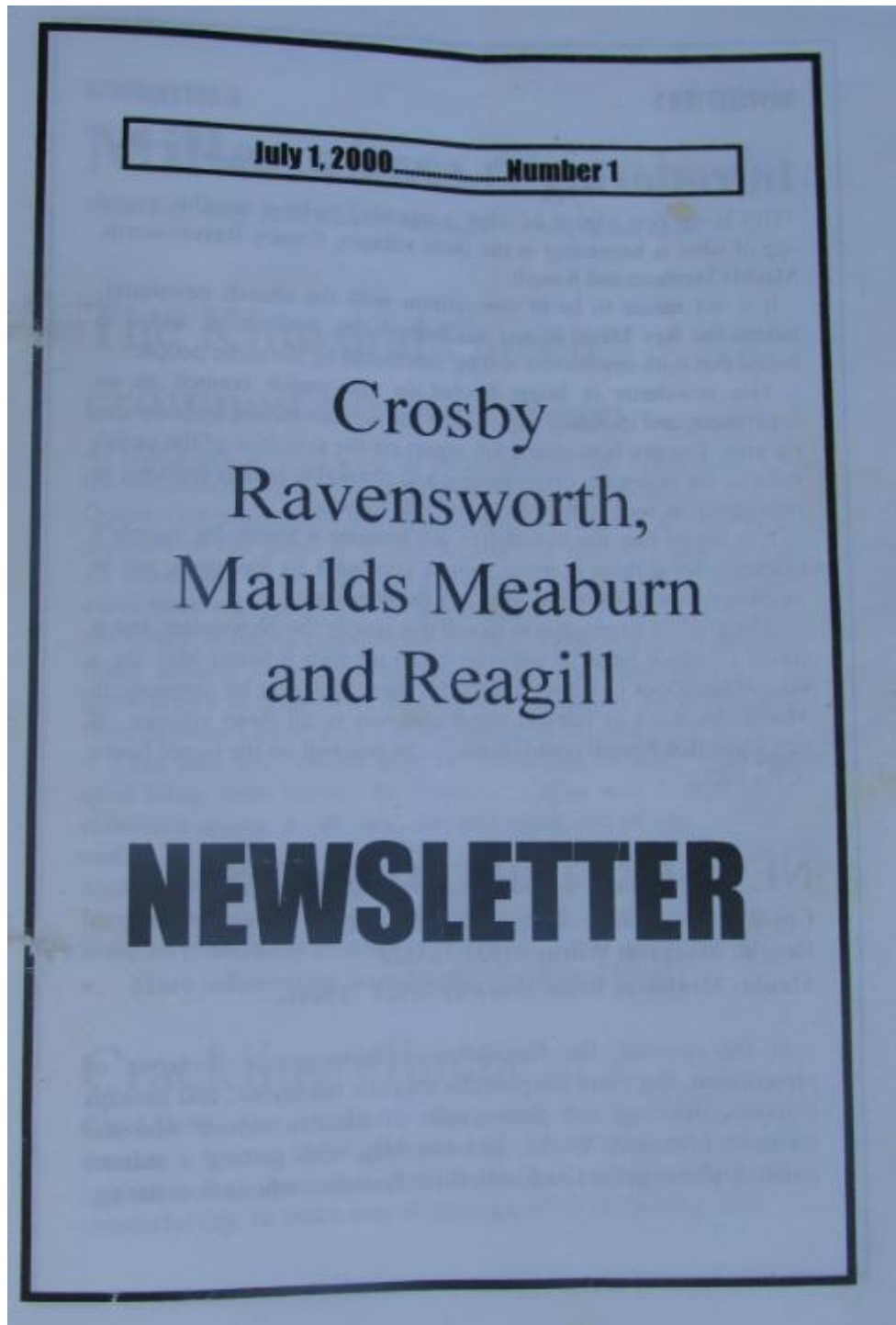


The Lyvennet Link – the first ever edition



## NEWSLETTER 2

### Introducing The Newsletter

THIS is the first edition of what is intended to be a monthly round-up of what is happening in the three villages, Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn and Reagill.

It is not meant to be in competition with the church newsletter, indeed the Rev David Wood has helped this production, and it is hoped that both newsletters will be distributed by the same people.

This newsletter is being funded by the parish council as an experiment, and its future depends on the interest shown by people in the area. The aim is to give a full report on the activities of the parish council, the numerous organisations and charitable bodies working in the district, as well as any news that's fit to print.

It is hoped that the Newsletter will become a forum for people's opinions. So if there is some subject you want to see aired, get in touch with one of the three contacts listed below.

The original intention was to call this simply the Newsletter, but it would be much better if someone came up with a better idea for a title. What about Lyvennet Life? This was suggested by someone in Maulds Meaburn as being a name common to all three villages....if you agree that Reagill could be said to be perched on the upper banks of the beck.

### NEWSLETTER CONTACTS:

Crosby Ravensworth: Judy Richardson 01931 715202

Reagill: Margaret Wilcox 01931 715320

Maulds Meaburn: Brian Knowles 01931 715046.

At the moment, the Newsletter is fairly simple in terms of presentation. But there are plans to improve the layout, and perhaps introduce drawings and photographs. If there is anyone who has mastered Microsoft Works, and can help with getting a scanner installed, please get in touch with Brian Knowles, who is floundering.

## NEWSLETTER 3

### Millennium Carnival

Saturday, July 15....Maulds Meaburn Green, opens 2pm

### The King and Queen crowned on the Green

AFTER a year of hard work by the committee, the preparations for the Millennium Carnival are almost complete. The Carnival King and Queen, two pupils from Crosby Ravensworth School, are due to be crowned on the green at Maulds Meaburn at 2pm on Saturday, July 15, which will be the signal for the carnival to begin. Because of the event there will not be a Maulds Meaburn Village fete this year, but the village is taking a stall at the carnival. There will be a parade of floats around the green headed by the king and queen in a horse-drawn carriage. The floats will be judged by Mr Nightingale from Appleby Castle, who is also opening the carnival.

Then take your choice from the attractions on offer. There are quad bikes, shire horses, the Cumbria Beagles with horn blowing, children's sports, a raft race, obstacle races, tug-of-war, a bouncy castle, ice creams and teas, lots of stalls with handicrafts, home cooking and garden produce and plants, bird tables, embroidery kits, hoop-la and coconut shy, gas-filled balloons, music and there are some very handsome prizes available.

- More information from Ingrid Grayling: 715282

### Crackling climax....

CARNIVAL Day reaches a conclusion in the evening at the Butcher's Arms in Crosby Ravensworth when there is going to be a hog roast from 7pm onwards. Sounds like a crackling climax to a wonderful day, so make sure of getting a ticket for the hog roast.

## Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council

THE following has been extracted from the minutes of the meeting held at Maulds Meaburn Village Hall, on May 15. As well as the councillors, there were seven members of the Parish present.

### Police looking to open a new office in Shap

- The meeting was addressed by PC Steve Wilkinson, who said that the police were glad to see the cattle grids installed around Maulds Meaburn.

He said that a policeman from Appleby, trained in the use of mobile radar, would be checking speeds in the area. He urged the public to report persistent speeders to them. This could be done anonymously.

He said that following the closure of the police station in Shap, the police authorities now considered that an access centre was required in Shap, and suitable premises were being sought. Police officers would operate from there during their hours of duty, although they would start and finish their duty in Appleby.

- There will be three new footway lights in Reagill in 2001/2002, and three extra for Crosby in 2002/2003. Coun. Ian Lumley was looking into the siting of the new lights in Crosby.
- Coun. George Robson reported on continuing parking problems in Maulds Meaburn, and the problem of delivery vans causing unacceptable rutting on the green. As the law stands, the council is not allowed to give permission for any parking on the green.

- Coun. Ian Lumley had put up the idea to the governors of Crosby Ravensworth school, of planting a tree for each child. This was welcomed and he is continuing his investigations into possible sites.
- The possibility of winter gritting of Meaburn Edge and Gilts, is being taken to the county-wide review of winter maintenance, this summer.
- A request had been received to cull drakes on the beck at Maulds Meaburn. The council decided to let nature take its course.

### Next meeting:

**Monday July 17, Reagill Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

Among the items due to be discussed is the idea of have a ten-minute period at each council meeting during which members of the public who attend, can raise any topic which concerns them. At present the public has no automatic right to speak at parish council meetings, although in practice have often been invited to do so.

### Crosby Ravensworth Parish Councillors

Gordon Bowness ( chairman ) 715382

Ted Relph 715359

Ian Lumley 715362

Valerie Winterburn 715039

George Robson 715335

Geoff Harris 715252

David Hall 715302

Clerk to the council, Philippa Dobson 715384

# Lottery cash.... it could be us!

WOULDN'T it be nice if a cheque for around a quarter of a million pounds was delivered to Maulds Meaburn, enabling the village to tear down the old village hall and build a new one.

This is the prospect as the village's bid for Lottery funding goes ahead. It is eight months since we were told that the village satisfied the Lottery Charities Board's criteria, and that an application should be made for a grant for reconstruction, rather than repairing the existing building.

The time taken to decide our requirements, consult user groups and residents, discuss future uses of the hall, and draw up the plans and put them on display to the public in the hall, and finally make the application for consideration by the Board, has taken longer than expected. But the bid is in and we await the result. This should take another ten weeks, which means it is unlikely that any construction work can begin before next spring.

The proposed extension of the Archaeological Area up to the present hall's site boundary has created yet another authority to be consulted and the monitoring of any excavation is now necessary. This will apply to the extra strip of land given to the Institute by the Dent family to cater for the enlarged building.

Fortunately, the interim repairs carried out in 1998 have made continued and increasing usage possible and the Institute committee are still actively garnering funds for either the equipping of a new hall or the complete refurbishment of the old Institute.

The response from the local community has been remarkable, and we look forward to being able to report real progress within the next few issues of the Newsletter.

## Distinctly Cumbrian

A NEW project has been started, with the backing of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils, to boost the promotion and marketing of distinctly Cumbrian agricultural products and services. Voluntary Action Cumbria, the Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency, and 30 major public authorities, agencies and voluntary groups have formed a partnership to promote this initiative. The project will be seeking funds from the North West Regional Development Agency, and is being seen as the cornerstone of Cumbria's response to the current difficulties facing agriculture and rural life in general. At this stage expressions of interest are being asked for from groups and individuals. They should be sent to Distinctly Cumbrian, c/o CALC, The Old Stables, Redhills, Penrith, CA11 0DT.

## ON SALE...The Book Of The Parish

ON sale now, and well worth the modest price of six pounds, is *Beyond Black Dub*, A portrait of Village Life at the end of the 20th century. Produced and designed by local people, and backed by the Parish Council, the book originated as one of the elements of the Local Heritage Initiative. The project was completed by a group, whose members were Dilys Evans, Susan Ferguson, David Grayling, Katie Hornby, Katie Morgan, James Palmer, Isabelle Richardson, Judy Richardson, Eileen Risk and Jill Winder. Copies are available from Eileen Risk and Gordon Bowness in Crosby, David Hall in Reagill and Philippa Dobson in Maulds Meaburn.

## House survey of the parish

WELL under way at the moment in Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn, is a survey of village houses dating from before 1920. The aim of the project, which originated from Liverpool University, is to record and analyse the external appearance of pre-1920 houses, and to record those houses which may occupy medieval sites, or in fact contain medieval fabric. More details from Eileen Risk in Crosby, and Betsy Bell in Maulds Meaburn.

# Curtain up on a new role for Flass

CHRISTINE Holmes, and her husband Paul Davies, are settling in nicely in their new home, and setting out on their latest venture. The home is Flass, and the venture is a residential school of the performing arts.

Christine's showbiz credentials are impeccable. She played Charlie Girl, in the West End hit for five years, with Anna Neagle, Joe Brown and Derek Nimmo; she has performed and toured with Norman Wisdom, Harry Secombe, Lionel Blair and Larry Grayson; she won an award as Best Female Cabaret Artist from Stage and Television Today; she has appeared in dozens of TV shows, including three series with Leslie Crowther on Crackerjack; she has done TV shows with Tommy Cooper, Cher, and Les Dawson.

On top of all that, she has had hit records on both sides of the Atlantic, and she is a songwriter. Cliff Richards had a world-wide hit with her song Devil Woman. She has been working in America for the last 15 years.

Paul's background is in building. He had a company specialising in the restoration of period properties, and he has a five-year plan to restore Flass and its wonderful gardens to their former glory.

The story of how Paul and Christine found Flass is fascinating. They had decided to return to this country and were staying with an old family friend Ada Huthart, who is now 70.

They told Ada of their plans, and the fact that they were looking for a property to fulfil Christine's dream of a school. Ada told them they should read that day's Telegraph, which had an article in the property section about Flass, which had been put on the market by the previous owners Mr and Mrs Whiteside.

Amazingly, Ada knew all about Flass...she was evacuated here during the war and can remember Evelyn Dent in his short trousers.

So the stage is set for an interesting new episode in the life of an interesting house.

At the moment Christine has five pupils, but by the start of the autumn term, she expects that number to reach 20 full-time, bright, talented, residential students. They will be studying music, dance and drama.

Apart from Christine herself, there will be a dance teacher and a drama teacher. Drama will be in the hands of award-winning theatre director George Roman.

Christine is looking at various exciting possibilities, which include links for the school with the new theatre in Keswick. Christine's wonderful voice had already made an impact in the area...she has been heard singing in the woods, and in the parish church.

She has already had discussions with the Keswick theatre's executive director Patrick Gilchrist. And she has been considering the possibility of doing something with local children. Time will tell.

There are also plans for concerts and plays at Flass...which explains why Trevor Beatham is making a coffin for Christine and Paul...it's for a play.

- More information from Christine and Paul, 715278

## Defibrillator scheme

FOLLOWING recent meetings, the scheme to have a defibrillator based in this area... last year the life of a parishioner was saved by the machine, but it took 20 minutes to get here with the ambulance... and to start a first responder scheme, is progressing. As a result of the most recent meeting, the organisers now have a group of 30 names of people who have expressed an interest in proceeding with setting up the first responder scheme.

- More details from Katie Morgan, Crosby Ravensworth, 715212.

## REAGILL ROUND-UP

A SUCCESSFUL sponsored walk, in aid of the village hall, was held recently, and over 200 pounds raised.

Reagill residents would like to remind people who pass through the village that there are a lot of young children around, and at least one VERY young driver.....

People new to the village include Sarah Green and her husband David White, who live at Sycamore Barn cottages. Sarah is a lecturer in materials engineering at Durham University, and her husband is an accountant in Windermere. Recently moved in next door to them is Angela Ermington and Ben the dog. Angela is a sales representative for a paint and wallpaper company, mainly covering the north east

Margaret Wilcox is trying to find beds for 42 adult tourists from Estonia, who are visiting the area. The visitors would arrive at 7.30pm and leave at 8.30 am, and would need dinner, bed and breakfast, for which they have an allowance of eleven pounds. The dates for which accommodation will be needed are; July 2/8/23/29, August 14. If you can help with any of those dates, ring Margaret on 715320. This may be your only chance to brush up on your Estonian.

H&K Travel, who are of course based in Reagill, are sponsoring the Appleby Swimming Club's team jackets. The company is branching out into coach hire, and now has an 18-seater available.

## Get in the driving seat

THE Fellrunner Village Bus Limited, which wrote to the Parish Council recently thanking them for a donation, is a community organisation, depending for its survival on voluntary support.

They are starting a campaign to recruit more drivers and helpers. Fellrunner has extended its service in the Lyvennet Valley, and they are keen to recruit more members from here.

Anyone who is interested in taking an active part in the organisation is asked to contact Fellrunner: 01768 88232.

## Remember, remember.....

....the 5th of November.....Bonfire Night in Maulds Meaburn has been a pretty casual event in the recent years. The bonfire somehow gets built, people turn up, let off fireworks, and have a good time. But would it be a good idea to make it more of an organised event? Ian Lumley is looking into this on behalf of the parish council, and he would like your views. The Women's Institute would provide refreshments, with the profits going to the local defibrillator scheme. If you have any thoughts on the matter, give Ian a ring.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### A Prime target....

MARGARET Carrant, representing Reagill, Sleagill, Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn, attended the recent tri-annual general meeting in London, which was addressed by the Prime Minister, and which appears to have caused him some discomfort as the goods ladies took exception to some of his remarks and showed their disapproval in the usual manner. She will be reporting back to members at the next meeting.

Eileen Risk, from Crosby Ravensworth, is attending a four-day course on Elgar at Denman College, near Oxford, for which she is receiving a new members' bursary.

Members from Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn will be visiting the Madeira Millennium Embroidery Exhibition, at Hexham Abbey on Thursday July 6, and then moving into the town for shopping and refreshments. The coach leaves Maulds Meaburn at 9.50am and Crosby at 10am. Coach fare is approximately six pounds. Further details from Betsy Bell 01931 715346.

The next meeting for the Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn branch is planned for Thursday, September 7, at 7.30pm at Maulds Meaburn. The speaker will be Mrs A Farrell, and her subject 'My Childhood in Wales.'

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# Crosby Ravensworth Agricultural Show

Thursday August 31, Low Row, Crosby Ravensworth.

THE final preparations are being made for what has been described as the event of the year, the Crosby Show. Entries are well up to last years, although the poultry have outgrown the shed and will now have a marquee of their own.

The Graham Holmes Environment Award is made each year at the show, to the person who, in the judge's opinion, has done the most to improve or enhance the parish environment. This could be tree planting, restoration and maintenance of dry stone walls, hedge laying, conservation and encouragement of wild life (nest boxes for example) creation of ponds, tasteful conversion of buildings, help and assistance for older people in the area.

If you think that something which you have done in the past year, would qualify for the award, then please enter. Similarly, if you know of someone whose activities have helped the upper Lyvennet Valley in some way, then please enter them...entries to be in by August 7.

Graham Holmes came to Appleby as a vet in the early fifties, and became president of Crosby Show, and to mark that occasion he presented the perpetual trophy.

The closing date for entries for the Crosby Show is August 18, for everything that is except the best garden competition.

If you have been putting in a lot of work battling the weeds, or raising vegetables, get your entry in to the secretaries by Tuesday, July 18...a telephone call will do. Judging for the garden competition will take place on or about Thursday, July 20.

- Crosby Show: chairman David Grayling 715282, joint secretaries, Betty Bowness 715382, and Jillian Horn 715271.

## NEWSLETTER 13

# Diary Dates

### JULY

**Saturday, July 1:** Maulds Meaburn Village Hall Jumble Sale. Jumble to be in by Friday to either Robson, Beech Tree House, or Backhouse, Croft End.

**Monday July 3:** Maulds Meaburn Village Hall Coffee and Thrift morning, 10am.

**Thursday, July 6:** Women's Institute, coach outing to Hexham.

**Saturday, July 8:** Flass Musical Evening, in aid of the school

**Saturday and Sunday, July 8/9:** Appleby Carnival Weekend.

**Saturday, July 15:** Millennium Carnival, starts 2pm on the green at Maulds Meaburn.

**Monday, July 17:** Parish Council meeting, Reagill Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Wednesday, July 19:** Local History Society, Shap Abbey and environs, led by Harry Hawkins.

**Friday, July 21:** Children's disco, Crosby Village Hall.

**Sunday, July 23:** Crosby Ravensworth Parish Open Gardens.

**Saturday and Sunday, July 28/29:** Penrith Beer Festival.

**Saturday, July 29:** Dance, Crosby Village Hall.

### AUGUST

**Friday, August 4:** Lowther Driving Trials.

**Saturday and Sunday, August 5/6:** Lowther DT and country fair.

**Monday, August 7:** Maulds Meaburn Coffee morning, Beech Tree House, Maulds Meaburn, 10am.

**Thursday, August 10:** Appleby Agricultural Show.

**Thursday, August 31:** Crosby Agricultural Show, Low Row. Butcher's Arms Barbecue after the show...tickets needed.

- Want your event included in the next issue's Diary? Then get in touch with one of the three Newsletter contacts.

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# DIRECTORY

**Lyvennet Playgroup:** Lesley Harris, Crosby Ravensworth.

**Women's Institute,** President Betsy Bell, Maulds Meaburn.

**Brownies,** Karen MacDougal, Maulds Meaburn.

**Maulds Meaburn Village Society,** Chairman, Mike Tuer. Secretary, Joyce Robson.

**Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council:** Councillors: Gordon Bowness (chairman), Ted Relph and Ian Lumley, Crosby Ravensworth; Val Winterburn and George Robson, Maulds Meaburn, Geoff Harris and David Hall, Reagill. Clerk: Philippa Dobson, Maulds Meaburn.

**History Society,** chairman Ted Relph, Crosby Ravensworth, 715359; secretary Eileen Risk, Crosby Ravensworth, 715324.

**Eden District Councillor:** Tim Evans, Crosby Ravensworth, 715021.

**Maulds Meaburn Village Institute committee:** secretary Caroline Harbot, Maulds Meaburn.

**Defibrillator/First Responder scheme:** Katie Morgan, Crosby Ravensworth, 715212.

**Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall:** Greta Thompson, 715240

**Maulds Meaburn Heritage and Village Green committee:** Chairman, Colin Dobson, Maulds Meaburn.

**Crosby Agricultural Show:** Chairman David Grayling, 715282. Joint secretaries Betty Bowness 715382 and Jillian Hown 715271

**NEWSLETTER 15**

# DIRECTORY

**Crosby Ravensworth Church:** Rev David Wood 715226

**Crosby Ravensworth Methodist Chapel:** Contact Geoff Harris, 715252.

**Crosby Ravensworth School:** Headmaster Tim Ayre, 715265.

**Ladies Group:** Jean Johnson, 715267.

**Mothers' Union:** Hilda Jackson, 715219.

**Crosby Ravensworth Charities committee:** Geoff Harris, chairman; Gordon Bowness, clerk; Ted Relph, treasurer.

**Voluntary Transport scheme:** Mary Metcalf, 715200.

- It is hoped that in the next issue, this Directory can be made much more comprehensive and useful, and include as much information as possible about local organisations and the people who run them. Please accept our apologies if your organisation has been missed out.
- Give the details which you would like to have included in the Directory to any of the three Newsletter contacts listed on page 2.



## **IN THE NEXT ISSUE:**

A report on the Millennium Carnival, including the reactions of two local teenagers.

- **PLUS.....**what the Parish Council discussed at its July meeting at Reagill Village Hall.
- **PLUS.....**reactions, good and bad, to the first issue of the Newsletter.
- **PLUS.....**any topic which you would like to see aired. Just get in touch with any of the contact numbers listed below.

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