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‘Climber on Shepherds Crag’ by Gill Bulch

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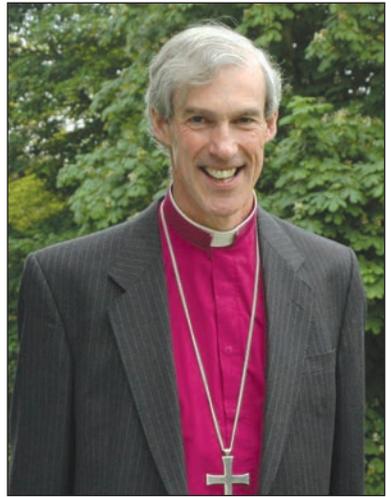
Welcome to a new ministry

On Saturday 4th June the parishes of St John's Keswick and Borrowdale, Holy Trinity Grange and St Andrew's Stonethwaite, will welcome the Rev'd Charles Hope as their Priest in Charge. This will mark a new ministry for Keswick and Borrowdale. The formation of an ecumenical Mission Community will bring the churches together in the service of the community.

This appointment though marks the end of the last thirteen years when the Borrowdale churches have been under the care of the Rev'd Peter Vivash. The communities have been served faithfully by their Vicar and those who have ministered with him over these years. Our thanks go to Peter and his colleagues who have supported the churches in Borrowdale. With the appointment of Charles Hope a new and exciting chapter begins for all the churches with Anglicans and Methodists working closely together. There are already close relationships I know between the two denominations and therefore the formation of a new Mission Community should assist in finding new ways to grow the churches.

It will be good to see as many as possible from Borrowdale in St John's Church Keswick for the Licensing Service of Charles Hope on Saturday 4th June at 5 pm to mark the beginning of this new ministry and mission.

The Rt Rev'd James Newcome
The Bishop of Carlisle



Rt Rev'd James Newcome

What to look for in June....

Orchids can be found in the damp, grassy areas of Borrowdale.

First to appear is the Early Purple Orchid (1.) with its striking magenta colour. Next to be seen is the rare Fragrant Orchid (2.), found in only one part of Borrowdale. The elongated spikes of flowers smelling strongly of carnations or vanilla. The Common Spotted Orchid (3.) appears last and can be seen throughout the valley and can be identified by its dark-spotted leaves.



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Parish Council Report

A new chairman and vice chairman were elected at the meeting on 11th May 2016. The current councillors are:

Chairman: Trevor Dowson. **Vice Chairman:** David Hindmarch.

Other councillors: Pete Barron, John Bennett, Gill Brocklesby, Nigel Dixon, Sam Hicks, Andrew Webb.

Meetings in 2016 are on **27th July, 28th September** and **30th November** at **7-30 pm** in the Borrowdale Institute. Representatives from Allerdale BC, National Trust and the police are usually in attendance.

Matters discussed at the 11th May meeting:

- a. Allerdale BC have stated their intention to close the Grange toilets unless somebody can take them over. The owners of the Bridge Cottage Teashop had attended the March PC meeting to explain their position. The council are assisting in trying to resolve this deplorable situation.
 - b. Councillors had attended the Round Derwentwater Cycleway presentation; a great idea, but perhaps over ambitious and the council had reservations about a number of aspects.
 - c. Lingholm Trust has applied for a 5 year extension to their planning permission for the Catbells car park; it is believed the planning officer has recommended refusal; consequently the PC have sent a letter in strong support of the application. Also a letter to Highways asking for the yellow lines to be replaced/reinstated on the Catbells bends.
 - d. The repairs to New bridge and the Watendlath bridge were an on-going process.
 - e. There were no planning applications received.
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**The Fitzwilliam Quartet will perform in Holy Trinity Church
on Tuesday 7th June at 7-00 pm**

Works by Beethoven, Purcell, Schubert and Mozart
Tickets on door £12.50 + interval drink

FLOOD MEMORIES

Seeing Stephen Edmondson dealing with flood damage by Thirlmere made me dig out the story of another flood - at Seathwaite Farm.

The night was 4th September 1942. Rain lashing down like buckets of water thrown at window panes. Bed and Breakfast guests sat down to dinner and saw folk walking past - followed by many more. Police turned up talking of accident on Gt. Gable.

The storm raged on. 10 pm an aeroplane flew low dropping flares - reddening the sky. Then torches flickered from the rescue party. A rock had dislodged - a climber fallen fifty feet - his rope dragged his wife down twenty feet - severely broken leg. Another man badly injured. 11 pm, 7 hours after accident, wounded lady in farm passage.

Mrs Edmondson, Stephen's great granny, dishing out blankets and hot tea to forty shivering, soaked rescuers - Guests from Co-op Holiday Hotel, Quarrymen, Farmers, Police, Saint John's Ambulance men - then ambulance wouldn't start. Police soaked again splashed to Seatoller to phone for another. Then told of plane crash - Bomber had crashed in Johnny Wood, all crew dead.

Second ambulance arrives 1 am. Just made it to Rosthwaite before flooding made it impassable.

Mrs Edmondson helped clear up and everyone to bed by 2-30 am.

6 am Mrs Edmondson wakes everybody - house flooded - thick muddy water swirled throughout. Knocked the bread bin over, soaked a sack of flour. Sugar, bacon, cheese, butter unpacked in commotion now all floating. A fortnight's rations all gone - war time rationing!!!

No milk for breakfast - cows took themselves up hill. Water swirled and raged. Borrowdale was a lake.

B&B guests helped clean carpets in the beck with yard brooms; floors swept and scrubbed; fires in every room to help dry out. The rain suddenly stopped, feeble sunshine appeared.

***(Story written in 1945
"Out of Doors")***

Floods are nothing new. Seathwaite Farm, (right), had 3ft deep floods in 1966. The family lived upstairs for 7 months. Carpets hang on farm walls and Jane and John Edmondson paddle.



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There is a **black cat** that is causing trouble - terrorising all other cats in Rosthwaite. There is a reward for the first person to tell Malcolm whom is the owner of said Fido.

David Bennell died in hospital following an accident on the A66 recently. His wife Nancy was big in the MU and David was a wonderfully helpful support and continued faithfully as MU Treasurer. He was an enthusiastic cyclist for many of his 82 years and he was proud of his rugby playing grandson.

Keswick and District have made it absolutely clear that they will not tolerate the closure of **Keswick Hospital**. Why: It is a place of excellence and a Jewel in the National Health Service - and we don't hear of many jewels just right now. It was given to us by a generous woman and it has served us brilliantly. We will not have it taken away.

We have, with the help of Sellafield, recently spent a vast sum of money upgrading the hospital. It is superbly kitted out to serve us. After spending so much money so recently it would be madness to destroy it.

Of course our hospital frees up beds in larger (more expensive) establishments and we all hope that simple economics will ensure that we increase the number of beds to 16.

Much of our business is tourism and we have a reputation for doing it well. However there is a vital need to provide a Minor Injuries and Xray unit for the visitor. It has an excellent, largely local, staff and the food is good.

The Great **Marjorie Roscamp** Coffee morning for the work amongst Lepers in Nepal was well attended. Everyone was generous with time, gifts, cooking and of course cash. The PCC will be able to send a cheque that will make our gifts this year up to £1,300. Thank you everyone!

I hear of **Glass Blowing** in Seathwaite and fantastic Glass Jewellery in Stonethwaite. I intend to explore and report back.

The **lambs** have already experienced mid winter and high summer weather. The farmers have been stretched to the full but, let us now hope that they will be rewarded, in due time, by really good prices at the auctions - they deserve it.

Malcolm thinks that **Charles Hope** has a formidable task as new Vicar for Saint John's and Borrowdale and he hopes lots of people will come to Saint Andrew's to welcome him. It's all very well turning out to say good-bye to Vicars but what we need to do is to welcome them and show them the warmth of the valley. That's why he has organised such an incredibly good and generous lunch in a marquee at Saint Andrew's on Sunday 12th June. Charles Hope has said he wants to be a Community man. Let's show him and his family what a community looks like - please!

Worship and Dates...

- 4th June 2-30 pm Baptism, Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
5 pm Induction/Licensing Charles Hope vicar of Saint John, Keswick and the Church in Borrowdale followed by refreshments. All at Saint John's.
- 5th June 10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite 4 pm. Grange. Evensong.
- 7th June 7 pm. The Fitzwilliam Quartet at Holy Trinity, Grange. Interval Drinks, Northside.
- 12th June 10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. Queen's Birthday Celebration and Welcome for Charles Hope and family, followed by Finger Buffet Lunch, Wine and Strawberries and Cream.
- 14th June COPY DATE FOR July Borrowdale News.
- 19th June 10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. (No Evensong, Grange)
6 pm Festal Evensong at Saint John's, Keswick.
- 22nd June 10-30 am **Parish Coffee Morning**. Derwent Youth Hostel.
- 23rd June VOTE ON U.K MEMBERSHIP OF E.U.
- 26th June 10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange.

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Advance Notices:

- 4th July/
1st Aug 9-30 am. Northside. Borrowdale News Editorial Meetings.
Copy dates 22nd July and 22nd August.
- 3rd July 3 pm. Songs of Praise at The Old Chapel, Grange.
- 20th July 2-15 pm. Borrowdale School Leavers Service
at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
- 18th Sept Shepherds' Meet.
- 30th Oct 10-30 am. Confirmation and Communion
at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite, with The Bishop of Carlisle.
- 2nd Dec 7 pm. Farmers' Service and Supper (David Jackson)
Saint Andrew's and The Institute.

ANNE WRITES FROM ASHNESS

On the 3rd of December, I left a very wet Borrowdale to travel to New Zealand on a surprise visit to see my daughter Arabella, Chris and grandson Benjamin.

Within 12 hours of arriving there storm Desmond had hit the valley and caused unbelievable damage at Ashness. Through social media it was made very visible to see it all from the other side of the world.

Even the house did not escape but luckily Wills saved everything except the carpets. It was still a shock to see it when we arrived home in January.

My nearly perfect farm was wrecked, fences on the edge of Derwentwater were either missing or destroyed. My sheep were not where I'd left them, not completely unusual with Herdwicks. The falling lake level had revealed more exciting routes for them to explore including a neighbours unwallled garden.

A large landslip behind the farm had brought down about 150 metres of our lovely drystone walls.

So it has meant I've had a Spring I neither wanted or planned. I needed to completely check all my land for any damage before even starting to fill in forms. Meetings with



Anne Cornthwaite

National Trust, Natural England and walling and fencing contractors. Lots of measuring of walls and fences, filling in forms, changing agreements etc.

Many regular guests were shocked we had flooded but were very keen to come as soon as the new carpets went down. They are now being entertained by our lambs frolicking around the fields.

Lambing has gone well although a juggle at times with little or no grass due to the Winter, Summer, Spring combination of weather we were presented with. Finally as we arrived in May it started to seem more like Spring. The return of the cuckoo, the house martins and swallows, the bluebells and primroses.

This last week has seen more progress, fences going up debris piled into big bonfires. At least we can look forward to Summer when new life and greenery will make the memories of December start to fade. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful valley.

Anne Cornthwaite