

SPECIAL NOTICE: WILL YOU PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CAR BOOT SALE WILL NOT BE HELD IN **SEPTEMBER** BUT THERE WILL BE ONE ON THE LAST SUNDAY IN **OCTOBER** AS USUAL.

Parish Hall News

PLEASE NOTE: Although Lowther Parish Hall Management Committee Meetings are normally held on the last Wednesday in the Month (except December) there is a possibility that, because of unforeseen circumstances the September and October meetings may have to be moved to the following week. Whilst anyone is welcome to attend, please check with a Committee Member to confirm the date for these meetings.

If you have something you wish the Committee to discuss please notify the Secretary at least 3 days beforehand so that it can be put on the agenda. Items not on the Agenda cannot be discussed.

Officers of the Management Committee for 2007 – 2008

Chairman	Mr Bill Paterson (712210)
Vice Chairman	Mr John Capstick (712574)
Treasurer	Mrs Carol Parkin (712444)
Secretary	Mrs Jean Paterson (712210)
Bookings Secretary	Mrs Joan Little (712497)
Maintenance Officer	Mr Les Watson (712658)

Other members: Anne Crofts (712676), Anne Davidson (712430), Steve Forrest, John Pinder (712684), Joke Maes, Petra Russell (712394) and Roger Gill.

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CAR TREASURE HUNT

A CAR TREASURE HUNT has been arranged for FRIDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER starting at the Parish Hall at 6.30 pm. A Pie and Peas supper will be held in the Hall after the treasure hunt.

The charge for the Car Treasure Hunt will be £5 per car. Supper will be £2 per person.

Separate notices are being circulated with a booking form for indicating how many suppers you will require. Payment should be included with the booking form because of the need to order the suppers in advance. Supper charges will be non-returnable.

Please return your booking forms as soon as possible!

Newsletter

We hope to distribute the next newsletter during the first week in December. All items for inclusion should be handed to Jean Paterson by 4th November at the latest. You can also e-mail your stories to Jean at bill@patersonherm.freemove.co.uk or directly to the editor, Sara Crofts, using newsletter@lowtherlink.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary

WEDNESDAY CLUB: Calling all Senior Citizens! This club meets in the Parish Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Come along and enjoy a game of whist or dominoes, followed by tea and light refreshments. The winter season starts on the 12th September. Please telephone Lawrence Titterington 01931 712315 or Joan Little 01931 712497 for further details.

LOWTHER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: The W.I. meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (except January) in the Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. There is a varied programme of talks, demonstrations and slideshows. Refreshments are served. For further information please contact Rose Banks on 01931 712510.

LOWTHER PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10.00 am until 12 noon during term time in the Parish Hall. It's a great chance to have fun and make new friends. We have ride-on toys, a climbing frame and slide and a different craft activity each week. There are snacks and juice for the children and coffee, biscuits and chat for the grown-ups. Just drop in. Contact Sam Porter 01768 361766. Meetings re-start on 13th September.

LOWTHER INDOOR BOWLING CLUB resumes on Tuesday, 4th September in the Parish Hall and meets every Tuesday evening from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. The cost is £2 per session including tea and biscuits. All are welcome. Contact Jean Paterson 01931 712210 for more information.

FUN'N'FITNESS: Keep fit classes are held on Thursday nights in the Parish Hall starting at 7.00 pm. Contact Carol Parkin on 01931 712444 or Ann Crofts on 01931 712676 for information.

ROMAN RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY: This group meets in the Parish Hall on alternate Wednesdays. For more information contact Joseph Jackson on 01931 712366.

LOWTHER PARISH COUNCIL

The last Parish Council meeting held on the 5th July 2007 was the first meeting since the Spring elections. Your new Parish Councillors for the next 4 years are:

Mr Roy Cooper (Chairman)
Mr John Capstick (Vice Chairman)
Mrs Helen Hetherington
Mr Barry Parkin

There are three spare seats, which will be filled by co-opted members at the next meeting.

The Clerk to the Council is Mr Chris Leece.

At the meeting there was a call for bus shelters in the Parish. The Council decided to look into the possibility of permission and funding for these.

The redevelopment of Lowther Castle was also discussed and the Parish Council decided to call an open meeting of the Parish and invite the developers to give a presentation. We are still awaiting a date for this meeting and you will be informed once this has been arranged.

More Dates for your Diary!

BADMINTON CLUB meets most Mondays during the year. Contact Anne Crofts 01931 712676 to confirm.

CRAFT CLASS is held every Monday evening at 7.00 pm. Contact Lynn Robinson 01768 210205 for details.

REPORT ON THE SUMMER FETE 20TH JUNE

In spite of the very wet weather we had an encouraging number of visitors this year. We would like to thank all who came to support this event, both from within the Parish and from outside, and especially Mrs Beatrice Errington and Mr Maurice Sayer for judging the children's fancy dress competition (although it was suspected that there were no 'losers'!)

Thanks are also due to those members of the Management Committee who worked hard in the organisation of the event and kept things running smoothly on the day.

The support of the Roman Enactment Society, who gave a demonstration during the afternoon, was also much appreciated.

A total of £300 was raised towards the Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Special thanks go to Jill and Michael Barry and also to Les Watson for their magnificent efforts in running the outside stalls in the wet conditions and also to John Capstick for his courage in getting doubly wet by being the recipient of the very wet sponges during the afternoon. **THANKS A MILLION!**

RAFFLE: The raffle raised a total of £1,030 for the Hall Refurbishment Fund. Thanks are due to all those who sold tickets for several weeks before the winning tickets were drawn at the Fête

We are hugely grateful to the following people who donated prizes:

Godfrey Tonks	Centre Parcs
Lowther Castle Inn	Travelling Light
Lowther Horse Trials	Diane Sayer
Larch Cottage Nurseries	Maurice Sayer
North Lakes Hotel & Spa	Carol Parkin

The prizewinners were as follows:

Original Painting	Lara, Hackthorpe
Larch Cottage Voucher	B. Daniel, Penrith
Lowther Castle Inn Voucher	B. Thorburn, Hackthorpe
Lowther Horse Trials Tickets	S. Rutherford, Melkinthorpe
North Lakes Spa Pass	J. Hodgson, Helton
Centre Parcs Pass	E. Dewsnap, Carlisle
Travel Pack	B. Graves, Hackthorpe
Whisky	K. Rowlinson
Wine	J. Brown, Hackthorpe
Quality Street	A Crofts, Lowther
Basket of Toiletries	A ticket holder in Pooley Bridge

Thank you also to A. W. Jenkinson for their very welcome cash donation to our funds.

Craft Demonstration

A craft demonstration (all aspects of card-making) will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday, 17th September at 7.00 pm. Admission will be £2 (including a glass of wine). Please come and support us.

See you there!

The **recycling centre** is continuing to be well used and this generates much needed money towards the Hall Refurbishment. However, we must remind users that **POLYSTYRENE** and **DRINKS CARTONS** should **NOT** be left as we **DO NOT** have the facility to recycle these. Also, **FLY TIPPING** is not allowed. The Council have been informed of previous incidents and the culprits have been contacted and dealt with.

Make the most of what's local...

In countries like the UK we are privileged to be able to consume the products of other parts of the world. Indeed, we 'have' to, because we are nowhere near to being able to sustain our levels of consumption from domestic resources. Put very simply, we have the economic clout to be able to transport everything we 'need', or desire, to our shores.

As a society we aren't going to deliberately turn the clock back and revert to a subsistence level existence. However, for the sake of the Earth, the least we should do is to consider how to make the best use of our own land resource without damaging our own immediate environment. So whether 'holidaying at home', buying locally grown seasonal produce whenever possible, or buying essentials from local companies with sound environmental performance, we can all exercise choices with the aim of causing the least environmental damage.

From Eden Local Agenda 21 - www.edenla21.org.uk.

Top Five Green Websites

www.realclimate.org - Real Climate is a commentary site on climate science by working climate scientists for the interested public. It offers a round up of useful links for people looking to get up to speed on the subject of climate change.

www.uk.freecycle.org - Freecycle communities work on the basis that one man's rubbish is another man's gold, and enable you to see what unwanted stuff is up for grabs in your area. Items are free if you are willing to collect them.

www.liftshare.com - This website is for people who want to take practical action to reduce their carbon footprint. Liftshare will put you in touch with other people making the same journey in your area.

www.seat61.com - If you want to travel abroad without flying try using the detailed train timetables and guides to on-board accommodation on this incredibly useful and detailed website for foreign rail networks.

www.recyclenow.com - This website aims to be a practical guide to recycling as well as a site where you can buy great recycled gifts, such as circuit board coasters and camera bags made of belts.

ECO-FACT: According to BP, car air-conditioning increases fuel consumption by 5 to 10%, but this is less than the effect of driving with an open window above 40mph.