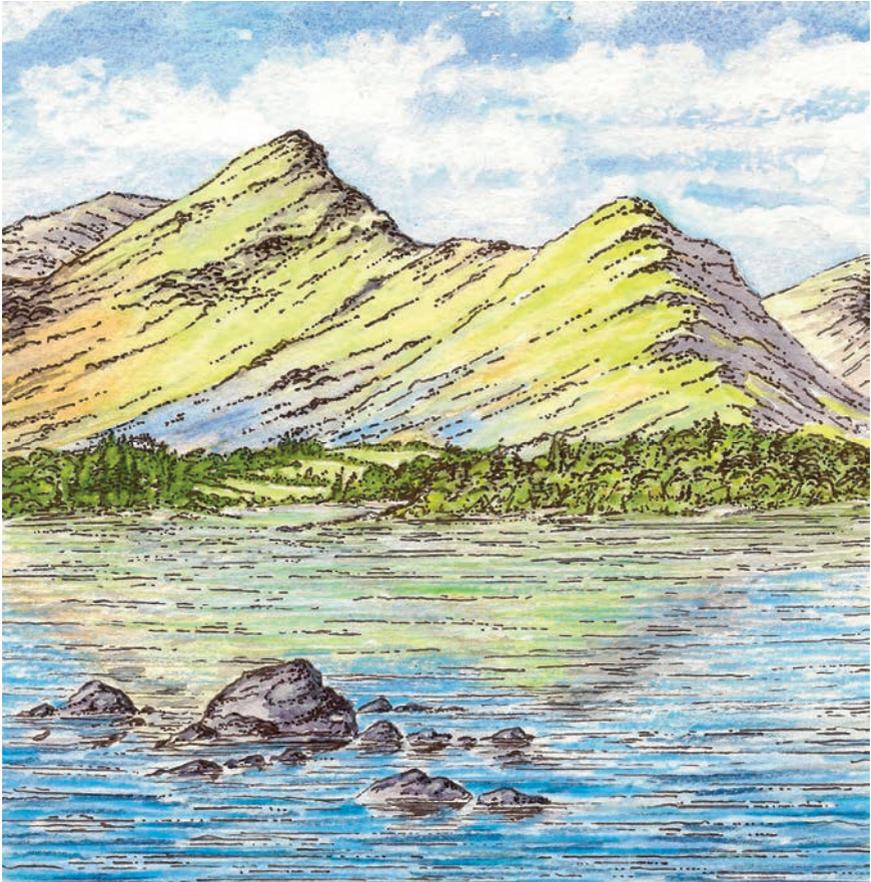


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'Catbells' by Gill Bulch

(Framed prints and greetings cards of this painting and others are for sale in
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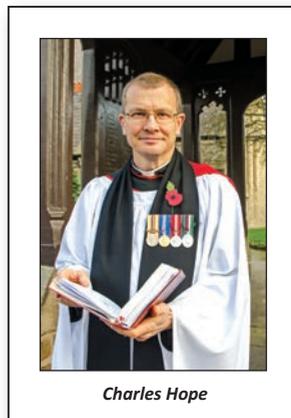
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**FROM CHARLES HOPE, whom we shall welcome
at Saint Andrew's at 10-30 am on 12th June.**

I am very much looking forward to becoming the vicar of Keswick and Borrowdale on June 4th. Coming to the Lake District will be a complete change for me from the two parishes have served in. My first thirteen years of ordained ministry was spent in inner city Tyneside (Percy Main and Meadow Well); the next thirteen years were spent in Prudhoe, a growing town in the Tyne Valley. In both places I have valued being part of the community and have always striven to work with the whole community, whether they are regular church goers or otherwise. Kathryn, my wife; Megan, Emily and Katy our girls, are all very much looking forward to becoming part of the Keswick & Borrowdale communities. I very much look forward to getting to know everyone and working with you in whatever ways I can as your vicar. *Charles.*



Charles Hope

OUR HEADMASTER SHARES...

Almost every day I feel privileged to work in Borrowdale School. I started teaching at Borrowdale School in 2006. Claire, my wife (who was born and raised in Cumbria) gave me little choice. After our first child was born, she wanted to return to Cumbria. We were living in Bangkok, Thailand at the time, working at a British International School. The contrast couldn't be any greater!

My passion for teaching was ignited when I was a student teacher in 1994 and my teaching career started in The Netherlands. But when in 1999 the opportunity came to teach in Tanzania at a British CofE International School, I decided to take on the challenge. After 5 years of working in Africa, we moved to Asia where I managed Key Stage 2 and 3 at GIS Bangkok.

Borrowdale School is the most exciting place I have worked in and when the job of headteacher became available in 2012, I was keen to take lead of the school. I am fortunate to work with staff and governors who all work their hardest in caring for the pupils in the school and giving them confidence to learn, experiment and enjoy challenge. Although there are not many young children in the Borrowdale Valley, the school is thriving with 57 pupils (3-11yrs) and 7 teachers / teaching assistants. We also have a wonderful administrator and dinner lady. The school enjoys the support from the community and we are extremely grateful to the many volunteers that support the school on a regular basis.

The learning opportunities for children in the valley are endless and as a school we try to exploit these as much as we can, using our surroundings for sports and learning. The landscape has also inspired our art-work and creative writing and the geography and history of the local area is literally text-book stuff. Farming often provides the tangible context for our Science and Mathematics work, but pupils are also taken to cities like London or Glasgow to enhance topic work. We aim to give pupils a happy time at school and an education with many pleasant memories. But with the school located in such a beautiful valley, and so much to see outside, we understand that sometimes children can't help looking out of the window.

The Borrowdale Story

I had started to sort some of my Borrowdale Story archive material when the Dale (as it was called by locals in the past) was plunged into darkness - a power cut.

Out came candles - blackness continued - high voltage problem. Out came battery run hurricane lamp and I could work again. Low and behold I was looking at a photo of Joe Bland (Lily Bland's husband) at Nook Farm. Joe was hand milking a cow, no machines in those days, and a hurricane lamp, similar to mine was held

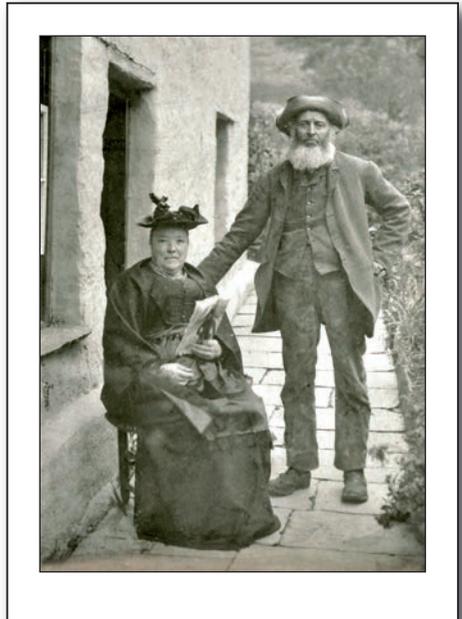


by brother Nat. The lamp had a flex coming from it - Electricity! - brought specially by the camera-man. Ordinarily the lamp was filled with paraffin oil. This is one of a series of photos taken at Nook Farm by a professional - for what reason we know not. Maybe you will see these in The Borrowdale Story exhibition at Grange Methodist Church by the the two bridges.

Through my letter box in the pitch darkness of our power cut came the "first" Borrowdale News. There was Gavin's Hollows Farm tale. Who was at Hollows before Gavin?

Here is a photograph of William Leyland - he'd been to Australia in gold rush days. Returning home he married Sarah Wren - 13th. November 1866, hoping to return to Australia, but Sarah wouldn't go so they ended up here, outside Hollows. (Christine Blinston of Derwent Farm has the original) Hopefully you will see more of this story in the future.

Patricia Roscamp.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MP - JAMIE REED

The Referendum and Agriculture

On the 23rd of June, the people will head to the polls to decide whether the UK should remain a member of or leave the European Union. It is sure to be a passionate debate by those on both sides of the argument, but my position has been clear from the outset. I believe that Cumbria, the North of England and the country as a whole is better off IN.



MP Jamie Reed

Not only is it better for Cumbria to stay in - socially, environmentally, economically and from a security point of view - but it's in our national interests too. It is also in the interests of the agriculture sector.

Independent research by the Centre for Economics and Business Research estimates that over 76,000 jobs in British agriculture are linked to the EU. As well as this, many UK products are protected under EU quality schemes. These products have protection against imitation or against the misuse of product names. This gives consumers confidence and producers protection.

Leaving the EU could have a major impact on the agriculture sector. The EU accounts for 73% of Britain's agricultural exports. This is clearly very significant

I am passionate about staying in and this decision could not be more important. Great Britain can become even greater in the EU.

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Paul Wilson was buried on Friday 8th of May at Saint John's, Keswick. Willie had been Head Chef at The Scarfell for 26 years and was a much loved chef and friend. Over three hundred people came to pay their respects and to support Peggy, Annita, Benji and Shaun. It was a grand celebration.

Mary Julia Wilshaw returned to Saint Andrew's for her burial on Friday 1st of April. She was 86 and had spent her younger days in this valley, which she loved. She was a much loved wife and mother and had been a highly respected Nurse.

Lydia Blinston had a serious cycling accident on Honister Pass over Easter. She was airlifted to Preston hospital where she is making good progress.

The valley is becoming aware that, once again, our little hospital's future is under consideration. Sounds threatening. Let's hope many people from Borrowdale attend the Open Meeting to hear about this at The Skiddaw Hotel on Thursday 5th of May at 12-30 pm. I, for one, will do all I can to preserve this vital piece of the wonderful National Health Service.

Valtra TC - looks like a tank - 180 horse power new tractor up at Seathwaite. Proud owners, Peter and Sue Edmondson, believe there should be a compulsory speed limit on the Borrowdale Road - no one should dip below 30 mph. Anyway, general advice is, if you see it coming PULL OVER!

Judith and I went to the Theatre by the Lake "Shepherds Story" - Brilliant. We had a meal first in the new restraunt which was good, but the outstanding experience was The Chimney - a vast central chimney for the fire - proper dry stone wall job. Dominates the room - masterpiece. Worth going to the Theatre, the food just to see the chimney. I wonder who built it?

We hope to maintain this page each month. Please send your little bits of news to me: malcolmstonestreet@gmail.com or 77671.

What to look out for in May.....

Around 9 May swifts return to Borrowdale from sub-Saharan Africa. A remarkable bird, swifts feed, mate and sleep on the wing, rarely landing in their entire lives. Their tiny legs are almost useless though four strong claws allow the bird to cling to vertical surfaces. Look in the summer sky where they can be seen 'screeching' as they fly over roofs on fine evenings.



Worship and Dates...

May 1st	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite (Peter Vivash) 4 pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Grange.
May 5th	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. Ascension Day. 1662 Service.
May 8th	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange Service Honouring the Methodist Tradition. (Stuart Penny)
May 15th	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS. 4 pm Evensong.
May 22nd	10-30 am Holy Trinity Grange. CAKE SUNDAY.
May 29th	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. (Sam Hicks preaching) 4 pm Sung Evensong at Holy Trinity Grange with the congregation from Saint John's, Keswick followed by a cup of tea.
3rd May	7pm Archdeacon's Visitation, Cockermouth (Church Wardens and Clergy)

VOTE ON NEW POLICE COMMISIONER - 5th May.

BORROWDALE COFFEE MORNING - 23rd May 10-30 am at The Youth Hostel.

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Advance Notices:

Borrowdale News Editorial Meeting: Northside 9-30 am 2nd May & 6th June.
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HM The Queen 90th Birthday - Service of Thanksgiving and WELCOME OUR
NEW VICAR followed by Finger Buffet, Strawberries and Cream and wine
St. Andrew's, Stonethwaite: 10-30 am 12th June

Fitzwilliam Quartet at Holy Trinity, Grange. Tuesday 7th June 7 pm.

Fantazia No 8 Henry Purcell. Double on the Fantazia above by Marcus
Barcham-Stevens- our violinist. String Trio in B flat. Franz Schubert. Andante
Cantabile. Mozart.

Then, after the wine: Quartet in B flat major, Beethoven.

Interval drinks Northside. Tickets £15 on the door or 017687 77671.

Songs of Praise in the Old Chapel Grange. 3 pm 3rd July.

Leavers Service, Borrowdale School:

Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite, New Date - 20th July 2-15 pm

Shepherds' Meet. Sunday 18th September.

Bishop of Carlisle at Saint Andrew's 10-30 am 30th October -
Confirmation and Communion.

Farmers' Service and Supper (David Jackson) Saint Andrew's and the Institute
7 pm 2nd of December - a kind of late Harvest Celebration!

STEPHEN EDMONDSON - stonework specialist
... helping to rebuild the A591, stone by stone

When I took on the job as a stonemason for the rebuild on the collapsed A591 at Thirlmere, I soon realised the magnitude of the work involved, and how limited the timescale was to complete such a mass of work. I had to find and pin down as many stonemasons as possible, at very short notice - and with everyone tied up with various other flood related work, this was no easy task.



Approximately 1000 tonnes of reclaimed beck stone that had been washed down was sifted through to find the right 250 tonnes to be used on the new retaining wall. The wall stretches 105 metres in length, 5 metres at its highest on the beck edge.

The team of 12 stonemasons, brought in from all over Cumbria, set to work; putting in 12 hour days, 7 days a week to help rebuild not only the retaining wall, but the 4km stretch of repairs to damaged bridges, including a new bridge arch - made from Honister Slate, dozens of culverts and many dry stone walls.

The typical Cumbrian weather has made stone facing slightly more challenging, meaning we have been working under tents to keep the mortar and stone from getting wet; there's certainly been no time to sit and wait for the rain to stop!

With the opening of the road fast approaching we are starting to see it all come together - and looking forward to a day off!