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First of all Happy Birthday - 100 years old in 2020 - our 'Tute. And thank you to all who have looked after her and used this splendid building over the last hundred years. There are so many whom we should mention but I think of John Bennett, Maria and Diddy Hindmarsh and Chris Bland.

Now for the next hundred years.....

The Trustees are waiting for three vital bits of information. Two big funders will tell us how much they can give us, and the contractors, who are considering the work, will give us a price.

All of this will be available to us in the next three or four weeks.

Meanwhile we have to raise £50,000 between January 1st and March 31st. £5,000 came on January 1st which was a fantastic start!

Can you help?

1. Send a cheque payable to "The Borrowdale Institute".
2. Arrange an event: Yard Sale, Raffle, Coffee Morning, Get Yourself Sponsored. Anything
- 3 Join one of our groups of volunteers who will spring into action in the Autumn. Making the Curtains. Big sewing job. Painting the exterior (we provide the materials and the beer) or decorating the interior - big job. We have a foreman we just need the skills, muscles and generosity.

YES YOU CAN !

All offers of cash, muscle or skill to me please.

We really need your encouragement, help, support - right now.

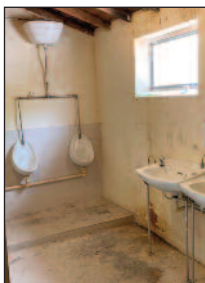
So 2020 will see contractors on the site and work completed

(We will do our very best to keep the building available for use, as much as possible, during this exciting year.)

Malcolm Stonestreet

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MINING IN BORROWDALE

A Borrowdale Story Project

Borrowdale has a long mining history. It dates back to making stone axes on Glaramara in the Neolithic and continues today with slate mining at Honister.

Mining shaped how the valley grew and developed. It had a huge impact on the people who lived here in the past and still influences our lives today.

The Borrowdale Story is developing an Exhibition which will be permanently displayed in the rear of St Andrew's Church. We have gathered information from numerous sources about the mines, the quarries and the infrastructure, but now...

....we need you!



Thanks to the Langstrath Country Inn for the use of this photograph

We already have a few photographs, but we would love some more. We have a few written records, but more would be brilliant! If you've got memories or tales to tell, we would love to hear them!

Please note that we can scan or photograph any precious items so you won't lose them.

Contact any member of the Borrowdale Story team to add to this exhibition, call Lorraine Crisp on 01768777485 or use this dedicated email: borrowdalemining@gmail.com

Thank you!

KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM (KMRT)



The team was founded in 1947 after an appeal by Horace “Rusty” Westmorland and was originally known as The Borrowdale Mountain Rescue Team.

Any vehicle was procured for a rescue. The meeting point was always Keswick Police Station, this being the first and only place a 999 call from a member of the public could ring in the event of an accident on the fells.



This picture shows the late George Fisher on the left, Des Oliver in the middle and Freddie Bantock on the right on a flat back vehicle in Bank Street responding to a call. That was then. Look at the latest 4-wheel rescue vehicle now !

A Land Rover Defender. First class off road capabilities with some equipment carried on the roof, including a stretcher and Perspex box to cover the casualty’s face protecting them from falling debris.

The team changed its name in 1951, to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team (KMRT) and had a base in the Central Car Park, Keswick.

In 1996 they acquired the current purpose-built building, near the Theatre by the Lake, and now, having outgrown that, an extension is to be built.

Five vehicles are on site, all prepared, ready at any time, to respond depending on the callout. The necessary equipment, the very high-tech communication equipment and the weekly training is all based here.



KMRT is primarily responsible for the area outlined on the map.

It includes England's three highest mountains – Skiddaw, Helvellyn and Scafell Pike, and for more extensive search operations they will operate anywhere in the Lake District or even further afield.

A separate branch of Mountain Rescue is the Search and Rescue Dog Association of which several members of KMRT are involved.

The current KMRT team live in and around Keswick and are on call in all weathers, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Several members live in Borrowdale.

The team also has a long history of sheep rescues. In 1961 alone there were 18 sheep rescued and in 1963 the team even considered introducing a fixed charge for sheep rescues.

In January last year, a farmer requested the help of KMRT to help retrieve one of his animals stuck on Goat Crag.

The entire operation depends on the dedication of volunteers, the generosity of their employers and especially, as a charity, the donations and ongoing support from the public.

Last year, and at the time of writing this article on the 19th December 2019, KMRT comprised of 49 volunteers, had responded to 88 rescues, 26 alerts, and incredibly 2876 rescue man hours.

Since 1948 they have responded to 3,770 rescues and sadly 297 fatalities.



Jeff. R. Hall

NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE

Our February update is about the work we are doing across the Lakes to secure a sustainable future for the 90 farms we work in partnership with our tenants to manage.

We have a unique stake in farming in the Lake District, not least because it shapes a landscape that is loved by millions and one that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site - which recognises the cultural tradition of farming. We want Trust farms to stand out as places delivering great things.



Herdwick sheep on wall in Borrowdale - John Malley

With all the challenges facing farming, from climate change to financial viability, we are looking ahead for solutions with tenant farmers, industry experts and partners. Our ambition is for a vibrant, viable farming industry that sustains our farming culture and transforms the health of the environment for people and nature.



Jez Westgarth, National Trust Lakes Future Farming Programme Manager

That's why, here in the Lakes, we've appointed a future farming programme manager, Jez Westgarth who started in January.

Jez, who lives near Penrith, has come from the Environment Agency where, through national roles and being part of the management team for Cumbria & Lancashire, he brings experience of working in partnership to develop joint plans and leading people to deliver outcomes for people and places. He's also recently worked with Defra on highly relevant initiatives.

Early priorities will see us investing in infrastructure for farms, supporting the growing number of new tenants taking on our farms and, through joint working and focussing on solutions, building trust and partnerships between us and our tenants.

As a conservation charity our long-term priorities are tackling the current climate and nature crisis through our land management. We want to work hand in hand with our tenants to see how we can do this together. These priorities are absolutely aligned to the ambitions of the new Agricultural Bill with farmers being recognised and paid for delivering a range of public benefits such as looking after air, soils, water and wildlife.

REMEMBRANCE

Just wanted to add to our Remembrance Story, not quite right in our last Snippets. I was talking to a new Valley resident recently, saying I would like to find out more about the plane crash at Johnny Wood, she just looked at me and said, "My great uncle Henry died in that crash." It was 4th September 1942 - worst of Borrowdale storms and floods. A Wellington bomber with 5 crew, all were killed on High Doat. Four young Canadians and Hazel Sanderson's great uncle from Lanarkshire in Scotland. Our policeman on a bicycle, war time pitch dark, on the wrong side of the flooded river, trying to get to them.



Pilot - F/Sgt William Bruce Sage, aged 19, of Lacombe, Alberta, Canada.

Observer - F/Sgt George Edward Derbyshire, aged 33, of Willows, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Observer - Sgt Jack Lionel "Jacob" Brovender, aged 24, of Timmins, Ontario, Canada.

Wireless Operator / Air Gunner - F/Sgt James Anderson, aged 21, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.

Wireless Operator / Air Gunner - Sgt Henry Brown Burnett, aged 20, of Biggar, South Lanarkshire.

Talking of Remembrance I tried to make names on our memorials more meaningful. Data protection prevents this - unless you are next of kin, but Jake Jenkinson helped, knowing where their homes were.

William Taylor - Violet's son from River Cottage Grange, where she "did" teas, - ended in Burma where he is buried - mind blowing experience for a Valley lad.

Robert Johnson from Abbots Bay - remembered at Alexandria War Cemetery. Ted Dover married to Laura of High Lodore Farm, buried here at St. Andrew's. If you can add to their story, please help.

Patricia Roscamp

SNIPPETS

Had lots of voting in the last year - **Institute** likes voting. 63 members of the upper valley came along (others may do a postal) that was 63 out of a possible 216. The Grange lot turned out 65 out of a possible 110.

Road been closed in Grange - could this result in a **Public Convenience**?

Carol Singing went well - special guest appearance of **Margaret Braithwaite** on the final night. Snippets is told they sang on 92 doorsteps - The Church sent a cheque for **£1,400** to **Jigsaw - Children's Cancer Hospice** in Carlisle. General Thanksgiving is indicated.

The Organ is being rebuilt for Saint Andrew's by John Lightbown and Son of Tynemouth - should be in action soon.

Been wondering if they are going to do **Mass in the Mountain** again - liked the film - [Vimeo.com/364012092](https://vimeo.com/364012092).

Been thinking about **Lent** - nothing much happened.

Snippets remembers **Marjorie Roscamp's** commitment to Lepers. No sign of celebrating her birthday with a Coffee Morning this year - usually held around her birthday - 25th April. Seems those people at Northside are failing. Perhaps someone else will host this event in 2020? Hope so it's a good do and the **Leprosy Hospital in Nepal** need the help. They have come to rely on Borrowdale.

We have wonderful volunteers who deliver the News throughout the Valley but...

We need more help - sometimes our regular team can't manage it - would you be prepared to deliver forty magazines when we are in trouble, please

If so contact Jeff Hall 77856 jeff.r.hall@sky.com

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On **Wednesday 19th February** when
Grainne Jakobson will talk on "**The
National Gardens Scheme**".

Our March talk will be on **Wednesday 18th
March** when **Roger Browne** will talk
about "**From New York to New Orleans
- a musical journey**".

Coffee is available from 10am and talks
begin at 10.30am.

EVENTS IN THE VALLEY

- 2nd February 10-30am Morning Prayer at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
5pm Candlemas Service by Candlelight, Holy Trinity, Grange
- attended by Core Group and followed by Supper at Northside
- 3rd February 9-30am Borrowdale News, Editorial Group. Northside.
- 9th February 10-30am Holy Trinity, Grange.
- 12th February 10-30am Parish Coffee Morning at Mary Mount Hotel
- 16th February 10-30am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
4pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
- 23rd February 10-30am Holy Trinity, Grange (Cake Sunday)
- 26th February Ash Wednesday. 10.30 Holy Trinity, Grange.
- 1st March 10-30am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
4pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
6pm Launch of Keswick Missionary Community Group. (Where)
- 8th March 10-30am Holy Trinity, Grange.
- 15th March 10-30am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
4pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
- 17th March 9am Grange Cafe. Community Leaders Breakfast.
- 20th March 12 noon Copy Date for Borrowdale News - April/May.
- 22nd March 10-30am Holy Trinity, Grange. Mothering Sunday. (Cake Sunday)
- 24th March 12 noon The Institute. Lunch for Hospitality Group.
- 29th March 10-30am Holy Trinity, Grange.
4pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.

Dates Going Forward

- Easter. Good Friday 10th April. Easter Sunday 12th April.
Both days services at Holy Trinity, Grange 10-30am.
- 25th April Borrowdale Bake a Cake. At The Institute pm.

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