

PERSONAL

- We wish young Harry Brock (son of Simon and Cazz) well as he recovers from his accident.
- Donald Wilkinson would like to thank the people of Rusland Valley who sent him cards and messages on the occasion of his recent 90th Birthday, especially Frank and Zella Slater and the Oxen Park community.
- The Burial Service for Julia Buckley will be held at 12 noon on the 8th June in Satterthwaite Graveyard. The hearse will arrive at Town End (south) at 11:30am and so long as respecting the advised social distancing the family have said that those who wish may follow the hearse up to the Graveyard (the service at the graveside must be family only).
Julia and Nigel had a fabulous home here in Satterthwaite. More than bricks and mortar home has been the village, its school, the inhabitants of the village and Rusland Valley, the forest, All Saints Church, the playing fields, the Eagle's Head, garden parties, village fetes, barbecues and carols round the tree at Christmas. For Anthony and Richard it has also been and remains a wonderful place and we would like to thank everyone here who has been part of this experience.
No wonder Mother never wanted to leave.



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There will be no sponsor until we return to the printed edition.

FLAMING JUNE?

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WHAT ARE DAYS FOR?
Days are where we live.
They come, they wake us
Time and time over.
They are to be happy in:
Where can we live but days?

Ah, solving that question
Brings the priest and the doctor
In their long coats

Running over the fields.

So wrote Philip Larkin and many of us will have been
waking in the mornings wondering how to fill yet
another lockdown day. Some will have spent their
days achieving amazing things.

This is what Carol McNeill has been doing.

HAPPY IN LOCKDOWN

Where did April go?

All that sunshine, long walks,
The quiet, the silence, clean air
Time to breathe and watch the Spring –
Colours changing, brightening,

Greens, blues, early bird song; that morning thrush.

Where did I go?

Nowhere far

Garden tidied – new raspberry bed, compost pile
boarded in, puppy fence up, no dandelions now.
Night walks and full moon bivi.

What did I find?

So many previous lives:

Photos galore – who were they?

Letters – did I really love so many!

Maps, so many, many, many maps

Key collections with no locks left to hold them.

Logs of trips, challenges and expeditions – such
joys.

Medals & rosettes – do I keep any?

Half an embroidered cloth – daisy stitch flowers, and
all that beautiful thread.

Patterns – will I ever make it? Buttons, darning wool
– how old is that?

Unwrapped cables, old plugs – where do they
belong? So many odd screws and paper clips.

Then the garden shed – full of treasures thought lost.
Loads of soil dusted plant pots (non-recyclable) and
all that string.

New hooks now hold inherited hoes (3), forks (3) and
2 spades. Who needs more than one hoe? I smile at
my ability to put screws in and my tidy shed.

Kitchen cupboards – have you done them yet? Tins
from the last century, rusted Co-op peaches,
chestnut puree, Christmas puddings, all those saved
yoghurt cartons....

The wardrobe – I did these 10 years ago.

T-shirts with a story no one wants to hear. Only 11
pairs of non-running shoes left. The charity pile
grows.

After that the loft:

So many tears. Total nostalgia; all that past.

Boxes full of kit – climbing, canoeing, cycling, skiing,
camping, and

All that orienteering (of course).

Slides not seen for over 40 years, diaries, training
logs.

School books- oh yes. 'A' level essays, notes and
drawings – so committed!

and more maps.

To be continued...The Bin is full..

THE STORY OF OUR PENNY

Fran Townsend writes:-

We were having some work done on the old front door to Pepper House in April, and out of the old lintel dropped this very black coin, quite large. On cleaning it up, it was copper and we could distinguish the head of George III on one side and a seated Britannia on the other. We looked it up and decided it is a "cartwheel" penny. They were issued in 1797 as part of an attempt to restore confidence in British currency, by making the nominal value of the coin equal to the metal value. It was larger and heavier than any other coin in circulation. There was a raised rim which gave rise to the name. Ours is so worn, the rim has practically worn away, and with it all the writing. Since Pepper House predates the coin by about 200 years, I guess another joiner inserted it into the lintel during a previous alteration, maybe making the doorway higher. I believe it was often the custom to put a current coin into a piece of building work. A nice little piece of history.

DALE PARK RAINFALL

Actually, not much rain to report.

The figures are interesting though. The total rainfall this year for April and May is 1.98" - the same period in 2019 was 5.47".

There were 50 dry days in that period (2019 - 39)

The total rainfall to date this year is 29.87" (2019 30.71") Not so much difference after all.

There have been 83 dry days up to the end of May this year (2019 - 70 dry days).

If the rainfall pattern follows last year, then we are in for a lot of rain in the next 4 months!

That is all I am afraid for this month – no events to look forward to and very little news.

Please feel free to send me any items of interest for the July edition. It would be most appreciated.

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CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well and you are not fed up with relentless sunshine yet!

Alpha – see information copied below. You will see the course starts on Wednesday.

ALPHA ONLINE

With the current Coronavirus outbreak and the restrictions on meeting up, it has been difficult for people to get together and to explore conversations about life, faith and God — but that does not need to stop us!

Alpha have taken the Alpha course online and the [South Lakes Filling Station](#) have decided to launch an Alpha Online course. The course starts on Wednesday 3rd June — online!

If you are interested or have friends who may be interested then please do watch the promo video in the link below and click below to register an interest. Once on the Alpha website, enter your location in the South Lakes and click on "Find My Location", for example, "Windermere", "Kendal" or "Coniston" and then you will be able to register.

LUNCHES

A reminder that lunches continue to be delivered and enjoyed. Orders for next week for the area covered by our benefice need to be with me by Wednesday at 6pm. Please pass this information on to people who might find it useful. If someone wishes to order for the first time, they need to contact me (or someone can do that on their behalf). Lunches are £3 or free for anyone in financial need.

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INFORMATION FROM CITIZENS ADVICE

Q. My income has dropped due to coronavirus and I'm struggling to keep up with all of my bills. I rent my house from a private landlord and pay all the usual bills - electricity, water, and Council Tax. How best can I juggle them, and is there any help I can get from the government?

A. If your income is reduced because of coronavirus, you should check whether you're entitled to sick pay or benefits. You can check your eligibility for both sick pay and benefits on the Citizens Advice website. If you're already on existing benefits, these might also increase.

If you're struggling to pay rent, talk to your landlord straight away. You should explain the situation and could ask for more time to pay, a temporary reduction in rent, or ask to catch up any missed payments by instalments. If you contact South Lakes Citizens Advice an adviser can help you explain things to your landlord. If you can't come to an agreement with your landlord, it's a good idea to pay what you can afford and keep a record of what you offered.

The government passed an emergency law which means landlords have to give you three months notice to end certain tenancy types from 26 March. The court service has suspended all possession action for 90 days from 27 March. This means that even if you have been served a notice for eviction it's unlikely it can be enforced during this time. You can find out more about what to do if you're being evicted for rent arrears on the Citizens Advice website.

If you already claim Housing Benefit, you should tell the council your income has reduced. If you don't claim it already, you might be entitled to help with housing costs from the government.

When it comes to your utilities, you should contact the provider as soon as possible. Depending on the type of bill, they may be able to arrange a payment plan, or they may have schemes in place for people in financial hardship. You should also talk to your local council - as your income has changed you might be entitled to a council tax reduction.

If you're struggling to pay multiple bills, it's important to prioritise energy bills and council tax over credit card bills. This is because the immediate consequences of not paying these things are much more serious. South Lakes Citizens Advice can help you with this.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems.

South Lakes Citizens Advice is still delivering a service - Telephone and Digital Advice

How to access:

· Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2pm

· Adviceline: 03444 111 444