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How can it be that time of year already?! It doesn't seem long ago that it was summer, but now I have to put the light on in the middle of the afternoon as the sun sets ever earlier. The fieldfares and redwings, back from their summer holidays, are busy stripping the berries from the nearby holly and rowan trees. The fields are sodden with a surplus of rainwater and the swollen river is nearing the top of its banks. Yes, winter is rapidly chasing away the last leaves of Autumn.

And of course, with winter comes colder weather, more time spent indoors and greater use of lights, television and other electricity-hungry devices, leading to higher energy bills. Not only are fuel costs much higher than last year, but the cost of food is soaring too, making household budgeting increasingly challenging. As a result, we might find we can't buy the sort of presents for family and friends that we'd like to – that we feel they deserve. Neither might we be able to provide all the luxury food and drink that we would like to offer our guests.

However, the good news is that what we value even more than physical gifts is the love, kindness, companionship and fun that our friends and family bring and which cannot be bought with money. There are also numerous activities to be enjoyed at this time of year which don't depend on having a healthy bank balance: singing carols, competing with friends on who's got the craziest Christmas jumper, watching young children in their school nativity play, rediscovering the fun of some long-neglected board games, going to church to hear about the very first Christmas and why it's still worth celebrating today. So regardless of the level of our bank balance, let us celebrate and enjoy the people in our lives who bring light and joy to even the darker days.

Happy Christmas!

**Rev. Lindsay Harrod**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

|           |  |                |
|-----------|--|----------------|
| 1st       | Meeting Point, Langwathby Methodist Church (p6)                | 10.15am        |
| 3rd       | Christmas Fair, Gamblesby Methodist Church (p4)                | 11.00am-2.00pm |
| 6th       | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church (p4)          | 10am-1pm       |
| 7th       | Langwathby & Edenhall WI Annual Meeting, Supper & Secret Santa |                |
| 10th      | Christmas Family Bingo, Kirkland & Blencarn VH (p7)            | 7.30pm         |
| 11th      | Film "Elvis the Movie", Skirwith VH (p9)                       | 4.30pm         |
| 11th-25th | Christmas Carols & Celebrations in Various Churches [See P3]   |                |
| 13th      | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby MC                             | 10am-1pm       |
| 13th      | Xmas Soup Lunch, Music & Stalls, Skirwith VH (p9)              | noon-1.30pm    |
| 14th      | Langwathby Fellowship Christmas Tea (p5)                       | 2.00pm         |
| 14th      | Melmerby Parish Council Meeting, Melmerby VH (p15)             | 7.30pm         |
| 15th      | "Oasis", Langwathby Methodist Church (p6)                      | 11.00am        |
| 18th      | Christmas Carols & Mince Pies, St Luke's Ousby (p6)            | 10.00am        |
| 18th      | Family Christmas Service, Addingham Ch (p5)                    | 9.30am         |
| 18th      | SANTA visits! (p15)  |                |
| 20th      | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby MC (p4)                        | 10am-1pm       |
| 23rd      | Community Nativity Service, Gamblesby Methodist Church (p4)    | 4pm            |
| 23rd      | Christmas Music Night, Langwathby Shepherds Inn (p19)          |                |
| 27th      | Melmerby Scar Christmas Challenge, Melmerby VH (p9)            | 9.45am         |
| 28th      | Christmas Ceilidh. Melmerby VH (p8)                            | 7.00pm         |

### JANUARY 2023

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| 3rd  | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby MC                              | 10am-1pm |
| 5th  | Meeting Point, Langwathby Methodist Church                      | 10.15am  |
| 9th  | Culgaith Parish Council Meeting, Skirwith VH (p17)              |          |
| 10th | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby MC                              | 10am-1pm |
| 10th | Soup Lunch, Skirwith VH   |          |
| 17th | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby MC                              | 10am-1pm |
| 17th | Melmerby & District Gardening Club, Melmerby VH (p7)            | 7.30pm   |
| 18th | Langwathby Fellowship Games Afternoon (p5)                      | 2.00pm   |
| 19th | "Oasis", Langwathby Methodist Church                            | 10.30am  |
| 24th | He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby MC                              | 10am-1pm |
| 27th | Film "The Phantom of the Open", Gamblesby VH: Food 7pm Film 8pm |          |

### FEBRUARY 2023

|      |  |         |
|------|--|---------|
| 2nd  | Meeting Point, Langwathby Methodist Church | 10.15am |
| 6th  | MEMO AGM, Langwathby VH (Back Room)        | 7.30pm  |
| 11th | Preloved to Reloved Clothing Sale          |         |

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### **MEMO COPY DATES FOR 2023**

**13th January**

**14th April**

**14th July**

**13th October**

**10th February**

**12th May**

**11th August**

**10th November**

**17th March**

**16th June**

**15th September**

**Christmas is coming** - - - and many chances for singing carols

together, and joining in celebrating the birth of the Holy Child in Bethlehem. Don't feel restrained – come to as many celebrations as you wish! Here are the times and places:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Langwathby Methodist Chapel**, 11am. Carol Service

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Kirkland**, 3pm: a service to lead us into Christmas

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Addingham**, 9.30am: Carol Service for all the family.

**Culgaith**, 3.30: time to come and make your Christingle, ready for the service at 4pm

**Ousby**, 10am: Carol Service

**Great Salkeld**, 6.30pm: Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Skirwith**, 6pm: Carols by candlelight

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Melmerby**. Carols by Lantern Light. Meet at the Village Bakery at 6pm for a lantern-lit procession to the church, and then Carol Singing – and refreshments!

**Langwathby St Peter's**, 4pm: The Longest Night – a quiet time of reflection and peace, away from the hustle and bustle.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**Gamblesby**, 4pm for Community Carols and Nativity Play

Come to **St Peter's in Langwathby** at 2.30pm to help make the Christingles ready for tomorrow!

**On Christmas Eve,**

**Langwathby St Peter's**, 5.30pm: Christingle Service

11pm : Midnight Mass of Christmas

**On Christmas morning:**

**Addingham**, 9.30am: Christmas Communion

**Culgaith**, 11am: Christmas Communion

**Edenhall**, 11am: Christmas Communion

**Langwathby Methodist Chapel**, 10am:

A Christmas Celebration

**Cover Artist**

We'd like to thank **Leo, Year 5**, for kindly producing this month's cover drawing for us. See the page 14 for more drawings from other pupils at Culgaith School.

**AT GAMBLESBY METHODIST CHURCH**

**HE BREWS COFFEE CLUB**

**EVERY TUESDAY 10am to 1pm**

Except 27 December

Enjoy games, crafts or just a chat only £1



**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 11am – 2pm**

**Stalls with tea/coffee refreshments**

*Craft & produce stalls, fun for the children and goodies for all!*



*Funds for Little Acorns Children's Christian Creative Club*

**COMMUNITY NATIVITY SERVICE**

**FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER at 4 pm**

*A magical start to the Christmas weekend*

**Everyone Welcome**

**followed by light refreshments**



*For further information, please contact Claire  
on 01768 890536 or email: [gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com](mailto:gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com)*

## Family Christmas Service at Addingham Church



Please join us on  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.30am  
for nativity readings by local children,  
carol singing,  
mulled wine, mince pies and cup cakes.  
Everyone welcome.

Children are invited to come dressed as a nativity character if they'd like to.

## LANGWATHBY FELLOWSHIP



Monthly meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
(unless otherwise stated)

**2pm at the Methodist Chapel**

*All are welcome – men & women – programme of meetings -  
an opportunity to meet people, enjoy a chat & refreshments.*

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> : CHRISTMAS TEA**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> : GAMES AFTERNOON**



## Langwathby & Edenhall WI



**December 7th  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Pie & Peas Supper  
Bring Secret Santa parcel  
[£5 maximum]**

Hostesses: The Committee



**Christmas  
at Langwathby Methodist Church**



**Thurs 1 Dec from 10.15: "Meeting Point"**

*Enjoy a warm welcome, a cup of coffee and good company!*

**Sunday 11 Dec at 11.00:  
Christmas Carol Service**

*(with trees decorated by Pennine Patchers)*



**Thurs 15 Dec from 11.00: "Oasis"**

*Coffee, a short reflective service and light lunch*



**Sun 25 Dec at 10.00: Service for Christmas Day**  
**(Rev Dr James Tebbutt)**

***All are welcome***

*For your diary!*

*Meeting Point also on Thursdays 5th January & 2nd  
February at 10.15am.*

*"Oasis" also on Thursday 19 January at 10.30am.*



**Christmas Carols and Mince Pies – come along!**

**St Luke's Ousby are having the Christmas service on Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10:00 AM**

Please do come and join us - this is a chance to stop and reflect on the core message of Christmas. We will have Carols and readings to help us tune into the spirit of Christmas.

*We are very open to having people being involved so... Would you like to be part of the music or help do a reading or even a little bit of drama? – We want to ensure that the service is a special moment for the village to really celebrate the Hope & Joy that Christmas brings.*

Heaven knows we need this currently! ALL WELCOME!

**If you want to be involved, contact**

Rev'd Andrew Burrell [andrew.f.burrell@outlook.com](mailto:andrew.f.burrell@outlook.com)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO  
AT KIRKLAND AND BLENCARN VILLAGE  
HALL!**

**Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm  
Adults £5 Children free**

**Ticket price includes 6 games of Bingo and nibbles -  
please bring your own drinks**

***Tel Jane on 01768 879191***



**PRELOVED TO RELOVED**

It's back! Preloved to Reloved clothing sale on 11th February 2023. Further details to follow...



**COLLECTING CLOTHING NOW!** We need all your no-longer-wanted/ needed good quality clothing and shoes. We are grateful for any amount whether it be a single item or many items. Please leave - bagged up - at the school reception in school hours.



*We are very grateful for your support. Funds raised will be shared between Friends of Langwathby School, Hunsonby Swimming Pool and the Great North Air Ambulance.*



**Melmerby and District Gardening Club**  
***Garden Design with Karen Roberts***

***Revitalising a tired garden, in need of inspiration?***

**Tuesday 17 January 2023, 7.30 p.m. Melmerby Village Hall**

**Raffle Tea/Coffee**

**M&DGC annual membership of £10 per person**

Visitors are very welcome to attend for £3.00

Any queries contact Lorna Egan (Secretary)

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## **Christmas Ceilidh**

**Wednesday 28th Dec. 2022**

**Melmerby Village Hall 7pm**

**Come and join the fun, dancing  
to Striding Edge.**

**This is a Bring and Share Supper  
so please provide enough food  
(sweet + savoury) for your group.**

**Bar available.**

**Tickets available from**

**Bob and Helen 01768881291**

**Adults: £9 00**

**Under 18: £5.00**

**Tickets will be reserved for you once payment has  
been received otherwise requested tickets  
will be resold after 10th December. Cash or cheque  
made payable to “Melmerby Village Hall”.**

**Please send or deliver to: Helen and Bob Bedford  
Lilac House, Melmerby, CA10 1HF**

**Numbers are limited for this popular event.**

**Sorry no refunds.**

### **Kirkland & Blencarn 50/50 Club**

### **November Winners**



1st Barrie Blenkinship

2nd Ciaran Bach

3rd John Ellwood

4th Tim Fleming

5th Richard Littlewood



### **MEMO AGM**

**Langwathby Village Hall (back room)**

**Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.30pm**

*Open to All - Have your say, provide suggestions or  
feedback on your community magazine.*

## The 14th Annual Melmerby Scar Christmas Challenge - Tuesday 27th December 2022

**We would love to see you all at the Melmerby Scar Challenge  
this year - runners and walkers all welcome,**

Work off your Christmas waistline by joining us on a challenging route across the top of beautiful Melmerby Scar. Our route is circular - it begins and ends at the Village Hall, Melmerby and covers 7 miles / 11 km. We climb to a height of 709m, which in good conditions takes roughly 3 hours to walk or roughly an hour to run.

**Registration from 8:45am at The Village Hall, Melmerby**  
**Safety briefing: 9:45am**  
**Start time: 10.00am prompt**

**Fee:** £8 per adult, £3.00 per child (includes a warm meal after the event) - cash only

**Raffle** - proceeds to go to Hospice at Home (£1 a square)  
Licensed Bar, hot and cold drinks available.

To reserve your **meal** or for more information please  
email: [joanna.brownlee@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.brownlee@gmail.com)



Runners & walkers are welcome.  
Dogs are welcome but must be kept under control at  
all times (please pick up after them)

*Proceeds go to Melmerby Village Hall funds*

### EVENTS IN SKIRWITH VILLAGE HALL

#### Tuesday, December 13

Xmas soup lunch

Join us for our home-made soup lunch 1200-1330  
while listening to live music, (flute and cello).

There will also be a couple of Xmas stalls. All welcome.

Next soup lunch: Tuesday, January 10th 2023.

#### Sunday 11 December: Film night 4.30 pm

\*\*\*\*\* ELVIS THE MOVIE \*\*\*\*\*

Starring Tom Hanks and directed by Baz Luhrmann

TICKETS £5. SUPPER: pies, peas and puds £8.50. If

supper is required, it must be booked by Sunday 4 November.

Phone Helen **01768 879024** /email [team@skirwithvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:team@skirwithvillagehall.co.uk)





## GAMBLESBY VILLAGE HALL

**27th January Film Night presentation of:**  
**\*\*\*\*\* The Phantom of the Open \*\*\*\*\***

**“Every dreamer deserves a shot!”**

**Starring Mark Rylance, Sally Hawkins and Rhys Ifans**

Film begins at 8pm, food served from 7pm.

Film only: £6. Film and 2 course meal: £12.

Vegetarian option available (please request when ordering)

Pay bar - cash only.

Please order food before 26th January.

To book: contact Vicki Everatt on 07741 474364 or email



### There's lots on during the week at LANGWATHBY Village Hall

**Monday:** **Yoga** 9.30am – 11am  
**Blast & Burn** 7pm – 8pm  
*This is a new class suitable for all abilities 16+: burn your legs, blast your core and grow your glutes*

**Tuesday:** **North Lakes Field Archers** 7pm – 9pm

**Wednesday:** **Playgroup** 9.30am – 11.30am  
**Budokon Yoga** 6pm – 7pm  
**Langwathby & Edenhall WI** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month 7.30pm

**Thursday:** **Yoga** 9.30am – 11.00am & 11.30am – 1.00pm  
**Centergy/Yoga** 6.15pm – 7.15pm (previously held on Monday evenings)  
**Badminton** 8.00pm – 9.30pm

**Friday:** **Fit 4 Life** 10.15am – 11.15am

**Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday:** Perfect time and place to host your events, party celebrations or performances on our lovely big stage.

If you would like to join in with any of these activities or make a booking for the hall, please contact us on:

**[bookings.vhlangwathby@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.vhlangwathby@gmail.com)** or ring 07871 994988. We will put you in touch with the relevant group, or deal with your booking enquiries.



*They may be able to help...*



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 2 Sandgate, Penrith, CA11 7TP  
 Debt Inquiries: 03300 563037; General Advice: 0800



**Mind - Money and mental health**  
<https://tinyurl.com/w5ctfo9>



**Christians Against Poverty**  
 CAP debt centre in partnership with Penrith Methodist Church  
**Mon - Thu 9.30 - 5.00 : Fri 9.30 - 3.30**  
 To book an appointment or find out more, telephone  
 0800 328 0006



**Salvation Army Food Bank**  
 Hunter Lane, Penrith  
 Items can be left in the porch at Hunter Lane on  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays or in the Food  
 Bank Box in St Peter's Church, Langwathby or in the  
 Food Bank Box in All Saint's Church, Renwick

Financial donations can be made to the Penrith Food Bank as follows:

Sort Code 60-01-73 ; Account number 00178123 ;  
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**Cheques cannot be processed at the moment**

**THE VIC, CULGAITH'S FRIENDLY  
 COMMUNITY CAFÉ - EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Every Thursday 2 – 4pm**  
 at the Victoria Institute, Culgaith. Come along and  
 enjoy a cuppa and our delicious homemade cakes.

**A warm welcome is guaranteed.**



The VIC Community Cafe Team wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a  
 Happy New Year. We hope to see you on December 15th, our last  
 afternoon this year when the children from Culgaith School will be singing  
 Christmas carols for us. We shall look forward to welcoming you back on  
 January 5th 2023! .

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (1843)



Such a bustle ensued that you might have thought a goose the rarest of all birds--a feathered phenomenon, to which a black swan was a matter of course--and in truth it was something very like it in that house. Mrs. Cratchit made the gravy (ready beforehand in a little saucepan) hissing hot; Master Peter mashed the potatoes with incredible vigour; Miss Belinda sweetened up the apple-sauce; Martha dusted the hot plates; Bob took Tiny Tim beside him in a tiny corner at the table; the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not forgetting themselves, and, mounting guard upon their posts, crammed spoons into their mouths, lest they should shriek for goose before their turn came to be helped. At last the dishes were set on, and grace was said. It was succeeded by a breathless pause, as Mrs. Cratchit, looking slowly all along the carving knife, prepared to plunge it into the breast; but when she did, and when the long expected gush of stuffing issued forth, one murmur of delight arose all round the board, and even Tiny Tim, excited by the two young Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of his knife, and feebly cried, "Hurrah!"

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by apple-sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family; indeed, as Mrs. Cratchit said with great delight (surveying one small atom of a bone upon the dish), they hadn't ate it all at last! Yet every one had had enough, and the youngest Cratchits in particular were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows! But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone--too nervous to bear witnesses--to take the pudding up, and bring it in.

Suppose it should not be done enough? Suppose it should break in turning out? Suppose somebody should have got over the wall of the backyard and stolen it, while they were merry with the goose--a supposition at which the two young Cratchits became livid! All sorts of horrors were supposed.

Hallo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing-day! That was the cloth. A smell like an

eating house and a pastry-cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that! That was the pudding! In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered--flushed, but smiling proudly--with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half-a-quarter of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly, too, that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved by Mrs. Cratchit since their marriage. Mrs. Cratchit said that, now the weight was off her mind, she would confess she had her doubts about the quantity of flour. Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody thought or said it was at all a small pudding for a large family. It would have been flat heresy to do so. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

*Like most longstanding cultural customs, the precise origin of telling ghost stories at the end of the year is unknown, largely because it began as an oral tradition without written records. But the season around winter solstice, has always been one of transition and change. For a very long time, the season has provoked oral stories about spooky things in many different countries and cultures all over the world.*

*Spooky storytelling gave people something to do during the long, dark evenings before electricity. The long midwinter nights meant folk had to stop working early, and they spent their leisure hours huddled close to the fire. Plus, you didn't need to be literate to retell the local ghost story.*

*It was in Victorian England that telling supernatural tales at the end of the year—specifically, during the Christmas season—went from an oral tradition to a timely trend. This was in part due to the development of the steam-powered printing press during the Industrial Revolution that made the written word more widely available.*

*This gave Victorians the opportunity to commercialise existing oral ghost stories. Higher literacy rates, cheaper printing costs, and more periodicals meant that editors needed to fill pages. Thanks to all of this, we have two of the greatest stories ever written in English: A Christmas Carol and Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1818).*



# **Thank You to the budding artists of Culgaith School**

From many drawings created by the pupils of Culgaith School the following favourites were picked, with the honour of the MEMO cover page this time going to **Leo (Year 5)**. It was a difficult choice as all of the drawings were brilliant but well done and thank you everyone. Some more of our favourites below, clockwise from top left.

**Arabella (Year 5), Rosie (Year 3), and Daisy (Year 5)**



# SANTA IS COMING

**Save the Date 18-12-2022**

Make sure your child's name is on his list!

If you are new to the village and you have children under the age of 11yrs please get in touch.

Email: [claireburne@btinternet.com](mailto:claireburne@btinternet.com) or text 07810512815

with Name, Date of Birth & Address

so we can make sure their name is on the list for a present off Santa.

Many Thanks

Langwathby Mayday

Committee



## Melmerby Parish Council

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

4 Parish Councillors present and 9 members of the public.

The following key points were discussed:

- Welcome to the 2 new parish councillors Bill Burford and Dougie Bell following the results of the recent election.
- The Parish Council fully supports the speed limit review to extend the 30mph limit and introduce 40 mph buffer zones on the A686 on either side of the village.
- Highways issues including a pothole at the edge of the village green, missing area of resurfacing near Gamblesby road junction and re-siting of the AONB brown sign.
- Approval to go ahead with a parish information board offered by the AONB.
- Update on the parish projects including the refurbishment of the coronation bench, new noticeboard and new goalposts for the village green.

**Next meeting –**

**14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30p.m. at Melmerby Village Hall.**



**GAMBLESBY CHAPEL REMEMBERS.....** The ladies who attend the regular Tuesday Morning 'He Brews' coffee club at Gamblesby Methodist Church, have been busy knitting poppies which now produce a stunning display along the church railings. Inspired by the dreadful conflict in Ukraine, as well as knitting the traditional red poppies, a number of yellow poppies have been included. Purple and white poppies also remember the animals lost in World War One and the hope for peace. The community came together for a Remembrance Service led by the Rev'd Chris Blackshaw. The Little Acorns Creative Christian Children's Club made a war memorial and poppy wreaths especially for this service.

.....**AND GAMBLESBY CHAPEL LAUNCHES WARM SPOT**



The Coffee Club have also been successful in securing a grant from the Cumbria Community Foundation in order to extend its hours to provide a **warm safe meeting place** as part of the Governments 'Warm Spots' initiative.

The club already provide **a meeting place for local people who come together to knit, play dominoes and/or just have a good chat.** **This funding will allow**

**the club to extend its opening hours every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm. With a warm drink and light refreshments available, it is hoped that even more local people will take advantage of this facility and save money by not having to heat their homes for a few hours.**

From The Herald—December 1922

Fine and mild weather from mid-November to mid-December followed by cold, wet and windy weather.

At Penrith Police Court, Joseph Falder of Winskill was fined £1 (c£80 now) for travelling with spiked wheels on his traction engine and thresher. Melmerby's bobby (police officer) had followed the marks back to the farm and arrested him. His defence—that he knew they were not permitted but could not travel without them—was rejected on the basis that they wrecked the new, tarred roads.

Culgaith's School's Bazaar & Dance raised £20 (c£1600 now) for its new swimming bath.

Canon Stephenson (vicar of Addingham), who is a composer, spoke of songs and songwriters to the Penrith Literary Society,

Addingham's annual Parochial Tea and Concert made over £12 (c£800 now). Edenhall School put on a Nativity Play for the

Langwathby & Edenhall WI in the Long Room at Eden Hall.

Gamblesby Wesleyans' anniversary was on Christmas Day, which was stormy.

With thanks to Jeremy Godwin for research.

# Culgaith Parish Council

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm  
at the Victoria Institute, Culgaith

Present – 7 Councillors, County Councillor C Driver and one member of the public.

The following key issues were discussed: -

- **A Budget for 2022/2023** – agreed - **Parish Precept** staying unchanged at £12000.
- **Foot Path Signs** - Kirkland/Broats, Bramblelands/Barn Croft, Culgaith Chapel to Back Road. – Still in hand.
- **Potholes and Other Numerous Road Issues within the Parish.**
- **Skirwith Footway Lights** – Opposite Skirwith VH and by Pear Tree house.  
Due to inaction, agreed to make a formal complaint to the Portfolio Holder at EDC.
- **Culgaith Entrance Road Signs and Road Markings** – In hand with Highways
- **Drainage issue by the Beck Mill entrance.** - Being monitored
- **The Pea to A6412 Junction** – Drainage issue still a problem – To monitor
- **Water flowing across road – Culgaith / Langwathby road.** Work attended to
- **Culgaith Faded White Lines at War memorial Junctions** In hand
- **Faded Culgaith school ‘No Parking’ - yellow lines.** In hand
- **Potholes - Bank Hall Farm Adopted Access Road** In hand
- **Fir Tree 1 Station Road** – Felling and killing of stump. Work Completed
- **Skirwith Village Green – Roadside Boundary Fence.** Due to be done November.
- **Electricity NW – Tree maintenance in Church Street Skirwith.** In hand.
- **Eden Speed Limit Review – Culgaith.** Request for 40mph limit from Newbiggin Junction to Blencarn existing 30mph sign was rejected by Highways for legal reasons.
- **Commemorative Tree to our late Queen – Kirkland.** Request granted.
- **Dalefoot Compost – Blencarn Hall Farm.** Reported that the enterprise did not require Planning Permission.
- **Local Gov. Association** – Cost of Living Support Hub and Bulletin – Reported.
- **Parish Nature Planning Event – 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm. Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton.**
- **CALC and Westmorland Council** – Open Dialogue initiated.
- **Cumbria in Bloom AGM. 16<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **EDC Settlement Study** – Reported to meeting
- **Planning**  
22/0362 – Land Northeast of Culgaith Primary School, Culgaith. Penrith - Erection of 5 dwellings including associated operations. Resubmission. Strongly Objected.

**Date and Venue of Next Meeting** –

Skirwith Village Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Full minutes are available on [www.culgaith.org.uk](http://www.culgaith.org.uk)  
John Fleming – Parish Clerk. [culgaithpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:culgaithpc@yahoo.co.uk)

## **THE GUARDIANS OF CULGAITH TARN**

Breaking news! The man with the bandana, Buzz Elliott, is returning to play acoustic guitar in Culgaith in 2023! Those of you who were there last time know what a brilliant night we had. This time the concert is on St. Patrick's Night (Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March) in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. Also on the bill is local Irish lass Barbara Gilbertson who will have feet tapping to her fiddle tunes. Tickets will go on sale in February and will sell faster than those for Glastonbury so look out for the posters nearer the time.

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The Tarn committee is inviting you to take part in our "Grassroots" photographic exhibition. From January, 2023 to Jan, 2024, we would like you to take photos of our wonderful wildlife meadow through the seasons with a view to them being exhibited in the village in the Spring of 2024. This isn't a competition. We just want to produce an archive of life on the meadow and want everybody to take part, whatever your age. You don't have to own a Nikon camera. Photos on phones will be just as good. Photography doesn't always have to be spectacular sunsets – although they are brilliant and we welcome them. It can be just a matter of opening your eyes to the everyday things – looking into a flower head, capturing a ladybird ascending a blade of grass or the swoop of a flock of goldfinches as they pop in for a seedhead tea. We just want it to be a fusion of things that we sometimes take for granted and hope that it will increase an appreciation of this natural resource. For those who have taken memorable photos in the past of floods, snow, etc., we will also have a board displaying those.

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To the lovely dog walkers who faithfully pick up their dog poo on the Tarn – thank you. To those who don't seem to see the need for it, can we explain two very good reasons why it is vital.

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Two – because some thoughtless people don't pick up, we cannot get anyone to cut the grass for hay in the late summer and have to cut and leave it lying on the meadow. This increases the fertility leading to more grass and less flowers. If sheep eat dog poo in their hay, they abort their lambs.

This is not about petty rules. PLEASE pick up the poo. The dog bin on the entrance to the Tarn was specially put there and couldn't be any handier. If you see someone leaving the poo, please offer them one of your bags. It might just embarrass them into doing something. People have been fined in the past by EDC and the committee will not hesitate to pass on info to them in the future.

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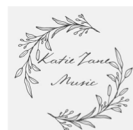


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#### Christmas Eve

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Saturday 24th December | 7am - 6pm |
|------------------------|-----------|

#### Christmas Day

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Sunday 25th December | CLOSED |
|----------------------|--------|

#### Boxing Day

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Monday 26th Dec | 10:30am - 12:30pm |
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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Bank Holiday Tuesday 27th Dec</b> | 7am - 6pm |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|

#### New Years Eve

|                        |           |
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| Saturday 31st December | 7am - 6pm |
|------------------------|-----------|

#### New Years Day

|                         |            |
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| Sunday 1st January 2022 | 10am - 4pm |
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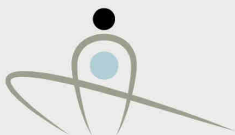


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## SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES AND CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER

| <u>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</u> | <u>The Second Sunday of Advent</u> |                          |                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Culgaith                              | 11am                               | Morning Worship          | Julie Barrett        |
| Melmerby                              | 9.30am                             | Morning Prayer           | Bryan Gray           |
| Langwathby St Peter's                 |                                    |                          |                      |
|                                       | 11am                               | Family Worship & Baptism | Rev Lindsay Harrod   |
| Langwathby Methodist Chapel           |                                    |                          |                      |
|                                       | 5pm                                | Taizé Evening Prayer     | John Doidge-Harrison |

| <u>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</u> | <u>The Third Sunday of Advent</u> |                |                    |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Gamblesby                              | 10am                              | Little Acorns  | Claire Slee        |
|  | 2pm                               |                | Rev Andrew Burrell |
| Kirkland                               | 9.30am                            | Holy Communion | Rev Andrew Burrell |
| Langwathby Methodist Chapel            |                                   |                |                    |
|  | 11am                              | Carol Service  | Joan & Ray Wager   |

| <u>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</u> | <u>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> |                |                    |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Addingham                              | 9.30am                             | Carol Service  | Kate Stannard      |
| Culgaith                               | 4pm                                | Christingle    | Rev Andrew Burrell |
| Gamblesby                              | 2pm                                | Carol Service  | Rev Dave Milner    |
| Langwathby St Peter's                  |                                    |                |                    |
|  | 11am                               | Holy Communion | Rev Fiona Jenkins  |
| Ousby                                  | 10am                               | Carol Service  | Rev Andrew Burrell |

## You can find further details of Carol Services and Christmas services on page 3

| <u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</u> | <u>Christmas Day</u> |                           |                    |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Addingham                              | 9.30am               | Christmas Communion       | Rev Andrew Burrell |
| Culgaith                               | 11am                 | Christmas Communion       | Rev Andrew Burrell |
| Edenhall                               | 11am                 | Christmas Communion       |                    |
| Langwathby Methodist Chapel            |                      |                           |                    |
|  | 10am                 | Christmas Morning Worship | Rev J Tebbutt      |

## SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES AND CHAPELS FOR JANUARY

| <u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January</u> | <u>New Year's Day – Sunday after Christmas</u> |                        |               |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------|
| Langwathby St Peter's                |  |                        |               |
|                                      | 11am   | Communion by Extension | Julie Barrett |
| Langwathby Methodist Chapel          |  |                        |               |
|                                      | 5pm  | Taizé Evening Prayer   | Joan Wager    |

| <u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January</u> | <u>Covenant Sunday/Feast of Epiphany</u> |                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Gamblesby                            | 10am                                     | Little Acorns    | Claire Slee         |
|                                      | 2pm                                      | Covenant Service | Rev Chris Blackshaw |
| Kirkland                             | 9.30am                                   | Morning Worship  | Rev Lindsay Harrod  |
| Langwathby Methodist Chapel          |  |                  |                     |
|                                      | 11am                                     | Covenant Service | Rev Dave Milner     |

| <u>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</u> | <u>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</u> |                |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Addingham                             | 9.30am                               | Holy Communion | Rev Fiona Jenkins                                |
| Culgaith                              | 11am                                 | Holy Communion | Rev Fiona Jenkins                                |
| Langwathby St Peter's                 |                                      |                |  |
|                                       | 11am                                 | Holy Communion | Rev Andrew Burrell                               |
| Ousby                                 | 10am                                 | Holy Communion | Canon Katharine Butterfield & Rev Lindsay Harrod |

| <u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</u> | <u>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</u> |                 |                    |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Culgaith Village Hall                 | 10.30am                             | Café Church     |                    |
| Gamblesby                             | 10am                                | Little Acorns   | Claire Slee        |
|                                       | 2pm                                 |                 | Rev Keith Speck    |
| Edenhall                              | 3pm                                 | Evensong        | Bryan Gray         |
| Langwathby Methodist Chapel           |                                     |                 |                    |
|                                       | 11am                                | Morning Worship | Lawrence Tomlinson |
| Skirwith                              | 9.30am                              | Holy Communion  | Rev Andrew Burrell |

| <u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</u> | <u>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</u> |                   |            |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------|
| Gamblesby                             | 10.30am                                     | EEMC Join Service | Staff team |