

The Borrowdale News

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'Holy Trinity Church, Grange' by Gill Bulch

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**CHILDREN AT OUR SCHOOL REMIND US OF HOW
OTHER CULTURES THANK GOD FOR HARVEST**



**CHARLES HOPE AND RALF SMITS AT SAINT ANDREW'S
FOR THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP AT HARVEST - OCTOBER 2016**



GRANGE TOILETS

This saga continues.

Allerdale Borough Council are still having to cut all the costs they possibly can, and these include toilets.

They have been trying for some time to get someone else to take responsibility. They initially offered to give the toilets away, with £7,000 to anyone who would undertake to run them for at least 20 years. There were no takers. Allerdale have recently had the toilets surveyed and increased the dowry to about £20,000, the amount the survey said it would cost to modernise them with vandal resistant fittings. However they forgot to include the roof, which is leaking badly! Our clerk has queried this and is waiting to hear if they will include the cost of repairing the roof.


There's no guarantee that someone local would commit themselves to cleaning daily, so a cleaner's travelling is why the running costs are so high.

We are very grateful to the National Trust for their long term commitment to keep Rosthwaite and Seathwaite toilets open. Obviously they don't want to take on the Grange ones that are not on their land.

We are as dismayed as you are that district councils have no statutory duty to provide toilets, but it is a nationwide problem even affecting large cities. The parish council doesn't want to take them on as we would have to about treble our precept several times just to cover the running costs. This would mean residents (you) paying for something you rarely use. Ideally those businesses that benefit from our visitors (or feed them too much fibre) would be paying most of the cost.

Sorry dear reader if you've only come this far in the hope of seeing some good puns, but all these were done to death in parish council meetings a long time ago so I decided to spare those of a more sensitive disposition.

Andrew Webb

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HAUSE GILL HYDRO SCHEME

The following information has been provided by Garry Sharples, Lead Consultant for the National Trust on hydropower projects in the Lakes, and 'Border Hydro'.

- This project will have minimal impact on the environment and additional shrubs will be planted on the banks and a dilapidated bridge replaced. The amount of water taken is closely regulated by the Environment Agency and the gill will never be run dry by the scheme. Local stone will be used to clad the intake and powerhouse and the penstock pipe will be underground. Hause Gill catchment consists of bog and vegetation which holds back water providing a more constant flow-one of the reasons why it is suitable for a hydro scheme.
- The turbine is a Gilkes 100KW, manufactured in Kendal. It should produce approx. 418,000kWh/year based on modelling and gauging work (Enough to power 100 homes all year). It will reduce carbon emission by approx. 200 tonnes per year as a result of renewable energy. The intake pipe is nearly 1km long and 355mm in diameter, the bedding material has been provided by Honister Slate Mine.
- Border Hydro have a policy of working with local people and suppliers, and thank locals for their tolerance. Good weather has helped to minimise the impact of the work on the natural environment and the plant should be operational by the end of summer 2017. The energy provided will go straight to the National Grid. At the moment it is difficult to directly connect to local properties, although trials for 'private wire' are taking place in Great Langdale.

Border Hydro have issued an invitation to the local community to visit the site and ask questions once the scheme is near completion.



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The ashes of **Peter William Daugty**, aged 75, were scattered in Saint Andrew's Yard recently. Peter's father who lived in Garstang, gave us the brass flower vases on the altar.

Ady Luke Sinani, Charlie Bates and Poppy Metcalfe were confirmed by the Bishop of Carlisle at Saint Andrew's on Sunday 30th October. I feel we had only given them scant preparation for this very important moment of commitment. Perhaps the truth is, it is now up to all of us to welcome them and instruct them in the way we behave. Getting a degree makes it possible to get a good job. It's only a beginning.

I'm still hearing pretty serious criticism of the **Highways Department**. The Borrowdale Road has been regritted and sprayed but the pot holes have not been filled. This is bad and I guess there are a number of individuals who will not rest till they see the specification and examine the costings. I support them.

I really do want to know how many loos there are in **Allerdale House** - the HQ of the organisation who suggest we don't need a public loo in Grange. We do.

I've really enjoyed the challenge of inviting the farming community (13 farms, 35 individuals working in Agriculture in the valley) to **Saint Andrew's** on December 2nd. I also enjoyed helping get the Institute spick and span for the dinner. Both Saint Andrew's and the Institute are underused assets. It's time for action.

Tickets are floating round for **The Slightly Older Person's Christmas Lunch** on 14th December at **The Borrowdale**. Should be a good do. SOP's are probably pensioners but we choose not to ask!

By the way I do hope you enjoy this **Borrowdale News**. I work with a splendid little group pulling it all together and ensuring it gets to you - we all wish you a very wonderful Christmas. Probably see you on the Carol Singing nights.

Have a wonderful Christmas and an exciting New Year

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Worship and Dates...

2nd December	7 pm Farmers' Service at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite and Dinner in Institute.
4th December	10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
5th December	9.30 am Editorial Group. Northside.
14th December	12 noon SOP (stands for Slightly Older Persons) Christmas Lunch. Borrowdale Hotel.
21st December	6 pm. First night of parish carol singing. Meet at Borrowdale Story (by the Bridge) For singing in Grange and district.
22nd-23rd December	Carol Singing in the Upper Dale.
24th December	Carol Singing around the Hotels
24th December	11.30 pm Midnight Mass by Candle Light + followed by a hot toddy - Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
25th December	10 am Carols and Communion at Holy Trinity, Grange.

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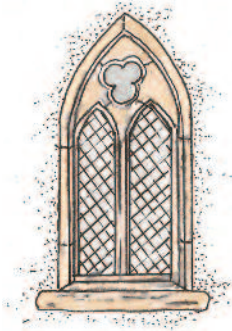
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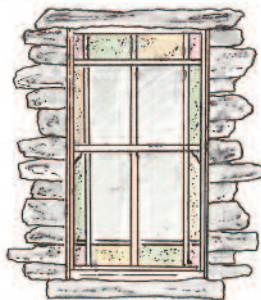
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Grange Chapel

BORROWDALE CAROL SINGING



The time has come again for Borrowdale to celebrate Christmas and show our care and concern for those who need a helping hand. Carol singing is such an enjoyable way to do this and Borrowdale is so good at it! Once again we are singing for the Cumbrian Children's Hospice 'JIGSAW'. Singing will start on Wednesday 21st December and continue for 3 nights around the valley and then on Christmas Eve in several of the hotels. Please join us if you can, but if you can't, please welcome us at your door and give generously to the wonderful work that the Hospice does for children and families in our county.

Arrangements

Wednesday 21st December

Borrowdale Road North. Meet at Leathes Cottage 5pm.
Grange. Meet at Borrowdale Story (Grange Chapel) 6.30pm.

Thursday 22nd December

Rosthwaite, Meet at Institute 6.30pm.

Friday 23rd December

Seathwaite, Seatoller. Mountain View, Longthwaite Meet at Seathwaite 6.30pm.

Saturday 24th December

Hotels. Meet at Borrowdale Gates 6.15pm.

Any queries or information needed, please ring Sue 77377 or Malcolm 77671

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN DECEMBER

"He's making a list
And checking it twice;
Gonna find out who's
naughty and nice.
Santa Claus is coming
to.....
Borrowdale !"

