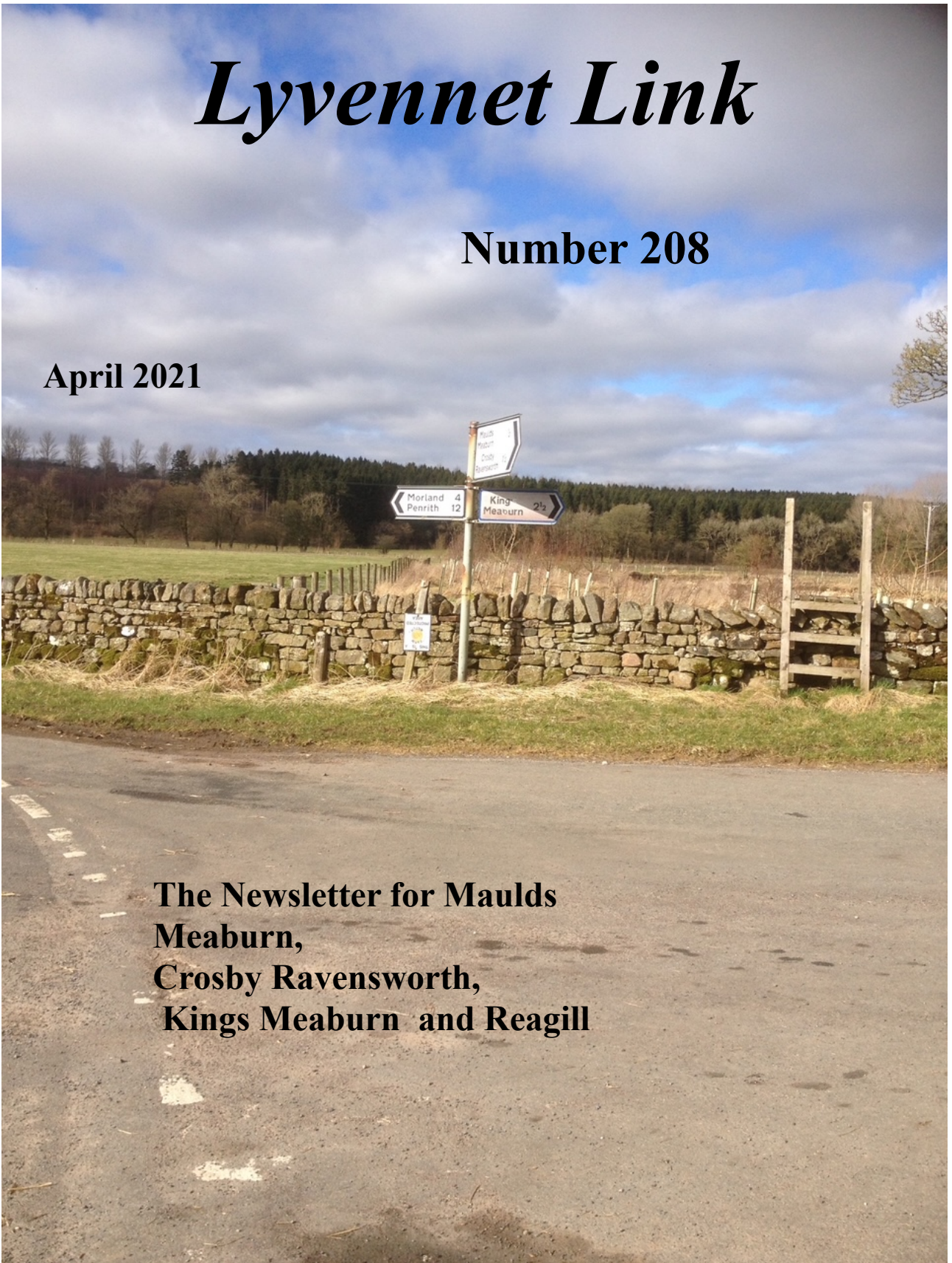


# *Lyvennet Link*

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**Welcome to the April edition of the Link.**

First,  
apologies that I did not get this out for the start of the month.

It has been kindly distributed by Darren and Sarah Rogers and Kitty Smith.  
Their contact lists will not reach everybody, so please feel free to distribute this as you wish. If you are not on any of these lists and would like to be please email me at the email address above.

Many Thanks to all contributors and in particular the Rogers, Kitty, Vicky and Joan who regularly help make these lockdown Links varied and interesting.

Not to forget the superb photographs from David Nattrass and others.

Again, this Link is only being sent out via email. I have no plans currently to move back to producing a printed version, though I am open to comments about this.

There may be a very limited number of printed versions in the village shelters but please do not take one of these if you have access to a digital version.

Many thanks to all contributors and again to Darren Rogers and Kitty Smith for distributing the Link through their contact lists.

**Nick Thomas.**

## NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

Our doors re-opened on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and it's been a great return for all the children to school after lockdown. Parents have done a wonderful job of supporting the children with their remote learning which has meant that the children have continued to progress despite the obvious difficulties.

Everyone's really enjoying being back and there's so much positivity about the year ahead. We have also welcomed a new family into the village this term and both children have settled in happily.

School has just taken delivery of 8 new tablets for the children to use in school and so is very proud now to have enough laptops, ipads and tablets for every child to use their own device in school. Not every school can boast that!

On 19<sup>th</sup> March, the children had the chance to come to school dressed in something red in support of Comic Relief Day which they enjoyed. Looking ahead to Easter, Rev Stewart Fyfe will lead a school only service before the children break up.

If you have walked/driven past school you may have noticed workmen on site. They have been constructing an extension to the canopy alongside class 1 so as to extend the covered outdoor play area for the younger children and improve our outdoor learning space. Next we will be planning on how to improve the area behind school and make the most of our lovely surroundings. There has also been some power washing going on around the school building and its 'spring clean' has begun. What with the newly planted coloured pansies around the commemorative stone and at the entrance doors, the building is certainly looking brighter.

Our afterschool club continues to run with activities ranging from obstacle courses, to craft club and Regency Rebels.

We've already had some enquiries for nursery places in school, for the next school year and we'd encourage anyone who wants to know more about the possibilities to get in touch, by ringing us on 01931 715265.

Until next month.....and have a lovely Easter.

## **Services at your parish church at Easter and in April**

[St Lawrence is open every day for private prayer and contemplation]

**April 11th 11.00m     Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell**

**April 25th 11.00am Morning prayer with Rev Sheila Clark.**



**DID YOU KNOW.....?**

**You can now buy duck eggs in Maulds Meaburn.**

**They are FOR SALE outside Hill House, Hopper Hill,  
CA10 3HN**

**which is the white house, on the left, two before MMVI, if  
coming from Crosby OR second on the right after MMVI coming  
the other way.**

**They are priced at £2.50 for six duck eggs.  
(Honesty Box)**

## **AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS**

The collections are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every  
Month. Wed 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Items collected are Curtains, bedding  
(no duvets or pillows ) towels, clothes,  
Shoes, belts, hats, scarfs, books ( hard  
& soft back) handbags, costume jewellery  
Cd's, videos, ink jet cartridges, mobile phones,  
used stamps in a clear plastic bag.

**Please no Bric a Brac.**

**Leave items in the bus shelters at CR,MM,  
Reagill & KM before 9am collection on the day.**

Further info contact Kitty 01931-715375

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**I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures.**

***Lao Tzu***

**We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves.**

***Dalai Lama***

**Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?**

***Henry David Thoreau***

**Every day begins with an act of courage and hope: getting out of bed.**

***Mason Cooley***

**Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.**

***John Ruskin***

**A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.**

***Walter Winchell***

***sent in by Vicky Welch***



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 our 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

# Coast to Coast?

## From California to Cumbria. Part VII

And that's how we came to be sitting in the departure lounge at Manchester airport....AGAIN!

Aaah, but this time we were MEETING the Californians rather than flying off somewhere to meet up with them. This was going to be really awesome - finally, we had them here in England, altogether, nine of us in total comprising the original "seven" and two husbands : Bev, Wendy, Mo, Krista, Jane, Gordon and I, plus Lee (Bev's husband) and Tom (Jane's husband).

They arrived on two separate flights into Manchester and we met them - very quietly of course - and whisked them away towards Charnock Richard Motorway services! We know how to welcome people don't we? Naturally they were a little tired after their flights and we didn't want to overwhelm them too soon into their three week vacation in the north of England .

Once fed and watered, something that we've come to accept they need to happen nearly every hour, on the hour - well almost, we arrived for our first night's accommodation in a travelodge in Darwen, near Blackburn. Tomorrow was the start of some very memorable and hopefully for the Dreamers, interesting travelling on various modes of transport, beginning with two narrowboats on the Leeds/Liverpool canal.

We arrived in Silsden after a massive shop at Morrison's in Skipton! I don't know how we squeezed everything into the two cars as well as luggage and people, but apparently we did, and it all spilled out in the two boats waiting for us flying the Stars and Stripes. A lovely gesture from the boat yard, we had mentioned to them that several of our party were from California and as is the custom with their hire boats they try and cater for all nationalities accordingly! Gordon and I have been accused of many things but now we were going to be accused of being Americans! Our friends had heard a lot from us concerning canal holidays we had had, and now they were thrilled to be experiencing it first hand, and they lapped it up and certainly wanted more at the end of the four nights we had aboard. We chugged through Skipton, Gargrave and turned around at East Marton, stopping off to replenish supplies when able and spending a morning in Skipton waiting for Krista's lost luggage to be delivered by a very helpful member of the boat yard. But it was time to move on and our next stop was Bingley Five Rise, about 10 miles from the boatyard and once we'd handed over the boats and piled back into the cars, we headed over to



let them see staircase locks as opposed to the ones we had worked our way through over the last few days. They were suitably impressed but we had a station to visit and steam trains to watch at Keighley and Oxenhope before arriving in York for some historical education, a walk along the city walls and more trains! We were staying in a self catering house just outside the walls, within easy walking of the centre and we pretty much all did our own thing for 3/4 days, meeting in the evening for food and swapping guide books, ghost stories and Minster magic. They were truly in awe of York Minster and everything York; we had been to York on several occasions ourselves but only when we were suggesting places to visit did we realise how much the city has to offer. In fact everywhere we went with the Dreamers, more and more we appreciated the sheer variety that the north of England has to offer from culture to cakes, scenery to stone skimming, museums to .... well, you get the idea.

From York we moved on towards Beamish near Chester le Street via Blakey Ridge on the North York Moors; whilst walking the Coast to Coast back in 2008, we had spent a very entertaining evening with the girls and the following morning they had issued that very pressing invitation to visit them. So I suppose we had to re-visit the Lion Inn and show the two husbands where it all began! Meanwhile, at the open air museum that is Beamish, it oozes with information and history; such a delight to be able to show them so much and in return, they were absolutely amazed by it all; however, right in the middle of all this site seeing, Krista the surgeon had to return to a conference in Chicago. We drove her to Newcastle airport for her flight then returned to collect the rest of our crew and headed off to a delightful hotel in the South Tyne valley overnight. The next morning we went to Vindolanda which again they all found enthralling, following it with a walk along Hadrian's Wall. Their journals were already bulging with facts and pamphlets, and the history lesson continued along towards Lanercost where tea and scones happened in vast amounts! Our night's accommodation was at Buttermere youth hostel, in amongst some fabulous scenery and we had the place to ourselves. The next morning we had a walk out to admire more breathtaking scenery across the lake then a drive up to Honister Quarry gave more shopping opportunities!!

Our travels then took us on to Grasmere where again the Coast to Coast passes through and we had a couple of hours exploring again before making our way to Windermere train station....you've guessed it, we were collecting Krista after her conference ... talk about meeting yourself coming back? A pleasant meandering through Skelwith and Coniston took us to our accommodation for the next 4 days at Torver, a good place from which to explore the western edges of Cumbria. A morning at the seaside, St. Bees Head, where the Cost to Coast walk commences, followed by the jaw dropping view of Wasdale and Great Gable, followed by the next day a drive to Ravenglass and of course L'al Ratty through to Dalegarth (For Boot). It just

happened to be Peppa Pig weekend - deep joy!! That was an education for the Dreamers!

All too soon we were on the move again towards the Eden valley but not before stopping at Monk Coniston on a peaceful Monday morning to instruct Krista in the art of stone skimming - I kid you not, she had never had the pleasure of such a white knuckle sport before and Bev and Jane proceeded to teach her. The peace was shattered instantly, as was the flat calm on Coniston Lake; I humbly apologise if you were there seeking some inner peace that morning back in October 2016. We travelled along the side of Ullswater and arrived at Roans Farm (our next accommodation) by late afternoon, thrilled to be able to show our friends the lovely valley we call home. Ullswater Steamer, Lowther Castle, Little Salkeld Mill, Jersey Ice Cream, Bird of Prey Centre, Booths, Morrison's - we saw it all! How fortunate we are to have so much on the doorstep....

It was time to head back towards an airport but not before we had said goodbye to Krista again! We took her to Penrith station to catch an unreasonably early train to Manchester airport and looked forward to the next adventure we would share with her. Leaving the Lyvennet valley, we stopped off at Orton and the chocolate factory, then drove towards Hawes, yes more food, this time in the form of cheese! An extensive tour of the Cheese factory and then much sampling of delicious cheeses. But we couldn't linger as we had afternoon tea booked at my sister's in Burton in Lonsdale! She had met up with us when we stopped off at East Marton on the boat so was well prepared to receive them all for tea and cakes . Delicious, thanks Marilyn!

That night we stayed in a brilliant B & B in Ingelton, playing pool, with an honesty bar and lovely comfortable sofas, but only one day left...where had the three weeks disappeared to? So we had to just cram as much into that last day as possible, starting with a delve into the White Scar Caves then onto Gargrave. Full circle where we wistfully watched the canal boats working their way through the locks with happy boaters enjoying their holiday away from the rat race - just like we had done nearly three weeks before. Time to say goodbye to the waterways and find our final accommodation for the Dream Tour in Altrincham, close to the airport for a very early flight back to California.

Over the years, we have got to know these folk extremely well over the trips we have embarked upon and none more so than having the opportunity to show them our country and explain why we could never leave.

We said our very long goodbyes, watched them walk through to security, turn and wave yet again then finally disappear. Strange to be on the other end of the airport meeting and waving off but after lengthy discussions well into the holiday, we had all

agreed that our next rendezvous should be Canada ! So you know what's coming next don't you?

And so that's how we came to be sitting in the departure lounge at Manchester airport....AGAIN!

**Vicky Welch**



## Takeaway Menu

**Week Commencing Wednesday 3rd March 2021**

Please place orders by ringing us on 01931 715500

### OPENING HOURS

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE

[www.thebutcherscrosby.co.uk](http://www.thebutcherscrosby.co.uk)

12" Pizza (gfr)	- Margarita (v)	£10
	- Veggie Feast (v)	£10
	- Meat Feast	£10
	- Four Cheese + Basil (v)	£10
	- Cajun Chicken + Soured Cream	£10
	- Ham + Mushroom	£10

Fish, Chips + Mushy Peas, Tartare (gfr)	£10
Stir-Fry Chicken Noodles, Thai Red Sauce	£10
Butchers Double Steak Burger, Double Cheese, Sweet Pickled	£10
Red Onion, Iceberg, House Made Mayo, Fries	
Sweet + Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Prawn Crackers (gfr)	£10
Spinach, Ricotta + Mushroom Tagliatelle, Parmesan	£10
Crumb, Garlic Bread (v)	
Sticky Chilli Pork Ribs, Fries, Slaw	£10
Lamb Tagine, Pea + Mint Cous Cous	£10
Steak + Mushroom Pie, Dripping Chips, Mushy Peas	£10
Plant Based Burger, House Mayo, Sweet Onion, Fries, Slaw (v)	£10
Chicken Caesar Salad, Croutons, Anchovy, Parmesan (gfr)	£10
Scampi Tails, Dripping Chips, Peas, Tartar	£10

(gfr) - Gluten Free On Request (v) - Vegetarian



Sides - Skinny Fries / Dripping Chips / Slaw	£2
Garlic Bread Pizza With Cheese	£5
Kids Pizza (choose from above)	£6
Chicken Nuggets, Chips + Peas	£6
Fish, Chips + Peas	£6
Cheeseburger + Fries	£6

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## How It Works

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED OUR SUNDAY  
OPENING HOURS. NOW OPEN 3PM - 7PM**

Ring us with your order on 01931 715500 from **3pm** and **1pm Sunday**.  
Select a collection time. We will limit to 5 minute time slots to make sure we comply  
with advice. Please turn up to collect your order at the agreed time.

Please pay for your order over the phone with a debit/credit card or pay cash when  
you collect

We thank you for your custom AGAIN and we very much look forward to resuming  
back to the normal personal service we usually offer.



## Caption Competition



Vicky Welch

Please email any suggestions to [nickthomas@macace.net](mailto:nickthomas@macace.net) for inclusion in the next issue.



Suggestions for last months photo:  
“Are we nearly there yet?”

Malcolm Ridgway

'Whose daft idea was it to play hide n seek?'

From Anne Hughes, Crosby Ravensworth



Vicky Welch

## **Westmorland Dales Landscape Conference**

Our Westmorland Dales Landscape Conference took place online on Saturday 27th March 2021. John Dunning, the chair of the partnership, set the scene before a wonderful cross-section of presentations from our partner organisations and project leads loosely focussed around our natural, cultural and connecting heritage themes. Keith Cooper, a Great Asby historian gave us an excellent insight in the development of its medieval village-scape through the innovative use of satellite images. Other presentations covered upland farming, geology, natural flood management, wildflower meadows, archaeological and built heritage surveys, routes through the area and the apprentices. We had time for two question and answer sessions and the conference was rounded off with our Picturing the Westmorland Dales film featuring the landscape artwork produced by the local primary schools.

The conference and series of webinars have been a great success, broadening our reach and including people who might not have attended otherwise because they live too far away, don't have their own transport or are of limited mobility. And we've found that even more people have enjoyed our recordings, so do watch this one and feel free to share the link with your friends. We are of course keen to get outside for real again so watch this space for events, walks and other activities as lockdown restrictions ease. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the conference and to the National Lottery Heritage Fund who's support has been crucial. Please look under the resources tab on our website to find the conference recording.

[www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk](http://www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk)

If you would like further information about the scheme please contact:

[westmorlanddales@fld.org.uk](mailto:westmorlanddales@fld.org.uk)





### **The Mini Eden Coffee Outreach Van**

The wait is over! Barista prepared coffees, teas, plus cakes and snacks are coming to your village! Locally sourced artisan produce, lovingly prepared, at affordable prices. Our Van will also be fitted with lego play and activity panels, to help make your visit fun for the little people, too. Children's clothing and gifts from our Kirkby Stephen shop can be brought to you by request, or to browse.

**TEBAY** (by the recycling point)  
Tuesdays 9am – 11am (starting 9<sup>th</sup> March)

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH** (in Butchers Arms car park)  
Tuesdays 12noon – 2pm (starting 9<sup>th</sup> March)

**SMARDALE NATURE RESERVE** Saturdays 11am – 3pm (starting 3<sup>rd</sup> April\*)  
in partnership with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust - 10% of sales will go to the CWT

Card payment preferred, please follow the social distancing measures we have in place

\*Covid restrictions permitting – please do keep an eye on [www.loveminieden.co.uk](http://www.loveminieden.co.uk) or follow us on Instagram / Facebook @loveminieden for regular updates, news, and offers.

# Lyvennet Cookbook

## **Fudge Fingers**

4oz Butter

4oz Granulated Sugar

Good tablespoon Syrup

Small tin of condensed milk

10oz crushed digestives

8oz Belgian milk chocolate

### Method

Melt butter, sugar, syrup & condensed milk bring to a bubble.

Add chopped nuts, cherries & sultanas.

Pour in crushed biscuits & mix well

Pour into a tin.

Cover with chocolate. Cut into fingers.

Kitty. Dale Garth, CR

## **Aubergine katsu curry**

### **Sauce**

2 tbsp oil

1 Onion- chopped

100g sweet potato (or standard potato. Both taste good)- chopped

Garlic cloves (we always put more than the standard, but 3 is in the book)

Ginger- I use ground ginger, 2 tbsp

2 tbsp medium curry powder

1 tbsp plain flour

400ml veggie stock

1 tbsp tomato ketchup or I use Worcestershire sauce if I have no ketchup

1 tbsp soy sauce

1 tbsp maple syrup or honey

½ tsp sesame oil

Salt & pepper

2 aubergines- cut into 1cm rounds

100g plain flour

Breadcrumbs

Oil

Sesame seeds

Spring onions

- 1 Make the sauce. Heat oil and add onion and potatoes. Add garlic, ginger, curry powder and flour. Mix well and cook for a few minutes.
- 2 Add stock along with ketchup, soy sauce, maple, salt and pepper. Bring to the boil and then turn down and simmer until veggies are soft and cooked through. Add sesame oil.
- 3 If you have a food processor then blitz it all together until smooth. We do not have a food processor so I mix by hand and it works out fine. Taste and then season.
- 4 Preheat oven to 200 degrees.
- 5 Mix the flour with 150ml of water until you have a batter with the thickness of double cream. If it seems too thick, add water. Season with salt.
- 6 Dip aubergines in the batter, then remove and dip into the breadcrumbs. Make sure all sides are covered.
- 7 Brush a baking tray with oil and arrange slices on them. Brush or spray with oil. Bake for 30-35 minutes, turning halfway through, until the breadcrumbs are golden
- 8 Drizzle sauce over aubergines and sprinkle over the sesame seeds and spring onions.

Joe & Chloe, High Dale Banks. CR

## *PESTO CHICKEN PILAF – A delicious Italian “OnePot”.*

*Serves 4*

*Cook: 70 minutes*

*4 chicken breasts  
salt and pepper  
2 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion finely chopped  
4oz/100g mushrooms, wiped and sliced  
2oz/50g raisins  
6oz/175g long grain rice  
½ jar pesto  
1pt/600ml chicken stock  
toasted flaked almonds (optional)*

- 1.Preheat oven to Mark 6/400F/200C (180 Fan)*
- 2.Season chicken with a little salt and some pepper. Cut portions into 2 halves if on the large side.*
- 3.Heat oil in a large frying pan and cook chicken for 10 mins, until browned on both sides.*
- 4.Lightly oil a shallow ovenproof dish and place the onion, mushrooms, raisins and rice over the base.*
- 5.Arrange the chicken pieces on top.*
- 6.Stir the pesto into the boiling chicken stock and pour into the dish.*
- 7.Nestle the chicken down into the rice and the stock, before baking uncovered.*
- 8.Bake for 1 hour, until all the liquid has been absorbed and the chicken is tender.*
- 9.With 10-15 mins cooking time remaining, check on progress and if the chicken is browning too quickly lightly shield with foil.*
- 10.Sprinkle with the toasted, flaked almonds if desired and serve at once. Serve with salad leaves and warm ciabatta bread.*

*Jo Tombs @ Sleagill.*

## **Devilled Lamb's Kidney on Toast.**

*Serves 4, as a starter, 2 as a brunch*

### **Ingredients:**

4 Lamb's kidneys, cleaned and cut into chunks

1tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1tsp mango chutney

1tsp curry paste

1tbsp Worcestershire sauce

1tbsp hot water

Grated zest of 1 lemon

Salt and pepper.

2-4 slices of thick granary bread or brioche, lightly toasted.

Fresh tarragon leaves.

### **Method**

1. Heat the oil in a large shallow frying pan and cook the kidneys for 3-4 minutes or until brown.
2. Add the chutney, curry, past, Worcestershire sauce, hot water, lemon zest and seasoning.
3. Heat through for 1-2 minutes.
4. Spoon the mixture over the toast, garnish with tarragon and serve immediately.

Can also be used as a filling for jacket potatoes

Enjoy.

Jane Owen, Appleby. Formerly of MM

# **Chocolate Easter Cake**

## Ingredients

50g cocoa powder  
6 tbsp boiling water  
3 free range eggs  
4 tbsp milk  
175g self-raising flour  
1 rounded tsp baking powder  
100g baking spread or soft butter  
300g caster sugar

## For the icing and filling

200g dark chocolate, broken into small pieces  
200ml double cream

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas4 and grease and line two 20cm sandwich tins with baking parchment.
  2. Put the cocoa powder and boiling water into a large bowl and mix well to make a paste. Add the remaining ingredients and beat again until combined.  
Divide cake mixture between the prepared tins. Bake for about 25-30 minutes until well risen and shrinking away from the sides of the tin.
  3. Meanwhile, for the icing and filling,, measure the chocolate and the cream together in a bowl and stand the bowl over a pan of simmering water for about 10 minutes, or until melted.  
stir from time to time. Set aside and leave to cool
  4. Once baked, remove the cakes from the oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes before turning out the tins onto a wire rack to cool completely.
  5. Fill the cakes with half of the icing and spread the remainder on top. Draw large "S" shapes over the cake with a palette knife to give a swirl effect. Decorate with as many mini Easter eggs and yellow fluffy chicks as you like.
- Steph Fishwick, Keld, Shap



# Another View from The Veggie Box!

Another view from the veggie box!

My suggestions are just that: suggestions. As I said last time, gardening is to be enjoyed not endured, so make sure you ENJOY IT!

Have you started planting yet? Any seeds coming through? Potatoes, onions, garlic and broad beans planted? No? Well there's still time but don't leave it too long into the spring or you could be playing catch up all summer.

April is a lovely month to be getting into the garden and veggie patch after what seems to have been a longer winter than usual; unfortunately along with the good things that are growing in the garden come the naughty things called WEEDS! Spending as little as five minutes every couple of days walking around the soil and "teasing" out the weedlets will save you and your plants a lot of time and energy later on in the year - so get a grip now!

By now you should probably have a good idea in your head what you are hoping to plant and where; a useful tool (sorry, no pun intended) is to draw a simple, uncomplicated plan on a piece of paper (paper, yes!) so you can (in my case) remember what you decided upon and where you had intended to plant it. Consider the prevailing wind, have you a sheltered spot, a sunny spot, a shady spot, an exposed spot... if you're lucky and have a greenhouse then many of your seeds can be started off in there as opposed to the kitchen or lounge windowsill or consider turning a small area outside into a nursery bed where you can start off many seeds before moving them onto their final positions.

We all have different sized gardens, so I say again, only grow what you can sensibly manage into the summer months, not forgetting that you'll need to harvest in time, and then need someone to eat all the produce you've grown or a suitable shelter where to store veggies such as potatoes and onions, and a large freezer for the beans and peas.

If you're considering growing carrots this year, now is a good time to be preparing the ground; they benefit from a finer soil but be aware of pesky carrot fly. In theory they can't jump higher than about 12 inches but don't bank on it!! If your carrots fall victim to them don't worry, just plant your carrots somewhere else next time, even in a tallish planter then you can move it

around to suit your requirements - sow the seeds straight into the soil and thin as per the packet's instructions. (Don't sow on a windy day for obvious reasons - I did with my parsnips a couple of years ago and guess what? I won't make that mistake again)

I'm also growing leeks for the first time this year, so have sown about 30 seeds into a pot in the greenhouse to transfer into individual pots when they are large enough to handle and thence onto their growing position outdoors. This final stage should be around the time when my 1st early potatoes are ready for lifting, all things being equal (as it leaves me in the present)!

Strawberries are a lovely item to grow but you need very good composty soil and a sunny and somewhat sheltered spot too, so consider the potential cost and growing area. Alternatively, strawberries grow well in planters and their yield can be good plus they make a pretty plant when in flower

If you want to grow peas, mange tout, beans etc then April is a good time to pop them into the ground; I won't go into detail about drills and trenches as I'm sure that information is abundant elsewhere. As well as sowing straight into the ground, I always save the cardboard kitchen and toilet roll holders, filling them with mixed soil and compost and popping in a couple of bean or pea seeds to each and placing them into another soil filled container. This pretty much ensures that if any seeds fail - and they do - you can fill in the gaps, then any surplus ones you can take to the bus shelter in the village and pass them on!

Don't forget, you'll need supports for all but the dwarf varieties of peas and beans in the form of canes or sticks; however if you have any tree prunings these can often be used for the peas in particular.

Of course I've only touched on a few things again; we all grow different veggies don't we? And I don't want to set up in competition with Monty Don just yet

So what's everyone growing this year? We could have a graph in the bus shelter, detailing the most popular veggies, the most unusual and the most rewarding. What do you all think?

Send me an email - even if it's simply to say you disagree with my methods and approaches to planting etc. Another view would be good to have, after all, look at how many gardening magazines there are out there - they can't all say the same thing surely?

Until the next issue, when hopefully our lives will be a little nearer to our remembered “normal” and the warmer, longer days will be here.

[Vickyveggiebox@gmail.com](mailto:Vickyveggiebox@gmail.com)

If you have enjoyed reading this, why not consider writing something for the Link yourself? I’m sure the editor would welcome it and so would we the readers!

**March 1st, 2021, Ordinary Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council.**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr R McIvor & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr A Beatham Cllr N Hughes CCC

**Welcome.**

Cllr Raine declared an interest in relation to item 19 Commons. Councillors agreed that this was not a pecuniary interest and that participation would be allowed. Cllr Hewitt had been granted a dispensation (154/19 2 March 2020) for the duration of this council to 2023 to participate in discussion of the grazing of the commons.

**Public Participation.**

The council had received correspondence from a parishioner seeking permission to sell preserves in Maulds Meaburn Village Shelter. The shelter was informally organised by a resident. The council had no objection and the resident would be advised to liaise with the voluntary organiser. Some concern was raised as to remaining availability of seating in the shelters and it was thought that sales should

only take place on a table and not on the bench. It was noted that children and young people would soon be returning to school and would need the use of the shelters when catching the school bus.

Litter picking had been conducted individually with impressive results. Cllr Raine would post the council's thanks on the Crosby Ravensworth Facebook Page and in the 'Link'.

**Highways.**

Concern had been expressed about the opening up of significant gaps in the hedge/fence directly opposite the school. The risk of children falling through into the river needed to be addressed. The outfall from the drain at the junction on Bank Lane (Ravenseat) had developed a precipitous drop that required fencing. Highways had been informed and the works should be undertaken in 2021/22.

**Bench at Meaburn Edge.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek quotes for the relocation of the bench at

Meaburn edge to an adjacent gateway with an improved view.

### **Planning YDNPA**

E/03/57: Glebe House, Silver Street, Crosby Ravensworth, CA10 3JA.

Description: Erection of summer house. It was noted that the YDNPA had not displayed a plan on the web portal. The summer house was 8' by 10' of wooden construction. There was no objection to the principle of placing a summer house in the garden but the council could not comment on the specific plans.

### **Planning EDC**

21/0128: Site Address: WINTER TARN NEWBY CA10 3EW

Description: Roof over cattle feed area between two adjacent barns. It was resolved to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that the application (site plan) did not show sufficient detail including the location of recently consented construction. Once again councillors expressed surprise that the application had been validated as it was felt that the information provided did not meet the required standard. These concerns had been raised on a number of occasions with planners and in correspondence. Over the course of the past year piecemeal applications had been made as follows without professional input:

- 1     20/0482 CRPC No objection.
- 2     20/0474 CRPC Objection (determined early). Correspondence to EDC.
- 3     20/0802 CRPC Support.
- 4     20/1007 CRPC Objection.

Concern was expressed that the overall scale of the developments was a very significant visual impact on a sensitive site adjacent to the YDNP and the overall plan had not at any stage been fully explained. The planning authority had missed opportunities to control development and impose appropriate conditions. The Parish Councils concerns raised in correspondence had not been addressed by planners.

The Parish Council's objection would be copied to the Eden District Council, Chief Executive along with a request for an onsite planning meeting.

## **Parish Council Grants.**

Correspondence had been received from Crosby Ravensworth First Responders, Fell Runner Bus and Crosby Ravensworth Primary School. Each had been impacted significantly by the Covid 19 pandemic and the associated lockdowns. It was resolved after discussion to make a discretionary grant of £300 each to First Responders and Fell Runner Bus to support general costs and loss of fundraising opportunity and subject to a further clarification to the satisfaction of the Chairman a donation of £460 to the Primary School to support temporary Covid Security measures associated with outdoor teaching. (1<sup>st</sup> JR, 2<sup>nd</sup> DH).

## **Yorkshire Dales Local Plan.**

The council's submission to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had been circulated and was noted/approved. The Chairman was thanked for drawing it together.

## **Forest Management Plan Consultation. (Lowther)**

The council's initial response had been shared with councillors. Further consultation including public consultation would take place. It was AGREED that the proposals were well thought out. However, there was concern about the proposed loss of a much-loved local landmark in the avenue of Aspen Poplars along the straight at Morland Bank. The PC would seek the retention/management of this avenue.

## **Unitary Authority Consultation for Cumbria.**

Government is consulting on the establishment of one or more unitary local authorities for the current Cumbria area. It was agreed that these were very significant changes in local government. The proposal was to replace the current two-tier (County and District) local authority structure with a single tier. County

(Tier 1) currently holds responsibility for Education, Highways, Social Care etc.  
(Tier 2) 6 District Councils with responsibility for Council Tax Collection, Rates, Recycling, Planning etc. Proposals by County and Districts are as follows:

Proposals.

Allerdale Copeland



Area 1 [Copeland Allerdale Carlisle] Area 2 [Barrow South Lakes & Eden].

Carlisle Eden

Area 1 [Allerdale Carlisle Eden] Area 2 [Copeland, Barrow, South lakes].

South Lakeland & Barrow

Area 1 [Copeland Allerdale Carlisle Eden] Area 2 [South Lakes Barrow +  
Lancs Morecambe Bay Area].

Cumbria

County and District functions absorbed into a new Unitary Authority.

Cumbria Association of Local Councils plans to hold a Zoom briefing for local councillors with a 20 minute slot given over to advocates of the four proposals. It was decided that councillors would reserve consideration until later in the consultation process after there had been an opportunity to participate.

### **Reagill Green.**

One tender had been received for £20, it was agreed to relet the Green to D Hall on the same terms as last year.

**1. Letting of MMVG** in 2021. No tender had been received for the letting of the green. The number of occasions on which sheep had been present on

the Green after the close of the grazing licence had been logged and the issue of the observance of terms was discussed. There were also issues regarding control of thistles/nettles. It was agreed that the Green would be offered to School Hill farm again and that the clerk and Chairman would meet to discuss the terms of the licence with the tenant with a view to taking feedback from the School Hill farm and making changes if necessary. The outcome would be reported to council. Councillors were reminded that a multi-year agreement was not an option as it would run the risk of establishing an agricultural tenancy and was not compatible with the council's duty as sole trustee to maintain and control the asset against the charitable objects of the MMRGT.

**2. Updates re works required & management plan MMVG.** The Chairman and Cllr McIvor had examined the Green with a view to compiling a schedule of works: These had included actions required to maintain the shelter, the

replacement of the millrace gate and the clearing of a ditch adjacent to back lane. High way related works would be forwarded to Cumbria Highways Department.

**3. To approve works to the Willow Bank at Bridge House MMVG.** YDNP proposals in respect of the management of willow at Bridge House were approved. Clerk to liaise with YDNP ranger.

**4. Review and Approve Proposed Tree works MMVG - 2021.** Councillors agreed the carrying out of Priority 1 and Priority 2 tree works, identified in the annual survey.

**Holly Cottage.** It was known that Ted Relph's will had been proved and it was anticipated that Holly Cottage would shortly be formally offered to the Council. 18 people had responded to the consultation at <https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/holly-cottage/> responses had been positive. The Clerk would circulate the consultation responses to councillors.

**Risk Assessment.** The revised risk assessment discussed in detail at the council's meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 was approved.

### **Asset Register.**

The revised asset register was presented and approved. It was agreed that a revaluation would be required in the coming year prior to which the council would adopt a valuation policy.

Date of Next Meeting agreed as 12 April 2020.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public by a resolution of the Council on the grounds that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business in respect of the following agenda item.

### **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE**

Update on the Graziers proposals and agreements for Crosby Common.

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