

# **LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM**

## Change and Innovation

Well I have to start somewhere so here goes:

The first successful powered flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft was on December 17, 1903, by Orville Wright in the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The flight lasted 12 seconds, covered 120 feet, and reached a top speed of 6.8 miles per hour. Since this epic event in history the world has changed in all sorts of ways. In all walks of life we have seen vast changes.

The fastest flight from New York to London was made by the Concorde on February 7, 1996, when it completed the journey in 2 hours, 52 minutes, and 59 seconds. The Concorde was the first and last commercial supersonic passenger jet, and it could fly at more than twice the speed of sound. Humans have walked on the Moon. The internet was created. The Church too has seen some important changes.

When I first worked as a photographer taking wedding and portrait photography I was still using film. I remember well, waiting with trepidation and anxiety, for the results to come back from the photographic laboratory to see what they were like. Happily, there were no major problems; then came the digital age. I remember with equal anxiety the first wedding I photographed with my new digital camera. In those days the memory cards were not as reliable as they are now. Some of the early ones had tiny revolving discs inside them. There were reports of some failures and images being 'lost' using these. A laptop computer was the answer downloading the pictures as soon as possible before coming away from the reception! The most important change at that time was the fact that I was able to see what the photos were like as soon as I took them, something that we are all familiar with today. Back then it was a revelation, even a mindset change. Fast forward to today and another change is taking place and one which is very worrying: Artificial intelligence. In some cases AI means that we cannot believe what we see any more. This is true with still and movie photography. At first it was easy to see what was real and what was fake, but it is getting harder to detect, which makes the future more than a bit uncertain.

Not all changes are for the better. When it comes to changes in the church we have seen over the not too distant past, a move away from the Book of Common Prayer (Still the official prayer book of the Church of England) to what was known as Series One, Two and Three. They were forerunners of the Alternative Service Book. Now we have a book called Common Worship.

These changes were designed to bring the language of the church into modern times. As with all walks of life the church faces other changes too, some would say that it is 'change for change sake' others maintain that we need to adapt to the times. Not all changes in the church are popular or even necessary, but change does happen and thankfully its usually by majority vote in the churches governing body, General Synod.

Synod has faced some very difficult challenges over the past few years which threaten to split the church. Change will come and as usual not everyone will be happy. Our task is to remain faithful and to pray for the church, and for each other.

Malcolm Stilwell

## SOLWAY PLAIN PARISH SERVICES DEC

Date	Time	Service	Church	Leader	Readings
2 <sup>nd</sup> February  Presentation of Christ in the Temple  Candlemas	8.00am	HC	Silloth	BR	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40
	9.00am	FS	Westnewton	CN	
	9.30am	HC	Holme St Cuthbert	GR	
	9.30am	FS	Bromfield	TB	
	10.30am	FS	Holme Cultram	CN	
	10.45am	HC	Newton Arlosh	BR	
	11.00am	FS	Silloth	TB	
	2.30pm	Christingle	Kirkbride	BR	
	4.00pm	Evensong	Silloth	TB	White
9 <sup>th</sup> February  4 before Lent	9.00am	HC	Westnewton	GR	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11
	9.30am	FS	Holme St Cuthbert	RB	
	9.30am	HC	Bromfield	MS	
	9.30am	MP	Kirkbride	TB	
	10.30am	HC	Holme Cultram	GR	
	10.45am	MP	Newton Arlosh	TB	
	11.00am	HC	Silloth	MS	Green
16 <sup>th</sup> February  3 before Lent	9.00am	MP	Westnewton	TB	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26
	9.30am	HC	Holme St Cuthbert	BR	
	9.30am	MP	Bromfield	FMcl	
	9.30am	HC	Kirkbride	MS	
	10.30am	MP	Holme Cultram	TB	
	10.45am	HC	Newton Arlosh	MS	
	11.00am	MP	Silloth	BR	
	4.00pm	Healing	Kirkbride	JJ	Green
23 <sup>rd</sup> February  2 before Lent	9.00am	HC	Westnewton	MS	Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22-25
	9.30am	MP	Holme St Cuthbert	TB	
	9.30am	HC	Bromfield	CN	
	9.30am	MP	Kirkbride	BR	
	10.30am	HC	Holme Cultram	MS	
	11.00am	HC	Silloth	CN	Green

For Clergy names see Churches information at front of magazine

### **Healing service**

Our next healing services will be on Sunday 16th February in St Bride's, Kirkbride 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 DEC**

### **Bromfield**

Date	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
02	Miss Wilson		PCC TEAM
09			
16			
23			

### **Holme Cultram Abbey**

Date	Reader	Sidesperson
02	Jane	Margaret
09	Anita	Elaine
16	Bill	Margaret
23	Norman	Elaine

### **Holme St Cuthbert**

Date	Reader
02	Helen
09	Lynda
16	Rosie
23	Brian

### **Kirkbride**

Date	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
02	S Sowerby	Mrs M Little	Mrs A Little
09	L Beattie		
16	S Harrop	Mrs C Smithson	Mrs R Baird Hodgson
23	J Jefferson		

### **Newton Arlosh**

Date	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
02	S King	E Bell	E Bell
09	R Pinguey		
16	I King		

## **CHURCH ROTAS**


### **Silloth**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
02	J Oliver	J Oliver	
09	M Graham	M Harrison & M Kent	
16	F Jackson	M Graham & A Rothwell	
23	J Oliver	M Kent & M Harrison	

### **Westnewton**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Warden</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>
02	Mrs Hodgson	Mrs Szandurski	Mrs I	Church Committee Members
09	Mrs Young	Mrs Walker	Ayres	
16	Mrs Hodgson	Mr Wardle	Mrs Walker	
23	Mrs Young	Mrs Launchbury	Church Committee	

## **PARISH REGISTER**

<u><b>Funeral</b></u>			
<u><b>Abbeytown</b></u>			
Jean Bowe	27/11/24	Canon B Rothwell	
<u><b>Silloth</b></u>			
Daniel (Danny) Baxter	03/01/25	Mrs M Gate	
Alexander Ian Ramsay	08/01/25	Mrs M Gate	

## **SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS**

### **MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Members of all churches in the Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria area are invited to share in times of united prayer - for the world, for our neighbours, for anything God has laid on our hearts.

We aim to meet about once a month visiting a different church of the Mission Community each time. Dates and venue are flexible so please look out for details or call Alan Fearon 016973 42454 or Tim Barker 07825 954611

### **SOULWAY - THE GATHERING**

in Aspatria Rugby Club  
Fourth Sunday of each month at 4pm  
informal worship time with contemporary music,  
try and bring a friend.  
Plus cake.

For more information contact Rev Matt Richards 07937041517

## **SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS**

### **Men's Breakfast**

#### **First Saturday of every month**

9.00 - 10.15

Christ Church Silloth

Cooked breakfast and speaker  
suggested donation £5  
(no obligation)

Please let us know in advance  
if you are coming

For booking;  
message Francess on 07967376356 or  
frannymac55@gmail.com



## **ABBEYTOWN NEWS**

### **Cash Draw Winners**

#### **November 2024**

1st	£30	N Fulton	50
2nd	£20	J Jefferson	110
3rd	£10	N Bell	42

#### **December 2024 (Double winnings)**

1st	£60	K McDonagh	33
2nd	£30	M Hurst	5
3rd	£20	S Turnbull	75

### **Holme Cultram Abbey Monthly Munch**

Thursday 6th February 2025

At Holme Cultram Abbey

This month we will be having :- Beef Stew and Rice Pudding  
(alternative option available please ask)

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

Takeaway: £7.00 collection from 11.30am  
(local delivery available please let us know when ordering)

To book/order or for more information please contact:

Brenda - 016973 61224 or Anita - 016973 61113

Please support us if you can.

### **Holme Cultram Abbey Events in 2025**

Dalston Male Voice Choir & Gala Trio – Sunday 27th April 2025 at 2.30pm

Strawberry Teas – Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July 2025

Brampton Chamber Choir – Sunday 20th July at 7.30pm 2025

Christmas Fayre – 15th & 16th November 2025

Christmas Dinner – Takeaway's Wednesday 3rd December and Eat in  
Thursday 4th December 2025

## **ABBEYTOWN NEWS**

### **Holme Cultram Abbey Christmas Dinner**

On Thursday 5th December Holme Cultram Abbey held their annual Christmas Munch Lunch in the Abbey with takeaway Christmas dinners being served on Wednesday 4th December. We prepared approximately 80 takeaways and 96 seated meals (we lost count of how many meals we actually supplied plus all our volunteers enjoyed a meal afterwards too!!)

The meal began with Grace being sang by all. It was lovely to see so many people from near and far and the atmosphere was lovely as everyone enjoyed a meal together. After the meal we sang a carol being played and led by Revd Canon Bryan Rothwell on the organ, finished off with a raffle.

A fabulous total of £2,851.00 was raised from all the meals and a raffle. Thank you to all those who supported and generously donated towards this delicious Christmas Munch and made it such a successful event.

Thank you also to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to prepare and serve all the meals we couldn't have done it without them. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

### **Holme Cultram Abbey Christmas Fayre**

On Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November we held our annual Christmas Fayre. The Abbey was filled with a festive atmosphere and 21 stalls made up of local crafters and small businesses, where people enjoyed some Christmas shopping and some tasty homemade treats, washed down with a warm cuppa or mulled wine. We also had a special visitor all the way from the North Pole whose reindeers waited patiently on the roof while Santa listened carefully to all the children's requests for Christmas Day with the help of his Elves Sophie and Abbie. The children left with a little treat and Santa had a very long list of presents to deliver!





We all had an amazing weekend and special thanks go to all our lovely stall holders, everyone who supported us and to all our fantastic volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the weekend such a success.

Thank you also to both our Christmas cake raffle and main raffle winners, there were just too many prize winners to list individually!

We are pleased to announce that we raised an incredible £5,095.42 which will go towards the continued running and restoration of the Abbey.

We hope to see everyone next year!

## ABBEYTOWN NEWS



**Abbey  
Tots**

**Tuesdays**  
(term time only)

**10.00am - 11.30am**  
at Holme Cultram Abbey

a great place for adults to meet and chat over a  
cuppa while their babies/toddlers play.

Donations towards refreshments  
each session would be greatly appreciated

**All welcome**  
(this includes mams, dads, grandparents, aunts,  
uncles and friends etc)

## **A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL**

In and around the communities  
of Holme St Cuthbert  
and Holme Cultram  
for your support with  
the Carol Singing and Christingles

You raised a whopping  
**£535:00**



## **BROMFIELD NEWS**

### **Bromfield News**

A reminder that Parish Magazine subscriptions are due and should be paid to your delivery agent as soon as possible. Costs are £5 per year for 10 magazines. Your prompt payment would be much appreciated.

It seems a long while since our last magazine and we have held a very successful Bingo evening in the Greyhound Inn, Bromfield. Tony and Liz Harrison hosted the evening and supplied the pie and peas supper, a raffle prize and an auction item. They also hosted our Carols in the Pub evening again supplying their delicious pie and peas. The winner and runner up of our Christmas quiz was also drawn with both prizes going to Wigton entrants. We are very grateful to Tony and Liz for being such fantastic hosts and bringing the community together. We raised just shy of £850 from the events. We also held a Table Top sale in Waverton Village Hall raising over £200. Thanks to all stall holders who booked with us. Numbers were low, we could have done with more customers. It was disappointing but we will be holding another sale in the summer.

Westnewton Pre-school held a beautiful Nativity in the church, attended by many villagers and their families. Hot mulled wines and mince pies served after the service slipped down a treat. A great afternoon for all those attending, especially now that the boiler is working again with the church being cosy and warm.

Please come along and join us at any of our events, it would be good to see you.

Bonus ball payments were due January 1st, prompt payment would be much appreciated. Good luck to all bonus ball holders. As of now we have no spare numbers but if you wish to have a number then check with us, we may have people not renewing their subscription.

Although late, we wish a very Happy New Year to each and everyone.

### **Bonus Ball Winners**

#### **November**

DATE	NUMBER	WINNER	AMOUNT
2	34	J. Ferguson	£30
9	18	P. Sewell	£30
16	41	L. Brown	£30
23	56	P. Reid	£30
30	17	J. Wilson	£30

#### **December**

DATE	NUMBER	WINNER	AMOUNT
7	18	P. Sewell	£30
14	3	J. Horsley	£30
21	8	S. Roberts	£30
28	55	D. Luft	£30



## **BROMFIELD NEWS**

### **Blencogo Village Hall Annual Harry Douglas Memorial Quiz Night**



The seventh Harry Douglas memorial quiz night will be on Saturday 8th February 2025 – 7pm. Tickets are £10 which will include a pie and pea supper. Please contact Liz for details - 016973 61114

### **Community Purchase of Blencogo Village Hall Fundraising update.**

Unfortunately, the Community Ownership Fund (application over £70k) was closed by the new Government just before Christmas 2024. We are continuing to look for other grant sources. We have now been given the new rental figure by the Diocese of Carlisle (our landlord) which will increase our costs by £4,000 p.a. Whilst lower than anticipated, we would still have a full repairing lease and it means that the Hall would run at an unsustainable annual loss. Negotiations with the Diocese are on-going regarding a new lease from February 2025. It has been really encouraging to see so many of our community & local businesses offering financial pledges of support. The figure as of 1st January 2025 is approx. £27,500. Originally the total amount we hoped to raise within the local community was a minimum of £25,000 but we are now aiming for £35,000. The more money that is raised locally the better we score in all grant applications. By the time you read this we will have drawn the large raffle the proceeds of which will also go towards the purchase. A big thank you to all of you who have supported the Village Hall so far either by writing a letter of support or making a financial pledge. In particular, the Garden Club who in November supported the fundraising effort with an evening of Bingo, raising over £800 towards the purchase of the Hall.

If you feel you can help (with either a letter or a pledge) please contact us via:

E-mail - [info@blencogo.com](mailto:info@blencogo.com)

Village Hall website - <https://www.blencogo.com/>

Write to - Blencogo Village Hall, Blencogo, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 0BZ

Or call Adrian – 016973 61114

### **Blencogo & District Garden Club**

Blencogo and District Garden club would like to give a big thank you to everyone who supported our Bingo night in aid of funds towards the purchase of the Village Hall.

Special thanks to our amazing members for their support and help and to everyone who came along on the night and donated prizes and cakes. Which meant all money raised went into the fund £727, plus a £100 which was raised during garden club meetings making £827.

A great time was had by all.

We look forward to meeting up in the New year

## **BROMFIELDS NEWS**

# **The Big Breakfast Brunch**

Blencogo Village Hall

Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>

10 am – 1 pm



**Adults £10**

Full English breakfast with tea & coffee

**Children £5**

Contact Shirley 07592031263 to book a place.



All funds go to St. Mungo's Church

## **BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Summary of the Meeting held at Blencogo Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th November, 2024. Present: Cllrs. J. Clark, R. Davison (Chair), S. Lunken and M. Underwood. Also present K. Thurlow, Matters discussed included: Planning: Applications Received – FUL/2024/0208 - Blencogo House, Blencogo - Proposed dismantling of steel frame lean to and construct a roof over an existing livestock handling area. HOU/2024/0152 - Tamsin House, Blencogo - First floor extension. FUL/2024/0214 - Blencogo House, Minor Road from The Green To Bramble Lane, Blencogo - Proposed roof extension to existing cattle loose house. Decisions: FUL/2024/0153 - Goose Green Farm, Crookdake - Demolition of existing farmhouse and outbuildings and the erection of a new dwelling - GRANTED. FUL/2024/0208 - Blencogo House, Blencogo - Proposed dismantling of steel frame lean to and construct a roof over an existing livestock handling area – GRANTED. FUL/2024/0214 - Blencogo House, Minor Road From The Green To Bramble Lane, Blencogo - Proposed roof extension to existing cattle loose house. – GRANTED. Noise Nuisance – Dog Barking - A parishioner had raised an issue with a dog constantly barking. The issue had been raised with Environmental Services at Cumberland Council. Budget 2025-26 - Members considered the anticipated expenditure for financial year 2025-26. It was resolved that the precept would remain unchanged at £6500.00. Vacancies – There are vacancies on the council. Anyone who has an interest in the community and would like to be considered for co-option onto the parish council please contact the Clerk for further information. Date of next meeting: Thursday 30th January, 2025 - 7.30pm Committee Room, Blencogo Village Hall.

## **HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS**

### **MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL**



Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm

Entrance £2 per person

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own refreshments and glasses

Contact Lynda: 01900 881737

### **Club Dates**

Pool

4th & 18th February

4th & 18th March

7pm—9pm



Craft & Chat

12th & 26th February

12th & 26th March

2pm—4 pm



Book & Jigsaw Exchange

7th & 21st February

7th & 21st March

3.30 pm —4.30 pm



### **HOLME ST CUTHBERT 100 CLUB**

**Members of the 100 Club, your subscription for 2025 is now due.**

**For those of you that have not joined yet, now is your opportunity to pick a number to be in with a chance to win one of the monthly prizes and support your local church.**

**It is £12 per year per number payable in advance, have as many numbers as you want, not many left.**

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

**Alternatively, you can pay online –**

**Holme St Cuthbert P.C.C. 16-52-21 52388263**

## HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS

### **MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL** **FILM CLUB**



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**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

## **CLASSIC SONGS & ANTHEMS** **FROM THE WORLD OF POP & ROCK** **WITH** **JONI** **& THE SOUND MACHINE**



**APPEARING AT CULTERHAM HALL MAWBRAY**

**FEBRUARY 28TH AT 7.30PM (DOOR AT 7)**

**ADMISSION £7 (£6 ADVANCE TICKET CALL 07812798294)**

**BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE & BUNS!**

## **HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS**

### **100 Club**

#### **The winning numbers for**

#### **November 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize No. 30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No. 29**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No. 80**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize No. 18**

**John Pearson**

**Margaret Thompson**

**Jean Howes**

**Peggie Richardson**

#### **December 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize No. 48**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No. 52**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No. 76**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize No. 25**

**Geoff Watson**

**Diane Byers**

**Linda Housby**

**Tim Riley**

**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**

## **KIRKBRIDE NEWS**

### **Monthly Draw**

Month	NO	1st £20	NO	2nd £10	NO	3rd £5
November	210	Ann fox	42	Sheila Lacy	86	Sophia Cowley
December	198	Len Bewley	40	Dorothy Hodgson	165	Josephine Jefferson
January	122	Michelle Neaves	44	Susan Stamper	153	Gillian Sunega

### **Glasgow Shopping Trip**

Thank you to Martin & Irene for arranging a bus trip to Glasgow, we had an interesting journey due to the snowy weather we encountered once we got over the border ! But we were in very safe hands with careful bus driver. A quiz and raffle entertained us while we travelled and everyone enjoyed their day in a very cold and wet Glasgow.  
£170 was raised for St Brides Church

### **Kirkbride Institute Hall**

Thank you to all who came to support the fundraising event for the hall, on Saturday 30th November. Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes, tombola prizes, mince pies & scones. A much needed £350 was raised for village hall. A Fantastic amount! Thank you!

## **KIRKBRIDE NEWS**

### **Magazine 2025**

The annual subscription of £5 is due now, it will be collected by the person who delivers your magazine or you can pay it direct into our bank account: Kirkbride PCC

Sort code 16-52-21 Account no: 53943039

### **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

## **NEWTON ARLOSH NEWS**

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

December 2024

£20	No 68	Mrs J Armstrong
£10	No 100	Eileen Bell
£5	No 138	Heidi Graham

January 2025

£20	No110	Luke Taylor
£10	No 24	Chris Andrews
£5	No 32	Gwen Hopkinson

### **St John's Church Newton Arlosh Payment for Magazine**

Annual Subs of £5 are Due for the magazine

We will be collecting this with your delivery of the February Magazine.

Thank You

### **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**

### **Newton Arlosh Parish Hall COFFEE MORNING**

Monday 24th February 2025  
10.30am till noon

Please come along and meet some new friends  
Tea Coffee scones and cakes will be served to you.  
We do ask for a donation to help with the cost.  
There will be a magazine or books to swop shop  
you bring one and you can take one home .

**ALL WELCOME**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Committee  
**EASTER BINGO and RAFFLE**  
Friday 11th APRIL 2025  
More Details next month.

### **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



### **Solway Gardening Society Event**

20th February 2025

**Mr McGregor comes  
to Visit.**

**Thursday 20th February  
2025 at 7:30pm**

**Newton Arlosh  
Parish Hall**



Lingholm Gardens at Portinscale, which inspired Beatrix Potter's tale of Peter Rabbit have been restored and revitalised to beautiful effect. Ken Swift, the current Mr McGregor, is going to show us how the garden were brought back to productive life.

*Admission £5, Solway Gardening Society members are FREE.*

*You can become a member of the society for only £10 for a full year. Contact Fiona Watson, Secretary for more information 07896018568 or [solwaygardeningociety@gmail.com](mailto:solwaygardeningociety@gmail.com)*

## **SILLOTH NEWS**

### **EVENSONG IN CHRIST CHURCH**

During the dark winter evenings, traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong will be celebrated at Christ Church on the first Sunday of each month at 4 pm. Sung responses, psalms and canticles. All are welcome.

### **SILLOTH MASTER QUIZ**

Presented by Tim Barker

Friday March 28th @ 7pm Christ Church, Criffell St

Teams of up to four (£24 per team)  
supporters/spectators (entrance £2.00)

Refreshments and raffle

booking in advance is helpful (Call Tim 31246) but entry on the night is OK.



## **WAVERTON NEWS**

### **Dundraw WI**

3rd December 2024

The president welcomed twenty-five members to our AGM.

The festive room and decorated tables were attractive and welcoming on a cold day. We began with lunch of pie and peas followed by Christmas treats provided by members. Janet Stukins gave a warm thank you to everyone who had worked hard and contributed so generously to make such an enjoyable lunch. This was followed by the AGM. The treasurer, secretary and president gave their reports.

Dundraw WI are in a sound financial position and have a growing membership. The president thanked the officers and members for their hard work, loyalty and support. All of the officers were willing to bravely continue in their roles. The book club and lunch club are thriving and have seen an increase in uptake during the year.

Lesley read out the new County Chairman's letter from the County News.

The increase in the membership fee for next year was discussed.

The vice president Helen Daly outlined the format our 2024 programme would take, we all look forward to finding out what will be going on next year. Dawn Eyre told us about the course that the CCFWI hoped to run at Higham Hall this coming year. Details to follow.

Dundraw WI will celebrate their 100th birthday on Wednesday 12 February 2025. A lunch is planned in Blencogo Village Hall on this date. A menu was circulated for members to make their choices.

There will be no lunch club this month.

The book club meet on 11th December to discuss their latest read and enjoy a Christmas buffet.

Members are looking forward to the Christmas lunch at Wheyrigg next week. The first meeting of 2025 will be held on January 7th when local author Dr John Little will talk about his life and work.



# **WAVERTON NEWS**

## **Dundraw WI**

7 January 2025

The president Lesley Evans welcomed twenty-two members to the first meeting of the New Year.

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Eileen Robertson who had been a valued WI member for many years.

Items from the County News were discussed.

A letter was read out from CCFWI Chairman Kathleen Bowron accepting the invitation to Dundraw's 100th Anniversary celebration to be held on Wednesday 12 February.

Hene Daley offered to be a delegate at the 2025 AGM which will be held by Zoom. Jane Launchbury will be a reserve.

The book club will meet on Wednesday 15th January.

Names were taken for the lunch club to be held at the Golf Hotel, Sillioth on Wednesday 29th January.

The president welcomed local history author Dr John Little who gave us a fascinating talk on the 'quiet revolution' that took place in women's lives during WW1 and took us from lives restricted by Victorian values to the recognisable modern women contributing in previously unimaginable ways to the war effort.

Overcoming the initial reluctance of the men in charge, our foremothers made munitions, drove ambulances, nursed the wounded, chopped down trees, fixed automobiles and kept the factories going. They became WRNS, WRAFS and police officers and even spies embracing the freedoms economic independence gave them.

Even though the subject matter of John's talk was serious he entertained us with anecdotes (including appropriate accents) and the aptly titled song 'The March of the Women' by Ethel Smyth and ends with the lines to meet the approval of the WI:

"March, march, many as one,  
Shoulder to shoulder and friend to friend"

John's wife judged the competitions.

Winners of the competition for an unusual item of garden equipment were first Eileen Bell, second Helen Daley

The flower competition was won by Lilian, Lesley came second.

Martha won the raffle.

Tea was served by Olga and Lilian to conclude the meeting

## **WESTNEWTON NEWS**

### **VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

December

£100 S SIM, £50 E Fisher, £25 C King, £10 J Scott

Westnewton Village Hall 100 club have a few numbers available.

£12 a number for the year with monthly prizes.

If you would like to take a number please

contact Sheila 21073 or Martha 20944.

The 100 club is our main fundraiser for the Village Hall, please support.

Weekly Dominos in the Village Hall

Saturdays @ 1-30.

£3 entry with funds raised for St Matthews Church

No booking needed, just turn up and enjoy a game.

Everyone Welcome

Bible Crack

Led by Rev Malcolm Stillwell

Monday nights @ 7-30

Midtown House Westnewton

Monday 10th February

Everyone Welcome

The Church Committee of St Matthews would like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended the Craft Fayre and Sale in November.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and the craft stall holders who made it a success. The refreshments were delicious, people enjoyed a warm welcome and lots of lovely crafts and gifts were on offer. £1800 was raised to go towards ongoing Church costs..

Christmas Services were well attended and enjoyed by those who came to celebrate. Many thanks to Helen Graham who played the organ for the Carol service and to Tim Barker and Rev Bryan Rothwell who led the services.

### **Westnewton Pensioner's Committee.**

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas Dinner provided by Liz Brough.

Thirty five people attended and had a lovely time.

The committee are looking for volunteers to join them. If you can help please contact Martha on 20944, your help will be much appreciated.

## **WESTNEWTON NEWS**

### **From the Library**

One day i was leafing through my books on the book shelves when i came across Anne of Green Gables. I had never got round to reading it. Well i can't believe how much i have enjoyed it. I suppose most people will have read it when they were young, and not at ninety years of age. The little girl Anne was fostered by Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert who lived at Avonlea. They wanted a boy from the orphanage to help on the farm. Anne was a little chatterbox and soon became fond of Avonlea. The author L M Montgomery was born on a farm on Prince Edward Island, Canada and must have had a terrific imagination. I am looking forward to more of her books.

A while back there was an article in the Daily Express about a book turning up 113 years late. It was borrowed from St Bee's School in Cumbria on Sept 11th 1911. It was found in a vintage collection. It was borrowed by pupil Leonard Ewband, he was killed in the first world war in 1916 and was buried in Ypres, Belgium. He attended St Bee's from 1902 to 1911, then went on to Queens College Oxford. A fascinating story.

### **Westnewton Parish Council**

Extract from the Meeting on 28 November 2024 held in the village hall at 7.30 pm. Present C Shepherd Rolling Chair, G Bell, K Conway, N Hewetson, P Sanderson, M Swanson, J Love (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2024 agreed as a correct record.

Cemetery Hedge - It was noted that the cemetery hedge needed trimming and the Parish Council were informed that this was in hand.

Church community fund application – After a discussion it was agreed to give the Church £2,260 immediately and have further discussions with the Church about the remainder of the monies sought.

Public Participation – It was noted that two dead trees needed replaced near the school. It was noted that more financial information would be put on the new website in due course.

Website Flyer – A flyer would be circulated asking parishioners for old photos of Westnewton Parish to be put on the new website to preserve and document the history of the community.

Xmas tree - It was noted that a Christmas tree had been donated by Sharron Sim.