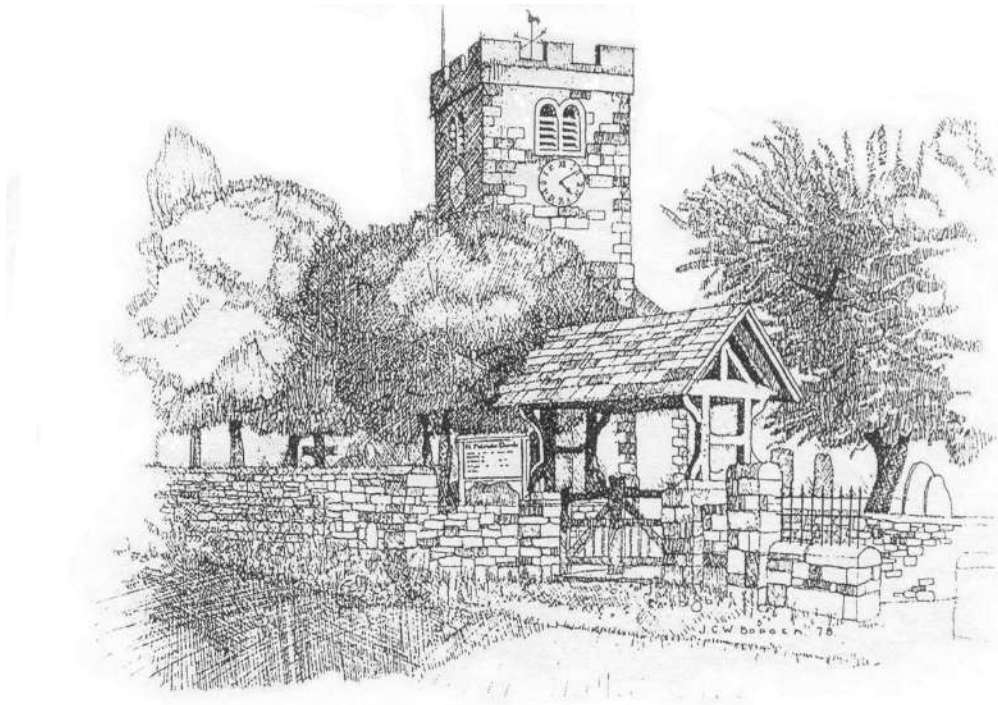


# BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER APRIL – MAY 2021



## *Dear Friends*

Earlier this year in January I was in a local shop and was astonished to see a large packet of Mini Eggs, usually sold around the time of Easter, for sale. This was the second or third week of January..! I thought here we go; Easter is finally catching up with Christmas in the minds of those who can produce the seasonal goods before we need them.

Well, I confess I bought a pack as I usually give them out on Easter Day and what is left I get to eat as my Easter treat.

While I was slightly shocked to see them on sale, although not specifically advertised as Easter Eggs, as I thought it through I began to think that it was a reminder that Jesus is not only for Christmas or Easter. He is the Prince of Peace and Saviour of the World for all time, forever and is not framed by time and place or restricted in any way for the reason he came into the world.

We may specifically think of Jesus at those two times, his birth, death and resurrection, with a whole lot in between, but his purpose and life are to demonstrate God's love for all of us on this planet and how we can look after it and be better people, and at the same time accept the gift that God offers through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and because of that, the hope of eternal life.

In essence that is the Good News the Angels sang about to the Shepherds at Christmas.

Easter eggs and some other seasonal things can help to remind and maybe point us in the right direction to remember the reason for this season.

During this last year, mostly in lockdown, many have undertaken, witnessed and possibly even experienced ourselves, great acts of kindness and compassion amidst all the grief, sorrow and hardship in our nation and across the world.

It will be the case that many of us are inspired by our Christian compassion and teaching to do these things, and if so, then thank you and may your gifts and ministries and endeavours continue long past the pandemic.

The Jesus who we will remember this Easter can point us to these attributes and ultimately, whether we have religious belief or not, it is within the possibility of every human being to exhibit those traits of compassion and kindness which are at the heart of the pinnacle of God's creation in us humans.

May it always be so.

Finally, as some of you will know, this will be my last letter as the Vicar in the High Westmorland Parishes as I will be retiring at the end of April. Sharon and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time living among you, and for me in particular the privilege of serving you through baptisms, weddings, funerals and not least in our local schools. I can say too, that it has been fun and a joy to worship with you and explore what it means to be a Christian in this part of the country in Cumbria.

So, farewell for now as I may well bump into you sometime as we will only be in Morland, and look forward to continuing to live in this beautiful part of the country.

May you find time to be still and know God's presence in your lives and be blessed now and always and know that 'God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in times of trouble'.

Psalm 46:1

Yours in Christ

*Alun*

PS Come on you Spurs..!!

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### **From the Registers**

#### ***Interment and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of***

Christopher James Holme (who died 29<sup>th</sup> January)

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February

Mary Cameron Willcock (who died 7<sup>th</sup> March)

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

## **Covid-19 Update**

The churches of the High Westmorland parishes – Bampton, Orton, Ravenstonedale, Shap and Tebay have for the most part been closed to regular worship on Sundays during the last year in lockdown. For our regular members of the congregations and within our communities, this was unquestionably a difficult time. Despite the essence of what makes us who we are, our meeting together, and the fellowship and support that comes from it, the church community has held together. Mostly via Zoom which was a new experience and a revelation; bringing us even closer and expanding our horizons. However, the thought that is in all our hearts and minds is when can we resume regular worship again.

Taking into account advice from the Church of England and the Diocese of Carlisle alongside the Government Roadmap and whatever restrictions will be in place, we now have a target date to return to our buildings.

After careful consideration and discussion by all of our Churchwardens and PCC's, plus keeping an eye out on the numbers and statistics with regard to infections, admissions, deaths, and possibility of a third wave of the virus and roll out of vaccinations, we have come to a decision.

It was agreed that all of our church buildings will open for our usual **Sunday worship on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May** for Pentecost which gives us a reason to celebrate – the birthday of the church, which seems appropriate.

Sadly, we will not be opening for Easter on the 4<sup>th</sup> April or conducting the Easter Sunrise service on Orton scar.

The approach is cautious, but it was felt that it would be silly to risk all that has been gained when we are so near to meeting in person and what we hope will be relative normality.

We hope very much that many of you will choose to join us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May across the High Westmorland to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and as importantly that you and your nearest keep safe and well. Best wishes.

*Rev Alun J. Hurd*

## **Church Services**

The opening service on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at St. Patrick's will be a Service of Morning Prayer and a celebration of the reopening of the church. Beginning at **10am**, the service will be taken by Diana Nicholson.

Until then, services are still being held by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and Tuesday mornings at 9.30am. There is also a weekly Zoom coffee morning on Wednesdays. Please contact Kathy Jenkins (714400) or Tony Hall (713204) for further information.

## **Retirement reminder**

We are sorry to announce that Alun is retiring, officially, at the end of April but his last service will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Mary Cameron Willcock**

Mary was a much loved member of the church family at St. Patrick's church to which she gave devoted service over many years and in many ways, not least as a choir member, a member of the Parochial Church Council and for ten years a churchwarden. She and Gerald were married for over 60 years and were as devoted to each other as they both were to their children and grandchildren. We shall find it strange to say "Gerald" when for so many years it was always "Gerald and Mary".

Mary loved people and was a dear friend of so many of us who will now miss her generous kindness, her hospitality, her always cheerful greetings, her joyful laughter and her impish sense of humour. We shall all miss her enormously. It has been a privilege to have had her as a friend. May she rest in peace and for Gerald we pray for strength, courage and hope as he faces the future.

*Bampton PCC*

## **Tinclar's Library**

The library is still closed but we will open as per Government guidelines. However, due to the small size of the room we would like people to make an appointment to avoid overcrowding. Opening details will be published in the newsletter when appropriate.

*The Trustees*

## **Village Choir**

So, still singing from home but there's lots to choose from. Here is my selection for the coming two months. Hope you enjoy them.

First, a traditional Northumbrian folk song that we have tried in the choir, here sung by Kathleen Ferrier – 'Blow The Wind Southerly':

[https://youtu.be/dXQuaq\\_2icU](https://youtu.be/dXQuaq_2icU)

Second, another of our favourites, but very different from our first choice. 'Hello Dolly' with Barbra Streisand and Louis Armstrong:

<https://youtu.be/mcbw0GETjZw>

And finally, since lots of us have now had at least one jab, how about 'I've Got You Under My Skin'? Not Frank Sinatra but a more recent version by Carly Simon:

<https://youtu.be/4DwmkODXTNg>

Do let me know of any suggestions for next time.

*John Garside (713294)*

## **French Group**

As with all our activities, the French Group hasn't been able to meet so far this year. We are hopeful that, as the weather improves and restrictions ease, we may be able to resume with outside get-togethers. Regardez cet espace!

*Marion Jones (713555)*

## **Bampton & District Local History Society**

The Society has continued to meet on Zoom following the 2020/2021 programme of meetings. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February there was a presentation by Mr Steve Dickinson on the excavation of a Viking period longhouse in Kentmere, and on 2<sup>nd</sup> March there was a talk by Mr Graham Brooks about lime kilns, their structure, function and the use of lime. The next meeting, also by Zoom, will be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** on the "Street names of Carlisle, the Builders, Buildings and Myth Busting", given by Mr Chester Forster. On **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, which will be the last meeting of the Society in this year's programme, there will be an outdoor visit to the memorial stones at the site of the 1874 drowning tragedy at Haweswater – subject to the easing of Covid 19 restrictions.

New members are always welcome to join the BDLHS and enquiries regarding membership should be directed to Heather Pitt (716861).

*Andrew Yates, Chair BDLHS*

## **Pilates**

We are continuing with the Pilates online as we ease out of lockdown, until it is truly safe to go back to face to face classes. There is however, hope of some outdoor sessions, as the weather allows, after the 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to join the online sessions, or be kept in the loop for when the classes return face to face, please contact me on 07411 902674 or [penrithpilates@gmail.com](mailto:penrithpilates@gmail.com)

## **Pilates for runners**

I have recently started teaching Pilates for Runners online. If you are interested please contact me on 07411 902674 or [penrithpilates@gmail.com](mailto:penrithpilates@gmail.com)

Thanks and I hope to see you in person soon, Alexis

## **50/50 Club in aid of the Village Hall**

Ruth Carruthers drew the March numbers on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, congratulations to:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize     £20    No 73, Hilda Ostle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize     £10    No 27, Rita and Ken Jones  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize     £7     No 23, Jane Storey

Thank you to everyone who has purchased numbers for this year's 50/50 club, may you have a '**Lucky Number**'. Your numbers are displayed in the Post Office. However, please do get in touch if you would like to know what number/numbers you have. If you would still like to purchase a number, there is a draw once a month, around the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

What happens to the money? 50% of the entry monies received are given in prizes and 50% is donated to Bampton Memorial Hall. The amount of the monthly cash prize is worked out depending on the number of Numbers purchased, with a bigger cash prize for the December Draw.

*Lucinda Weymouth (713245) [info@cumbriahorsetrials.com](mailto:info@cumbriahorsetrials.com)*

## **Bampton REMOTE Cinema January 2021**

It's still too soon for our local cinema to start up again but stand by for news of its return in later editions of the parish newsletter. Planning is getting underway during April between us and with Cine North and in May, with the village hall. There is good reason now to anticipate that theatres and cinemas may actually open this year! Let's hope anyway.

Meantime, I hope you are watching some good stuff across digital platforms and on TV while you wait. Call Hazel (713311) or Dave (713586) for any questions about the cinema. Enjoy the spring!

*Bampton REMOTE cinema committee: Hazel, Mike, Vickie and Dave*

## **Bampton Community First Responder team**

The team are continuing to respond as and when they can. The team have completed training via ZOOM but hope to get back to face to face training soon. I'd also like to welcome Patrick Lacey to the team. He has completed his training and will be actively responding by the time this Newsletter is published. Welcome Patrick!

If you think you'd like to join the team and help provide essential emergency cover for the local community please feel free to get in contact with me for an informal chat or look at the NWSA CFR page <http://www.nwas-responders.info/>

All applications are submitted through the web page and are confidential.

**If you feel unwell and think it is a medical emergency DIAL 999 or 112 and ask for AMBULANCE. Any on call CFR's will then be tasked by Ambulance control to attend if appropriate. CFR's will not be tasked to attend all 999 calls but will be asked to attend the following type of emergencies: abdominal pain, severe allergic reaction, breathing problems, fitting, diabetic emergency, chest pain, stroke, loss of consciousness, collapse, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, some trauma. We will not normally be tasked to any incident involving children under 12.**

*Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team, 07771 934996*  
[christinehillski@gmail.com](mailto:christinehillski@gmail.com)

## **Fellrunner Update**

If the Government ease of lockdown proceeds as planned and non essential shops open on 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Fellrunner will recommence from **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. However, a fall in numbers over the last 12 months means that the viability of the service is at risk. Fellrunner tell us, "Use it, or lose it!" The service has been in existence for over 40 years and is an essential part of village life – please don't let this be yet another victim of the Coronavirus. Long may the Fellrunner service continue. The usual timetable information is given towards the end of the newsletter.

## **Bampton Parish Council**

### **Bampton Parish Council Clerk Vacancy**

Hours: 20 hours per month. Salary: LC2 £24,982 - £35,745 pro-rata – based on experience. Bampton Parish Council is looking for a new clerk and responsible finance officer – to start as soon as possible. Ideally the applicant should have a clerk qualification – but training will be provided via CALC. The successful applicant should have an excellent working knowledge and experience of local government, accounts/finance, IT skills and ability to communicate effectively with councillors and local community.

Meetings are bi-monthly in the evenings and currently online due to Covid – but should be back in the Hall from 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please email your CV to Charlene Bell [lakesclerk@icloud.com](mailto:lakesclerk@icloud.com) or contact to ask questions: 07747 587635

*Charlene Bell (07747587635) [lakesclerk@icloud.com](mailto:lakesclerk@icloud.com)*

## **Bampton Endowed School Trust**

A Trust fund was established in 2010, after the closure of Bampton Endowed School in 2005, which has enabled grants to be given to ex-pupils of the school and those young people now resident in the parish, to support courses being undertaken at universities and colleges.

Since the institution of the fund, a number of students have benefited from the grants when all those eligible under the terms of the governing document have been awarded the grant of an amount set each year by the Trustees who, working with the Charity Commissioners, are obliged to spend the annual income raised.

In the last couple of years, the number of eligible applicants has reduced. This is in part due to those who attended the school reaching the age limit (25 years) and partly to reflect the reduction in the number of resident students who did not attend Bampton Endowed School.

The Trustees have applied to the Charity Commissioners to amend the governing document to enable those following sixth form courses to be included. This decision was taken primarily in the light of the County Council's provision of free school transport being withdrawn for sixth formers.

Whilst we await a response from the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees felt it appropriate to inform the community of our intentions. Any queries or comments should be addressed to:

David Cooke – email: [cooke856@btinternet.com](mailto:cooke856@btinternet.com)

*Margaret Pearson*



With the government starting to lift restrictions, the committee have the task of deciding if we can open this season.

Do you have some free time during the summer?

Could you volunteer at Shap open swimming pool?

We have a small shop that serves hot and cold drinks, ice creams and sweets. We need volunteers to help at the pool with the running of the shop, pump room and cleaning between May and September. Would that be something you would be interested in?

If you think you would be interested, get in touch for more information.

Message the Facebook page or give Teresa a call on 07517673361



## The local bus

Face masks must be worn on the Fellrunner bus weekly **Thursday** service. The bus will go down **Rosgill Hill at 9.47am**, then travel via **Bampton Grange (9.53am)** to **Burnbanks (10.00 am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive (via Morrisons) at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48 am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 2.00pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.32pm**, **Burnbanks at 2.46pm** and **Rosgill at 3.00pm** (subject to passenger requirements). Bus passes can be used and children under 16 years travel free.

## Bampton Village Website - [www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk](http://www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk)

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on [chris@phdcc.com](mailto:chris@phdcc.com) or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

Copy deadline for the June/July issue is 5pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please send all items to Heather Pitt (Tel no: 01931 716861) [pathfinders2728@gmail.com](mailto:pathfinders2728@gmail.com); Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) [roger\\_storey@btinternet.com](mailto:roger_storey@btinternet.com); or leave at the Post Office. Thank you.



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