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SNIPPETS

Things change. **Don** (Church Treasurer) and **Gillian** (Parish Councillor) **Brocklesby** have moved from Kiln Howe. We wish them well and thank them for all they gave us. Peter Edmondson has purchased the property - where will he park it?

Betty Cockbain has sold **Yew Tree Cottage** and is moving into Keswick, we shall miss her and wish her all the best. We have not yet met the purchasers of Yew Tree C.

Thorneythwaite Farm has planning permission to develop the barns into a respite Centre for families coping with terminal or very severe illness. It's all action up at Thorneythwaite.

And lots of other things are changing - last week the **Clocks** did it.

Maintaining the **Pipe Organ** at **Saint Andrew's** - £26,200 has been given towards the target of £50,000. That's over half way!

Simon Blunden, Architect, has provided plans for developments at **The Institute** and a planning application has been made.

The 'A' Club has run for six months and is wondering where it should go now. Young families in the valley want us to go somewhere but no one quite knows how or where. New 'A' Club May 6th.

Toilets: A fascinating subject. Should the Institute Toilets be **Gender Neutral**? Now there's an opportunity for an agenda fill in. Outside the Lodore and in Grange - how can we maintain toilets for the public? It's a popular subject.

Lambing will have started by the time this reaches you. Snippets prays for good weather at this demanding time for the farmers (and the ewes).

Visitor numbers were up in both our **Churches** and in the **Borrowdale Story** last year. As they were throughout the Lake District. 2018 is forecast as another large hype in numbers of visitors from around the world. Can we cope?

Terry McCormick gave a splendid talk at Words by the Water. I think the essence of it was: Too many books about artists, poets and writers in the Lakes. Too many books about geology, flora and fauna in the Lakes - **not enough books about Fell Farmers, Shepherds and Sheep who are the key ingredient in this valley. Could be right?**

INSTITUTE

OPEN MEETING

The Open Meeting held at the Institute on Saturday 10th March was a great success! The event was for the trustees of the Institute to share the proposed plans and listen to suggestions, comments and criticism.

Forty to fifty people called in, predominantly local residents but it was also good to see some second-home owners, visitors to the valley and MP Trudy Harrison with her family.

The event was held in the main hall, with one display showing examples of events and activities the trustees are looking to promote and host.



This was followed by a section set up by Miller Clear Architects that showed a model and layout plans of the refurbished Institute. The design includes a single storey ground-floor extension with an open terrace above, taking advantage of the glorious views to Castle Crag.

Tea, coffee and cakes were next in line, followed by a presentation outlining project costs and the proposed efforts to raise funding, including the 200 Club.



As an added bonus, John Powney's drumming "Master-class" was enjoyed by many!

A number of donations and pledges of funding were received on the day. In addition, several people were added to the 200 Club bringing the total to 124. The trustees are looking to raise £7,000 by the end of June to help with bids for grants from major funders.

A wide range of constructive comments were received on the building proposals and the architects have made some changes as a result of that feedback. The next major step is to submit the revised plans to the planning authority and to continue to promote the fundraising efforts.



QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everybody who has completed the questionnaire about the future of the Institute.

Feedback in the questionnaire on priorities for changes to the building has been reflected in the new design. In addition, plans for activities and events at the Institute incorporate comments and feedback received.

A letter has been issued by the Chair of the trustees, Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet, to those people who kindly indicated that they may be able to offer financial support.

FACEBOOK

Please see our Facebook page – “Borrowdale Institute” to contact the trustees and for news & updates.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Institute’s AGM, with election of trustees, will be held on Monday 9th April at the Institute – 7.30p.m. to 8.00p.m.

The Marjorie Roscamp Coffee Morning and Sale

At Northside, Grange in Borrowdale

On 25th April 10-30 am to 12 noon

Bring or send and definitely buy - Cakes, Produce, Superior Bric a Brack

Big Raffle!

All for The Leprosy Mission

THE WEDDING DRESS EXHIBITION

St. Andrew's Church, Stonethwaite

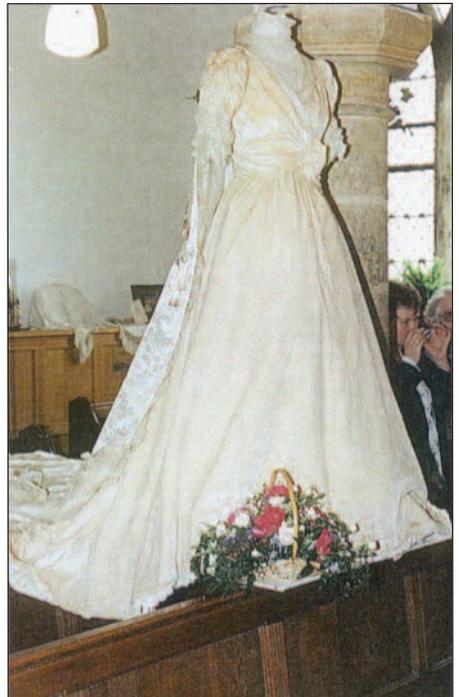
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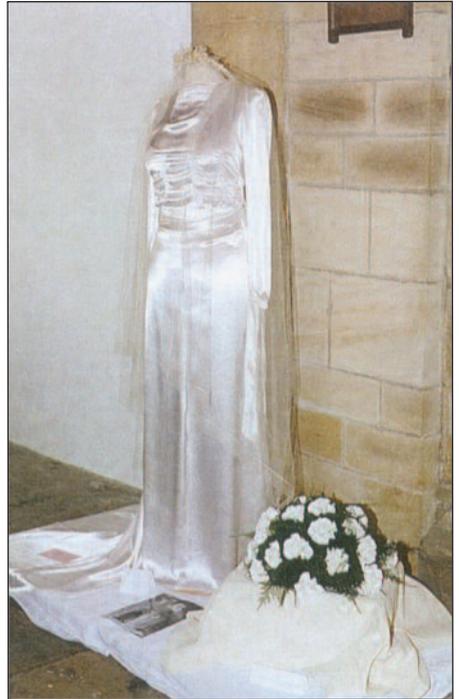
25th - 28th May

For many years Lynn Hopwood has collected period costumes from 1800s to 1970s. She has 147 wedding dresses and many accessories. She has kindly offered to exhibit 35 wedding dresses and will give a short talk about them on Friday evening.

On Sunday morning at 10-30 am those who were married at the church in the past are invited back for a service when Carole Ford and Gay Pye, who married many of the couples, will also return for the celebration. It would be great if you were able to support this project. It will be a stunning and interesting display in the church, decorated for a wedding!

We hope to raise funds towards the MAINTENANCE AND FABRIC FUND for this old church and churchyard.





Friday 25th May 6 pm for 7 pm

**Lynn's talk followed by wedding cake and refreshment
£5 at the door**

Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th and Monday 28th 10 am - 5 pm

**Exhibition will be open
£2 for Catalogue
Donations welcome**

Light refreshments will be available throughout the weekend

We hope you can come – You won't be disappointed

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EASTER

It's really about having a different understanding of the human condition. My understanding of this - being a human business - has changed greatly over the last eighty years. Presumably as a baby I thought it was a matter of being warm and fed. As a teenager there were other requirements! And so it goes on we develop and change in our needs. I suppose I have always recognised that one should try and look after the physicals - the body. My parents, and other paid agencies, had the idea that I could develop my brain, my sense of values, my capacity to think through a problem or situation.

But there is another capacity in the human. The capacity to plan, to look into the future, to imagine the unseen. It's important. We all do it. Some people will be hopeful, some people will be depressed (and try not to look there), most people would be verging on a very deep depression when a man who they thought was the greatest was killed by a group of religious/political respectables. Depression lurks at every door, and the newspapers often, all too often, feed it.

But there have been a group of people who look at life, balance the odds, and take a positive view. Life triumphs over death. They are hopeful - not cynical, not superstitious, not just frightened of the facts so they accept it for comfort. No this group of people have themselves experienced Good Friday and rather enjoy Easter Sunday. It's a pattern in their lives and it's a positive understanding of our lot in life. You could give them the benefit of your doubts and try it.

What to look for in April/May

Birds are now building their nests to a design that is unique to their species.

Long-tailed tits make the most intricate and delicate of nests and they spend three weeks creating their pouch-shaped luxury home. This begins with a cup and dome made of moss and stuck together with cobwebs, making it elastic. They will then collect lichens

from walls and rocks and place them on the outside for camouflage. Finally they fill their pouch with feathers for warmth and softness. Studies have shown long-tailed tits can use up to 2,000 feathers in each nest and in their effort to collect all the various materials, they will fly between 600-700 miles!



NATIONAL TRUST

Thorneythwaite

We've started vegetation monitoring on the freehold fell at Thorneythwaite. Rangers built three fenced exclosures (each one 25m²), and we're recording the composition of species and the vegetation height inside



and outside the exclosures. The aim is that over time we will be able to build an accurate picture of the impact that grazing has on the fell. This is definitely a long-term experiment: similar exclosures on Armboth fell show the difference that occurs over 20 years.

Joe's told us about the four new calves born at Thorneythwaite, which is great news, and the Thorneythwaite herdicks should be returning from their overwintering at time of writing.

Parking

We're working with the National Park Authority to try and find some solutions to the traffic management problems that occur in the upper valley.

Toilets

Where we've taken on toilet blocks at our car parks in Borrowdale after local authorities pulled out, we've put together a rolling programme for investing in the facilities to make them smarter and more eco-friendly.

We've invested over £15,000 in Watendlath toilet block over the last two winters. Last year it was mending the roof, this winter it's been revamping the inside, not just by repainting but also fitting new low-energy LED lights, energy-efficient hand-dryers, new cubicles using recycled plastic doors and new cisterns to reduce water usage.



At Rosthwaite we've already replaced the lighting, and at Seatoller work is scheduled to take place during this financial year. It's part of our continued commitment to invest in what we know is really important visitor infrastructure.

Hydro

We're planning a guided walk about the Hause Gill Hydro project, and another community open day at Thorneythwaite – we'll publicise the date in future Borrowdale News editions.

First World War centenary

In May we'll be starting our project to commemorate the gift of fells as war memorials after the First World War, you can find out more on our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/great-gable2018 and we've created a new downloadable walk to the memorial at Castle Crag from Seatoller.

ABOUT THE FACULTY NOTICE FOR ORGAN WORKS AT ST ANDREW'S

The organ in the Church of St Andrew's is basically beyond repair.

As a church council the option we are working on at the moment is to repair and refurbish the pipe organ. If we can do this, then we will have a top notch instrument for worship, weddings and concerts in the valley.

The quote we have accepted is for £37,850 plus contingency (10%) plus VAT (20%) makes for a project total of £50,000.

We are applying to trusts and charities that specialise in supporting this sort of work. We are not asking people in the valley to support this project. Nor will any money from current church funds be used for this project. When we did the Stewardship Campaign in 2016 and asked people for their financial support, we said we would not come back and ask people for any more money for four years. We are sticking to that promise.

The aim is to raise this money by 1st June 2018. If we have not hit our target by then, we will need to look at other options.

In the meantime, the faculty process (church planning permission) slowly churns along – hence the public notice on both churches for anyone who wishes to make any objections to the plans.

For further information, please see the information pack in St Andrew's or contact Rev Charles Hope, Vicar, 75855.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

This delightful policy is looming over all organisations, large and small, public and voluntary, in the country.

The PCC is working out what it means for us as a Church in the valley. There will be more information about this in the next issue.

In the meantime, please be assured we will not share your personal data with any third party!

BORROWDALE CHURCH, ANNUAL MEETINGS TUES 17th APRIL 1 PM

We postponed the annual meetings to give time to looking for volunteers!

We need new churchwardens and members of the Church Council. We also need people to care for our church buildings.

There is the old phrase – use it or lose it. We don't want to lose it, we want to keep it and help it thrive!

Please think about getting involved. Ring me! Rev Charles Hope 75855

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Worship and Dates...

30th March	11 am Holy Trinity Church, Grange. Good Friday Meditation.
1st April	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. Easter Sunday Communion with Candles and Baptismal Vows followed by wine and other refreshments. The Big Easter Egg Hunt! 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
8th April	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. low Sunday but CAKE.
9th April	7-8 pm Borrowdale Institute AGM and Elections at The Institute.
10th April	9-30 am Borrowdale News Editorial Group at Northside.
14th April	11-00 am Baptism at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
15th April	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
17th April	11-00 am, Borrowdale Story. Annual Parochial Church Meetings - Apologies / comments to Rev Charles Hope 75855, charleshope@btopenworld.com 7-8 pm Rev Charles Hope, Vicar, will be in the Langstrath.
22nd April	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange.
25th April	10-30 am to 12 noon. Marjorie Roscamp Coffee Morning (Leprosy Mission) Northside. 6 pm. Open Day. National Trust - Thorneythwaite.
28th April	7 pm Keswick Choral Society Concert at Theatre by the Lake.
29th April	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
6th May	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. New A Club + HC. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong. 9 pm Scafell Hotel. Back Bar. First Draw - 200 Club.
13th May	10-30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. GUADIAMUS Choir.
16th May	7 pm Parish Council Meeting.
16th May	10-30 am Parish Coffee Morning at The Borrowdale Gates Hotel.
20th May	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange.
24/25th May	All day setting up Wedding Festival. Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
25th May.	6 pm Festival Opens. 7 pm Launch. 7-30 pm Refreshments till 9 pm.
26th, 27th,	
28th May	10 am till 5 pm Wedding Festival Open at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
27th May	10-30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. Service Celebrating Marriage followed by Wedding Cake et al.. Brides and Grooms married in the Valley invited. Gay Pye and Carol Ford join us. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.

Dates Forward:

14th to 16th Sept The Institute, Valley Arts Weekend.
November Farmers Service and Supper.
Future PCC Meetings - 3rd May, 4th September, 7th November all at 1 pm.

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