

Dates for Your Diary ...

MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>BADMINTON: in the Parish Hall. 7:30pm to 9pm. We play doubles and it's £2 a player. Contact Ann Crofts (712676)</p>	<p>LOWTHER INDOOR BOWLING CLUB: is held every Tuesday, 7.00 to 9.00p.m. in the Parish Hall and resumes on Tuesday, 2nd September. The cost is £2 per session which includes refreshments. Bowls are available for those who don't have their own. Contact Jean Paterson (712210) or Lawrence Titterington (712315) for more information.</p>
WEDNESDAY	
<p>LOWTHER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: these meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.15p.m. There is a varied programme and refreshments are served. Please contact Rose Banks (712510) for information.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY CLUB: this starts again on the 10th September and meets in the Parish Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1.30 to 3.30p.m. Please ring Lawrence Titterington (712315) or Joan Little (712497) for further details.</p>	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
<p>LOWTHER PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP: meets in the Parish Hall (in term time) on Thursday mornings from 10.00a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Christine Strong (712533)</p>	<p>CAR BOOT: these take place on the last Sunday of the month in August, September and October in the Parish Hall. Donations for sale and assistance on the day always welcome. If you want a more valuable item to be sold on your behalf please enquire. Contact Ann Crofts if you wish to participate (712676)</p>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday 9th September
7:30pm
School

Lowther Endowed Pre-School AGM
Committee members are needed. Any queries, please contact Petra Russell on 712394

Sunday 21st September
TBC

Walks Round Lowther Park
Itinerary still being planned, so please look out for posters and notices on the Village Notice Board nearer the time!

Saturday 22nd November
10:30am to 3:30pm
Parish Hall

Christmas/Craft Fayre
Christmas, Craft, Cake stalls and lots more. Tombola, Raffle, games etc. Light lunches. Everybody welcome. Proceeds to the Hall Refurbishment fund and School

Sunday 14 December
TBC

Children's Christmas Party
Keep your ear to the ground regarding this event!

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LOWTHER PARISH HALL RESTORATION

Securing the future for the Hall

The Parish Hall is now nearly 80 years old and increasingly in need of care and attention. A meeting was held at the Parish Hall in June to raise awareness of the need to secure funding to renovate the Hall and to encourage people within the parish to play an active role in keeping the Hall in use (and in a useable state).

Lowther Parish Hall Committee have appointed an architect to prepare draft plans for the renovation of the hall but this is only the very first step ...

Outside Funding

Following the open meeting in June, a new sub-committee was appointed to look in detail at the options for funding and to work directly with funding bodies. That committee comprises Jim Prince, David Calway, Barbara Graves, Petra Russell, Christine Clementson, Annette Crompton and Colin Myers. They have held their first meeting and it is understood they are "raring to go"!

Current Funds

You will be pleased to hear that currently the money raised toward the Parish Hall restoration stands at £38,000. This money has come from a wide range of fund-raising activities, from hall bookings and sources such as recycling. This money is vital to match-fund any external funding we can secure for the Parish Hall's future.

We need your help ...

We particularly need new and exciting ideas for fundraising, whether through one-off events or regular activities. As always, we need eager people who are willing to contribute time and effort into making events work.

Although there will be consultation around the hall's restoration, if you have ideas now, please give one of the committee members a call to discuss them!

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www.lowtherlink.co.uk

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHANGES

Following the open meeting arranged for early June, which was attended by a total of 39 residents, several people were added to the existing Committee.

The full committee is now as follows:

Name:	Key Role:	Telephone (01931)
Bill Paterson	Chairman	712210
Jean Paterson	Secretary/Acting Treasurer	712210
John Capstick	Vice Chairman/Maintenance	712574
Les Watson	Maintenance	712658
Anne Davidson	Sports Area / Dominoes	712430
Carol Parkin	Dominoes / Car Boot	712444
Ann Crofts	Hall Bookings / Car Boot	712676
Joan Little	WI / Church Council / Wednesday Club	712497

Other members:

Steve Forrest, Petra Russell (712394), Jim Prince (712033), Colin Myers (712043), Barbara Graves (712998), Christine Clementson (712880), Zoe Calway, David Calway - assisting with the newsletter and website (712799), Tony Wilcock (712034), Annette Crompton (712800), John Crompton and Roger Gill.

If anyone in the Parish wishes to discuss any matter, please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

Special Thanks

You will all be aware that Joan Little has been responsible for taking bookings for the Hall for a very long time. Due to ill health she has now given up this position, although is still remaining on the Committee. We would like to thank Joan for all the hard work she has put into this work over the past years and do hope her health will improve and she will be fully active in the future. **Thank you Joan!**

Thank you again to Sara Crofts who has finally been freed from preparing the newsletter and updating the website. Sara continued to carry out these tasks for many months after she moved out of the area. We are very grateful for the help Sara gave us and thank her very much. **If you're reading this Sara, thank you!**

The Parish Hall is very often available for use and the booking rates are very reasonable. So if you want to:

- Set up a club
- Hold a meeting
- Have a party
- Organise an event
- Use the sports / games facilities

Please contact Ann Crofts (712676) to enquire about booking the parish hall for a one off event or a regular activity. Please contact Anne Davidson (712430) to book the sports area. Information for users is posted outside the Parish Hall.

Use it!
Book it!
Enjoy it!

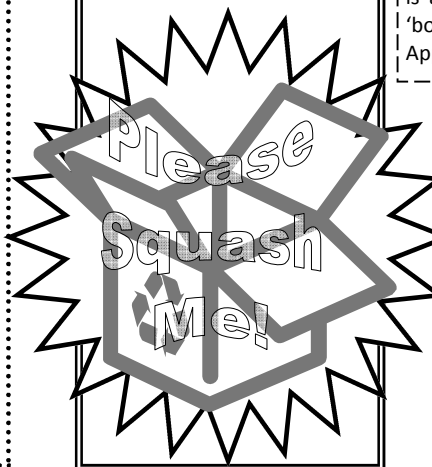
RECYCLING

Thank you those who continue to support the Parish Hall by using the recycling facilities within the village. The money earned from the recycling facilities makes a valuable contribution to the Parish Hall restoration fund.

SQUASH THOSE BOXES!

Please take the time to flatten your cardboard boxes so that the bins can be used to their full potential. The more boxes we can fit in the bins the more money we earn for the Parish Hall!

Thank you again for your help!



Lottery

Why not pick a **bonus ball** and try your luck?

These numbers still available:

10★14★34★35★41★44★49

Call John Capstick on 712574 to participate.

Lucky Winners for July!

Mrs M Graham ★ A&B Richardson ★ Mrs J Batey ★ Mrs C Ross

How to beat the 'bogus caller'

There are a range of people who call at doors offering different types of work, many are genuine but sometimes they come with the intention of tricking their way into your home. These are known as either the 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers'. They can claim to be from any authority or they may just ask for a drink of water. Over the past few months there has been a rise in the number of incidents in Cumbria involving 'bogus callers'. People have been charged large amounts of money for very small levels of work.

Before letting anyone in, whether expected or not be sure to ask for identification. Check any information against any prior correspondence or check the number on the card against the number in the phonebook before letting anyone enter. Genuine visitors should always arrange an appointment and carry photographic identification and will be happy to wait while you check their details. **If you are still unsure and you're alone, ask them to call back when someone else is there.**

Always keep your doors locked when in and out, and if you decide to open the door, keep the chain on. If you are in any doubt, keep them out.

If you think a 'bogus caller' may have called, report it immediately on 0845 33 00 247. A description of the person or any vehicle registrations is always helpful. If you would like any further information regarding 'bogus callers' please get in contact with **PCSO 5195 Stuart Brownrigg** at Appleby police station as further training on the subject can be offered.

Notes from LOWTHER PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to remind residents that it is the householders individual responsibility to keep their trees and hedges trimmed so that they do not cause a danger to the public as they walk along the footpaths.

An application has been submitted to Eden District Council for the supply of "dog bins" to the Parish. It is possible we may not get the number we have requested but the main one will be sited at the entrance to the plantation.