Graham            | 20/02/24 | Canon B Rothwell |  |
| <u>Silloth</u>           |          |                  |  |
| Ivan Lomas               | 01/03/24 | Canon B Rothwell |  |
| Joanne Chambers          | 06/03/24 | Revd C Noghiu    |  |
| <u>Westnewton</u>        |          |                  |  |
| Ernest Graham            | 08/03/24 | Canon B Rothwell |  |
| <u>Crematorium</u>       |          |                  |  |
| Veronica Satterthwaite   | 07/03/24 | Mr T Barker      |  |

## **SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS**

### **Prayer line**

As part of our parish prayer life we would like to hear prayer requests either for yourself or for those you know who need prayer. We will then pray for them in the monthly healing service and in our own prayer time. There are two ways to pass prayer requests to the team. You can either call Francesc McIntyre on 07967376356

or email [prayer@solwayplainchurches.org.uk](mailto:prayer@solwayplainchurches.org.uk)

All we need is a name and a brief description of what we are to pray for, we do not need much detail, if God knows when a sparrow falls to the ground he knows what we are all going through and how to help. If the request is for someone else please check with them that they are happy for you to pass their name on for prayer

### **Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meetings for the Parish of the Solway Plain will take place on Sunday 19th May. We will be holding a United Service at 10.00am in Holme St Cuthbert Church. The Annual Meetings will take place in the Church following the service at 11.00am.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will elect churchwardens for the parish churches of Christ Church Silloth, Holme St Cuthbert, Holme Cultram Abbey, St Matthew's Church Westnewton, St John's Newton Arlosh & St Bride's Kirkbride, and deputy churchwardens for St Mungo's Bromfield

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will elect the Parochial Church Council. There will be three members elected to the PCC from each church – which will include at least one churchwarden (or deputy) from each church to serve on the PCC alongside clergy, reader and licensed lay workers.

The seven churches of the Solway Plain parish each have their own local committee which looks after the day-to-day aspects of the church's life. If you would be interested in joining one of the committees, please have a word with us.

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll will be updated in preparation for the Annual Meetings. Forms are available in the churches and from electoral roll officers. The rolls need to be updated by 1st May, so please ensure any new forms are returned as soon as possible, the updated roll will be published by 4th May.

## SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS

### **SOLWAY MISSION COMMUNITY**

#### **MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Sunday April 21st 2024 at 3pm  
in Christ Church, Silloth CA7 4DA

All friends from Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria and the associated churches are invited to come together each month and offer united praise and intercession for the great issues of the world or for particular private cares.

For information please contact

Alan Fearon 016973 42454 or Tim Barker 016973 31246

### **SOULWAY - THE GATHERING**

Sunday April 28th at 4pm  
in Aspatria Rugby Club

The monthly Mission Community "Gathering" at Aspatria Rugby club is now called Soulway.

Soulway is an informal worship time with contemporary music at 4pm on the 4th Sunday of each month, especially hoping to create a space into which people who aren't used to traditional forms of church will feel welcome. Regular churchgoers will love it too but try and bring a friend. Plus cake. For more information contact Rev Matt Richards 07937041517

# Men's Breakfast

**First Saturday of every month**

**9:00 - 10:15**  
**Christ Church, Silloth**

**Cooked breakfast  
and speaker**

Suggested donation £5  
(no obligation)

For booking message  
Franny Mac on:  
07967376356  
or [frannymac55@gmail.com](mailto:frannymac55@gmail.com)



## **ABBEYTOWN NEWS**

### **Monthly Munch**

Our Monthly Munch will be on Thursday 4 April 2024

We will be having Beef Stew &  
Crumble and Custard .

Takeaway £7.00 – collection from 11.30am

Eat in £8.00 (includes tea/coffee) between 12pm – 1pm

There will be a raffle too!

For more information or alternative options,

please contact Brenda – 016973 61224 or Anita – 016973 61113.

## **BROMFIELD NEWS**

### **Bromfield News**

Thanks to all those people who attended our Big Breakfast event at Blencogo Village Hall. Although numbers were slightly down on last year's, we still managed to make £501 before expenses. Congratulations to all those who won raffle prizes and a big thank you to all those that provided the prizes. Tony Harrison Butchers provided the meat provisions, they were excellent, as usual.

Our next event is a Craft Fair/Car Boot/ Bric-a-brac table top sale. The venue has yet to be decided, but if you are interested in booking a table then please contact Shirley on 07592 031263. It will be held on either May 11th or May 18th, open to the public from 10am until 4pm. Refreshments will be available all day. Tables will cost £10.

Don't forget if you wish to book a table, then get in early as numbers are limited.

Bonus ball payments were due in January, if you have not yet paid, please arrange to do so immediately. If you do not pay by the second quarter, your number will be re-issued. We have people waiting for numbers.

### **St. Mungo's Table Top Sale**

Interested in selling your craft items, your unwanted items or your bric-a-brac?

Then book a table at our Table Top sale.

Date will be May 11th or May 18th, from 10am-4pm,  
venue to be confirmed.

Tables cost £10 – Booking essential as number of tables will be limited

Refreshments will be available all day

Ring Shirley on 07592 031263 to book or make further enquiries

## **BROMFIELD NEWS**

### **Bonus Ball Winners**

| DATE | NUMBER | WINNER       | AMOUNT |
|------|--------|--------------|--------|
| 3rd  | 46     | I Brough     | £30    |
| 10th | 34     | J Ferguson   | £30    |
| 17th | 43     | G Atkinson   | £30    |
| 24th | 28     | Not paid out |        |

### **BLENCOGO VILLAGE HALL**

#### **6th Harry Douglas Memorial Quiz**

Over 60 attended to test their 'little grey cells' for a night of quizzing – who knew that Vincent Van Gogh only sold one painting during his lifetime?. It was good to see many new faces amongst the 'regulars'. The winners succeeded by a single point and a lot of fun was had by all. Thanks to Liz Cozens and the team for the providing an excellent meal. Over £500 was raised for Village Hall Funds.

As many of you may already know we have an amazing opportunity to purchase Blencogo Village Hall from the Diocese of Carlisle. The Village Hall committee is very keen that we make this happen. At present the rent on the hall costs around 10% of the hall's annual income. If we can purchase the hall then we can save that money and invest it in the community and in the hall's future. That money would help us to build up a resilience fund for the hall and it would help us to put on more community events without having to worry about breaking even every time. Purchasing the hall would also free up more grant application avenues in the future and make applying for grants simpler. This in turn would help us to look at making improvements to the hall such as solar panels, new heating sources etc all of which will help the hall to become more environmentally friendly but also help us to cut costs, further protecting the future of the hall. The Hall is one of only two community assets left within Bromfield Parish, the other being the excellent Grey Hound Inn. We're determined to do everything we can to ensure the future of this important asset and we feel that the best way to do that is through the Village Hall Charity owning the Hall. Please do consider helping us out. If every household in the parish could donate £100 over the next twelve months that would be almost half of the purchase price. If you can support our fundraising events please do so you'll find details of two in this month's parish magazine. If you can give some time to help raise money or help organise events, even if it's just a one off then please do get in touch via [blencogovh@gmail.com](mailto:blencogovh@gmail.com)

Many thanks,  
Blencogo Village Hall Committee

**BROMFIELD NEWS**

★★★★★ **BLENCOGO VILLAGE HALL** ★★★★★

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DANCE**



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**TICKETS  
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DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM**



# CURRY NIGHT

*Saturday 18th May 2024  
at 19:00*

**Blencogo Village Hall  
Bring your own drink**

**£20.00**

Tickets include starter, main and pudding  
just

**Booking essential**  
Contact Shiona on 07828 075981/016973 61017  
no later than the 11th May 2022

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## HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS

### MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL



Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm

Entrance £2 per person

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own refreshments and glasses

#### **Club Dates**

Pool

2nd, 16th & 30th April

7pm—9pm



Craft & Chat

10th & 24th April

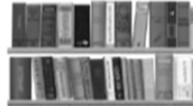
2pm—4 pm



Book & Jigsaw Exchange

4th & 18th April

3.30 pm —4.30 pm



#### 100 Club

#### The winning numbers for

#### February 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Prize No. 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No. 62

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No. 17

4<sup>th</sup> Prize No. 71

Joan Bell

Tim Riley

Jackie Strick

Brian Scott

**Just £12 per year to help church funds**

**Come on support your local church,  
with a chance to win, buy a number.**

**Contact Brian Bailey on: -01900 881 737 / 07542781234**

# MANBRAY VILLAGE HALL

## FILM CLUB

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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The film starts at 7pm**

The Village Hall invites you to join them at this month's feature film.

You can bring your own drinks & snacks.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Everyone must be a member

Lifetime Membership – Adult £5, Couple £8, Family £10

Entrance on the night Adult £3, Child £1.50

Contact Lynda - 01900 881 737 / 07926810074

## HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS

Holme St Cuthbert School currently has a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor to join the Governing Board. Governors offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects of a school.

This involves:

- Working with other board members to plan the school's strategic direction.
- Overseeing the school's financial performance, ensuring money is well-spent.
- Holding the headteacher/school leadership to account.

We would love to have someone from the local community on the board to challenge and support the school moving forward and continue to develop links with the community. If you are interested in the role and would like to know more, please contact school on 01900 881242.



## KIRKBRIDE NEWS

### **Church Prize Draw**

£20 J Hedworth  
£10 Pixie Simpson  
£5 Richard Scott

### **St Brides Hot Cross Bun Coffee Morning**

6th April 10am to 11.30am

in Kirkbride Institute Hall

£3.00 Includes Coffee & Hot Cross Bun

Quiz, Raffle, Cakes & Tombola

All Proceeds to St Brides Church

Please come along to support our church and have a catch up

### **Kirkbride village/church hall CRAFT CLUB**

Every Wednesday 1.30-3.30.

If you don't feel like crafting then come for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

A chance to meet new friends and share craft ideas, we'd love to see you.

For more information please ring Christine Smithson 016973 51686 or

Josephine Jefferson 016973 51843

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Every Friday 10.30-12.00

Come along for a chat and catch up with what's on across the Solway

Plain. A small friendly group are ready to make you welcome —just come

along. For more information please ring Christine Smithson 016973 51686 or Josephine Jefferson 016973 51843

# KIRKBRIDE NEWS

## The Croft Surgery Kirkbride

### **Staff update**

We are delighted to have welcomed two new registrars, bringing with them experience from working in other general practices and different clinical backgrounds. Dr Belema Osigbo and Dr Shweta Ajay will be here until August.

### **Triaging appointments**

As most patients are aware, the GPs have requested that our reception team ask for the reason for your appointment. This is to ensure all appointments are triaged and everyone is seen in the correct timeframe, and by the correct clinician.

All information given will always be treated in confidence

### **New Door**

A new electric opening front door has been installed

This has given us a wider opening into the building and once it is working properly will aid access for patients with mobility difficulties.

### **Extended Access for Appointments**

We can now book our patients in with nurses at Wigton hospital on Saturdays for many routine checks and tests. This service is helpful if you struggle to get to the practice Monday-Friday during our office hours. Ask our receptionist when you make a booking.

### **Questionnaires**

We are trying to update patient records; with the use of NHS approved digital systems. The most efficient way of gathering information we need for monitoring patient health is to use questionnaires- and these may be sent by text or email. If you receive a message from us asking for health information we'd be really grateful if you would reply. With over 3000 patients to care for it really helps us to get the information we require quickly and efficiently. Once your records are updated we can then offer appropriate services where they are needed.

### **Pharmacy First**

This is a new national NHS service which will run alongside the pharmacy minor ailments scheme. Many conditions do not require a GP to advise or treat.

The 7 conditions being triaged this way are

Sinusitis 12 years and older; Infected insect bites, 1 year and over;

earache (children 1-17 years; sore throat 5 years and over;

impetigo 1 year and over; shingles over 18 years only; UTI women 16-64 years

Our receptionists are trained to triage in this way and will ask about symptoms when you ring about appointments.

Pharmacists can prescribe or offer other treatment suggestions for a range of conditions and we can refer you to a pharmacist who can offer you an appointment when we might not have availability.

By using this system we can all help to make sure that a GP appointment is available for you when you really need it urgently.

### **Consult with your doctor online**

To miss the wait on the phones, you can now request an appointment on our website.

[www.kirkbridesurgery.org.uk](http://www.kirkbridesurgery.org.uk) .Your request will be triaged within 72 hours, and a member of the admin team or a GP will get back to you. This should not be used for any urgent Matters. You can scan this QR code with the camera on your phone to take you to the right place to leave your query!



## **KIRKBRIDE NEWS**

### **Kirkbride Bowling Club**

We would like to invite new and existing bowlers to our opening day on Sunday April 14th at 2 pm

If you have never bowled before, come and have a go.

We have plenty of bowls for you to use and our players will be only to pleased to help you.

For more information should you need it telephone me, Patricia McHugh on 016973 52144

Looking forward to meeting you!

## **NEWTON ARLOSH NEWS**

### **St John's Church Draw**

March Draw

|     |        |             |
|-----|--------|-------------|
| £20 | No 14  | Bob Farish  |
| £10 | No 63  | Summer Cash |
| £5  | No 136 | A Carruthe  |

### **Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Committee**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 30th April 2024

7pm held in Parish hall

We do need your help and input  
for entertainment for children and adults in our parish  
You will be most welcome to come to this meeting.

Thank you

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

MONDAY 29th APRIL 2024

Held in the Parish Hall

10.30am onwards

Please come along have Tea Coffee Scones ,  
Cakes and Biscuits and a chat

Meet your neighbours and friends, the turnout last time was very good  
but it would be great to see some new people  
we do ask for a donation

PLEASE COME A LONG AND SURPORT US

### **YOGA CLASS**

Any one interested coming to Yoga Classes

Held in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall

Every Thursday Evening 6 till 7 pm

Price would be Drop In £7 or 5 weeks @ £30

Please Contact Sammy

Tel 01697352611 Mobil 0785457507

## NEWTON ARLOSH NEWS

### **Solway Gardening Society**

Solway Gardening Society invite you to hear Kevin Preston talk about 'Growing Unusual Annuals' on Thursday 18th April 1930 at the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway.

Bored with Begonias? Sick of Salvias?

This is a welcome return visit from Kevin who will do a demonstration and introduce his unusual and high quality plants.

Bring new varieties and plant combinations to your plot and be the envy of your neighbourhood. A chance to buy plants not commonly available from an experienced and knowledgeable plantsman. Not a meeting to be missed.

Members free, visitors £5. Raffle with prizes. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes only £1.

Membership is £10 per year, if a visitor wishes to join after enjoying their evening it will only cost a further £5.

More information from our Secretary Fiona Watson; 07896018568 or [solwaygardeningociety@gmail.com](mailto:solwaygardeningociety@gmail.com) or [fiona-19@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona-19@hotmail.co.uk)



### **Port Carlisle Bowling Club**

Open again for outdoor bowling .

Welcome to new and old members or just come and try.

Saturday afternoons and Wednesday mornings

Find us on Facebook

[www.portcarlislebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.portcarlislebowlingclub.co.uk)

Telephone 01228 576398

## SILLOTH NEWS

### **EVENSONG IN CHRIST CHURCH**

Traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong will be celebrated

at Christ Church

on Sunday April 7th at 5pm .

Sung responses, psalms and canticles.

All are welcome.

### **Silloth Master Quiz Tim Barker's annual challenge**

The annual quiz presented by Tim Barker took place in Christ Church on March 8th with 16 teams competing. All seemed to enjoy the questions and the ample refreshments prepared by members of the church. Winners were the "Solway Babes" from the walking football group with runners-up "The Consonants". Rev Bryan Rothwell acted as compere and conducted the Raffle. £500 was contributed to church funds.



## SILLOTH NEWS

### **LIFEBOAT BICENTENARY**

A service was held in Christ Church Silloth on Sunday March 3rd to mark the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Margaret Gate, Chaplain of Silloth RNLI led the service and contributions were made by representatives of the lifeboat crew and the fund-raising committee. A specially moving moment was when Margaret read out Captain Chris Puxley's account of the disaster in 1956 when four volunteer firemen were drowned after responding to a report of people in trouble on Skinburness marsh.

## WAVERTON NEWS

### **Dundraw W.I**

6th February 2024

The president Lesley Evans welcomed twenty-five members and two guests, Jane and Caroline, to the February meeting.

Seating in the hall had been rearranged to accommodate our growing membership.

Items from the County News were read out and discussed. Anyone with recipes for the proposed new WI recipe book to pass these to Glynis.

A vote was taken on a venue for our 98th birthday party lunch. It was decided to hold it on Tuesday 21st May at Wheyryg Hall.

Our Meeting in June will be a 'Crafting experience' more details at the March meeting when members will be asked to sign up for the different crafts on offer. Materials to be provided free of cost.

The next book group meeting will be on Wednesday 21st February at 2pm in the small meeting room in Blencogo Village Hall.

The lunch group will meet on Wednesday 28th February at John's Place 12pm.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Beth Garrett an Infant loss counsellor. Beth decided to train to be a counsellor when a friend had two neonatal losses and she felt inadequate to support her in an effective way. After training as a Counsellor, she set up Labyrinth Counselling.....because life isn't always lived in a straight line. Her talk touched us all as most of us had experienced such losses if not in our own lives, then that of family or friends.

She was thanked by Mary Howe.

Beth judged the competitions. Jane Launchbury won the competition for a baby photo. Marjorie Gibson came second.

Flower of the month was won by Lilian Gordon; Mary Howe came second.

The raffle was won by Jane Chester.

Tea and chat concluded the meeting

## WESTNEWTON NEWS

### **VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

March winners  
£20 J Boyes,  
£10 G Walker,  
£5 C Akitt

### **BIBLE CRACK**

Monday 8th April & Monday 29th April  
7-30pm @ Midtown House Westnewton

### **Dominos in the Village Hall**

Proceeds to St Matthews Church  
Saturday afternoons at 1-30pm  
£3 to play

For information contact Martha 20944 or Shiela 21073

Why not come along and give it a go,  
we are always looking for more people to play.

# SOUP LUNCH

## Saturday 20th April



## Venue: Village Hall

## Time: 12-2

## Admission £5

## WESTNEWTON NEWS

### **From the Library**

A great little book entitled ' With you every step of the way '. It is a celebration of friendship by Rob Burrows and Kevin Sinfield. It is a story of true friendship shown by Kevin Sinfield to his friend Rob Burrows who suffers from Motor Neurone Disease.

On every page there is a drawing and a quote about friendship. There is nothing more important than true friends..

### **From the sales table**

£100 to the Childrens Hospice.

### **Winners of the fruit cake raffle**

Lesley Evans, Dianne Younghusband, Catherine Dibb.  
£67 raised for Church Funds.

