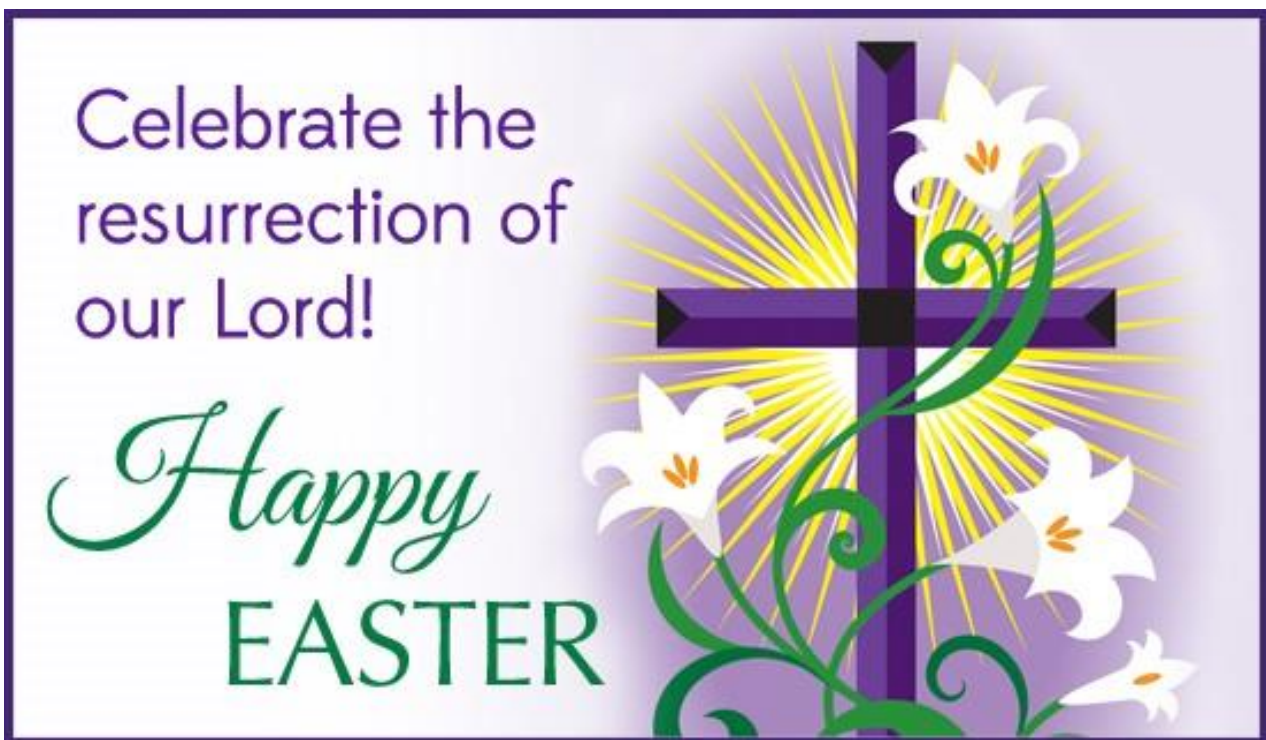


**Coniston & Torver**

# Parish Newsletter

**April 2017**



Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

*Happy*  
**EASTER**

Produced by the churches of St. Andrew's Coniston and  
St. Luke's Torver

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My wife and I have just recently returned from a wonderful week in Hurgarda Egypt. We have been there on several occasions because we love the people, the food, especially the weather and of course the occasional drop of wine!

There are those who raise their eyebrows when they know we are going but we find it safe. This is not however an advert for the Egyptian Tourist Board!

We feel holidays are essential whether in this country or abroad because it is a time to relax, enjoy the scenery and above all “recharge the batteries” and take stock of where we are and are there areas we need to change?

We can all do too much at times and I like the opportunity to be quiet and think about do I need to take on less things. My wife complains that I do not know the meaning of the word NO!

When we came back from holiday we spent some time on our daughter’s allotment generally clearing things up and getting it ready for the new season. We pruned the apple tree and removed the bits that were dead but as we were doing it I noticed that already there were signs of new life. The buds were starting to open and soon the blossom would be there for all to see and from the blossom the apples would form.

We are about 3 weeks away from Easter which to me is all about new life, yes we think about Hot Cross buns and Easter eggs and all that that means but it also means much more. We remember that it was the time when Jesus died and rose again.

For the Jews at the times it was a great mystery, why would their leader whom they knew and loved, die so tragically, seen by many at the time as criminal? They were later to realize that Jesus had to die, as the hymn says “ there was no other good enough to pay the price of sin, he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in”

For those there at time and for us now it heralded a new start, the old way of sacrifice for sin was over because Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

Maybe Easter is a good time to look at what we are doing and perhaps start to make changes.

There will be a range of services in all the Churches this Easter and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Peter Fox



## Mother's Union

Members enjoyed a stimulating talk on Communication by Canon Michael Adams, which included group discussions on nine American presidents, having to decide which was the best communicator. Was Donald Trump the best, swinging so many votes to land the top man and job at the White house? Perhaps Reagan or Kennedy were better? As you can imagine the answers were very varied! This was linked to bible passages where Jesus and God communicated to his disciples, the crowd and individuals. Thank you Michael for a fascinating talk.

A Deanery Lady Day service and celebration on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at St George's Barrow is our next event. Our **March meeting is at 2pm on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>**, where we are going to hear about the different levels of communication needed for past and present pregnancies, the speaker being our retired district nurse **Eileen Belcher**.

In April we have our outing which is to Abbot Hall at Kent's Bank. A Methodist holiday centre, where we will be given a talk on the history of the building and the work they do today, plus the obligatory tea!

New Members are always very welcome or just come and join us for a single meeting or outing. Meetings begin with a very short time of worship, speaker followed by a cup of tea and chat. We would love to see both locals and visitors.

For more information contact Kay Shepherd Tel 41559.

## Women's World Day Of Prayer

A thank you to all those who organised the WWDP service on Friday the 3rd of March, especially the hosts, members of Sacred Heart Church in Coniston. Much thought and hard work had gone into the preparation and decoration in a lovely peaceful setting. Thank you to all the participants from the other churches in Coniston who helped to make it a memorable service, not forgetting the delicious tea which followed. Thank you

# **Brantwood Event and Exhibition Listing April 2017**

## **Blue Gallery Exhibitions**

(Entry is included in House admission)

**30<sup>th</sup> November - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **The Power of the Hills: John Ruskin and Mountains**

No single feature of the earth excited more feeling in Ruskin than the hills. No single aspect of nature inspired his brush more consistently or more beautifully.

**29<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Exchanging Views: Art from China – Fu Zi**

In the first exhibition outside of his native China, artist Fu Zi presents a cycle of images which, drawing on the traditions of Chinese landscape painting, depict shared spaces and the fleeting moments of passing strangers in a fusion of photography and paint.

## **Severn Studio Exhibitions 2017**

(Entry is included in House or Garden admission)

**8<sup>th</sup> March – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 - "to stay what is fleeting"**

### **Photographs on canvas and paper by Andy Mortimer and Rod**

**Taylor** - Andy and Rod share a fascination with surfaces and the ways in which they are changed by chance, history or fleeting events. These layers and strata suggest a dialogue with many of Ruskin's ideas about the world around us and what he calls "that golden stain of time".

**29<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Exchanging Views: Art from China – Ingrid Christie & Fu Zi**

After a residency in his Beijing studio, Ingrid Christie presents her own work alongside Fu Zi's, inviting us to consider the shared spirit of two artists exploring the enigmatic forces of nature.

## **Coach House Loft Exhibition**

**14<sup>th</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

### **The Animal Life of Glenfender Meadows by John Ford**

Biologist and photographer John Ford has spent more than forty years creating a remarkable documentary celebration of the diversity of an unimproved northern hay meadow on the southern edges of the Cairngorms. This exhibition showcases some of the animals of Glenfender and is a sequel to the plants exhibited in 2015.

# Events Programme

## **Special Events- Easter Activity - 5 & 6 March 2017**

Craft-based family activities using natural materials and inspired by Brantwood's gardens. Drop-in between 11.00am - 3.00pm. Admission included in House or Garden ticket.

## **Estate Events - Seeing Nature in a New Light**

**Thursday 20th April** - Dawn chorus walk - (6am - 9.30am) Guided walk through Brantwood estate to listen to and identify our woodland and garden birds. Breakfast may be purchased from our cafe following the walk. No dogs please. Pre booking via Brantwood required. Free event. Meet in Brantwood car park.

**Friday 28th April** - Assessing habitats for Fritillary butterflies, and how to do butterfly surveys. All day training workshop (indoors and outdoors): start 9am - Led by Dr David Wainwright, Butterfly Conservation Northern Region Manager. Details and bookings: Hilary Smith, [h.smith@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:h.smith@butterfly-conservation.org) Tel: 01524 298680/07946 026670. Free event. Meet in Brantwood car park.

As some of these activities are weather dependent it is recommended that people ring in advance to confirm they are going ahead.

## **Courses**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

### **Graphite and watercolour workshops with Patrick Corbett**

Practical art workshops that explore Ruskin's ideas on drawing and painting. Varied subject matter inspired by Brantwood house and gardens. Learn techniques in using watercolour, graphite chisel points, pen and ink. Suitable for all levels. All materials and refreshments provided. 10.30am – 4.30pm. £55.00 per person

## **Regular Events Throughout the Season**

School Holidays Children's Activity Trail Around the Gardens

Follow a fun trail around Brantwood's woodland estate to find hidden animal friends. Learn about the creatures and their habitats. Included with house or garden ticket.

April to October 2.15pm - Guided Garden Walks  
Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Explore Brantwood's fascinating and extensive estate with one of our very knowledgeable guides. Included with house or garden ticket.

Ruskin Lace demonstrations - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month, April to October. An insight into the traditional method of needle-made lace. Demonstrations throughout the day in Ruskin's Drawing Room. Admission included with house ticket.

For Bookings or further information, please contact:  
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Tel: 015394 41396 - E-mail: [enquiries@brantwood.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brantwood.org.uk)  
[www.brantwood.org.uk](http://www.brantwood.org.uk)

## **Coniston First Responders**

There have been changes in the way the North West Ambulance Service has been allocating incidents which the First Responders have been asked to attend. We are currently in discussions with NWAS to rectify this as we feel we have not been called to incidents in the village which we normally would be. We are only allowed to intervene if asked to do so by NWAS. We hope we can resolve this issue very soon.

We are very fortunate that the call for new recruits has proven successful and we have two new members in our team. They are currently going through the process of application and we hope that they will have had their training by the start of the summer.

If you would also like to consider helping your community by becoming a First Responder we would love to hear from you – the more the merrier there is no restriction on the number of responders we can have!

As a First Responder Team we wish to give our community the best service possible and are proud to assist when asked to do so. Further information contact Helen on 07587156902.

## April Events at the Centre

Every Week

We have recently invested in some new equipment for our gym to give you a better gym experience. Call 41545 to arrange an induction with Nick.

**Wednesdays 11am** Walking group - 1 hour relaxed walk in the surrounding area. Refreshments available afterwards

**Wednesdays 7.30pm** -Yoga Class with Debbie - Drop in £8, 12 week block £60 - Half Term break 22nd February. For more info please ring Debbie on 07985 557082.

**Thursdays 11am** Young at Heart Exercise Class - £5 includes light lunch. Or just come and join us for lunch only £3

**Friday 4pm** Bar open

**Saturday 1pm** Bar open and Football Match at 2pm

**Saturday 22nd April 6pm** Main room booked for Private function.

**Friday 28th April 6pm** Main room booked for Private function.

**Saturday 18th Feb 7pm** Main room booked for Private function.

Our facilities can be booked for events any day of the week. Call 41812 or 07999 330216. Or email [conistonsports-socialcentre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:conistonsports-socialcentre@hotmail.co.uk).

**Coniston Sports and Social Centre is a registered charity No 1121782**

## Coniston and District International Twinning Association

We are having a quiz on Friday 21st April at The Ship Inn Coniston. Starting at 8.30pm £2 per person maximum of 6 in each team nibbles will be included. Prizes for 1st, 2nd,3rd and a booby prize. Please come and support us.



## **Easter Fun at the Ruskin Museum**

For all chocolate lovers – we will be running an Easter Egg Hunt throughout the Easter Holidays (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April). Come along and find the eggs, solve the puzzle, and win a chocolate prize. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Clues change daily so you can come back again and again for only 50p a go. Doors open at 10.30am and last entry is 4.30pm. We are open every day. Remember local residents get free admission so please pop in and say hello. You may also want to have a look at our website [www.ruskinmuseum.com](http://www.ruskinmuseum.com) or catch up with our new Facebook page. If you need more information please give Janice, Helen or Sandra a ring on 015394 41164 or email [desk@ruskinmuseum.org.com](mailto:desk@ruskinmuseum.org.com)  
We look forward to seeing you. Happy Easter

## **Coniston Institute Coffee Mornings**

Would you like to see the great social event of Coffee Mornings return. This good old traditional money maker seems to have slipped off everybody's fundraising calendar. We would like to see it make a return to the institute. You've heard of Black Friday well we'd like to make the last Friday in the month Coffee Morning Friday. Of course it doesn't have to be a Friday it can be a Coffee Morning any day of the week. If you would like to book a morning to raise funds for your club/society/group/charity/event please contact Tracy tel 01539441823 or e-mail [hello@conistoninstitute.com](mailto:hello@conistoninstitute.com) all it will cost is some of your time and hire of the reading room.

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## **X12 Bus**

Thanks to everyone for their super support at Coffee Morning in aid of X12 Bus which raised £420. Our next fundraiser will be a Second Hand Clothing Sale with lots of new unworn dresses, jackets, shoes etc.. Some nice reasonable outfits for Sale in the Reading Room on Thursday 13th April from 1-4pm. Anne Hall



## **VACANCY**

John Ruskin School requires a Library Supervisor. For 3 days a week, 1 hour a day, 1pm-2pm, term time only. If you are interested or would like any more information please contact the school on 01539441306.

## **Fairtrade Coffee Morning**

Due to a shortage of helpers, we will not be serving soup after 5th April. But there will still be Fairtrade drinks and homemade scones and cakes, and our regular Traidcraft stall.

**Our new time from 12th April will be 10.30 – 12.00 every Wednesday at St Andrew's Church**

So do come along and meet your friends for a chat and at the same time help people who are suffering in other parts of the world. This year we have sent off a donation of £300 to the South Sudan Crisis Appeal and another £300 to The Leprosy Mission.

Any extra help would be appreciated. So if you can help in any way, do come along and see us on a Wednesday.

## **Housing for village people and families**

Late last year the Housing Group (Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust) carried out a Housing Needs Survey of the parish. This survey was not intended to give details of all people who are in need of an affordable home to rent but to give us an idea of the total number of new homes we are likely to need over the next three years.

The survey was very successful and results showed that there is a need for 30 additional homes. Both our housing and planning authorities have approved the results. We have got off to a good start in that 10 of these are already being developed at the St Andrews site and there are 7 additional ones in the pipeline as well. Over the next couple of years we will try to complete the number if more sites come available.

Work is now progressing with the ten homes on the St Andrews site. We estimate that they might be available for occupancy in late November so long as there are no unforeseen delays. This means that allocation of the homes will probably take place in September / October.

Allocation will be carried out by Eden Housing. We know that there are many young village families and several individuals who are interested in applying for the units. It is essential that they register on the Cumbria Choice system in good time and those who are already on Cumbria Choice should check that the information that is on the system is correct. There are strict criteria laid down by the authorities governing who can apply. Basically they must be village families or they must have moved to the village to take up full-time, permanent (i.e. for 12 months of the year) employment.

Registering with Cumbria Choice must be carried out on line. If anyone has any questions or problems when registering please contact a member of the Housing Group or the Parish Council. Alastair Cameron

## **Coniston Co-op Ltd**

Any local group can apply for a small grant of money from the community Co-op fund please put your name forward by letter to Anne Stoddart[ secretary Director] and take into shop deadline for this the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Weather at Haws Bank for February 2017**

Total rain **184.6** mm (**7.27** ins)

Most rain in a day **38.0** mm (**1.50** ins) on **6th**

Rain of 0.2 mm or more fell on **21** days

## **Rainfall. Garden House, Coniston. February 2017**

Total - 212.9mm (8.4ins)

Wet days - 23

More than 1mm on 20 days

Wettest day - 21st - 38.8mm (1.5ins)

Part snow on the 27th

Frost on the 27th & 28th.

## **Bridging the Gap Hearing Aid Service**

The monthly drop-in held at The Village Institute, Coniston continues to run on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month between 10.30 and 11.30am. Hearing aids may be cleaned, re-tubed and NHS batteries provided. Advice may also be provided on hearing aids and their use and information on equipment specific for hearing loss.

As we are a charity we rely on the backing from our funders and the support from our volunteers. We also accept donations from our users who appreciate the provision of a local service and help to keep the service running. Our current funding does run out at the end of May this year and we are presently placing bids for further funding. We are very hopeful that we will be successful and will be able to continue to provide this much needed service in your area and around Cumbria. I will keep you updated when I have further information.

I am happy to say that I have appointed a new volunteer to help at Coniston drop-in. She lives locally and will help with the issuing of batteries.

Future drop-in dates are: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December (funds permitting after May). If you have any questions about the service please contact me on 01228 595937. Thank you. Jean Mason

## **Problems with a mobile phone contract**

I recently signed a two year phone contract with a new network provider but the reception in my home is terrible. Can I cancel the contract?

Poor signal doesn't give you a right to cancel, but you can take action. If you bought your mobile online or over the phone within the last 14 days, simply cancel the contract. If you bought it in store or have had it for longer, explain the problem to the company. They may give you a device which can boost your signal.

If this doesn't work, ask to terminate the contract. They will usually ask you to pay an exit fee, which can cost as much as the contract. If you don't want to pay then use their complaints procedure. If you haven't got a resolution after 8 weeks, ask an Alternative Dispute Resolution Service to make a decision on releasing you from the contract.

For further help, call the consumer service helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or contact South Lakes Citizens Advice on 03444 111 444.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 015394 46464 for debt and on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574

## **Walk of Witness**

Good Friday Walk of Witness see poster for details

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## **Easter Lilies in Church**

Would you like to remember a loved one? List for names in the back of St Andrew's Church. Or you can ring Audrey on 41368 or Jean on 41319 cost £2.50 each.

Dates to put in your Diary for Pie/Peas & Dominoes

20<sup>th</sup> Oct/ 17<sup>th</sup> Nov/ 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 – 19<sup>th</sup> Jan/ 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb/ 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

### **DIARY DATES**

5<sup>th</sup> Hearing Aid drop in Reading Room 10.30am-11.30am

6<sup>th</sup> Torver PC meet School Room 7.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> Local History Group meet Reading Room 2.30pm

“It should have been stopped!” Maurice Steele

11<sup>th</sup> Coniston Institute and Museum Management Committee meet  
Reading Room 7.00pm

13<sup>th</sup> Second Hand Clothing Sale in aid of X12 Bus Reading Room 1-  
4pm

17<sup>th</sup> Coniston PC meet Reading Room 7.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> MU Quiet Day Rydal Hall

25<sup>th</sup> WI Spring Outing

27<sup>th</sup> MU Outing Abbot Hall, Kent's Bank

## **Deadline for May Issue Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

To Jean Johnson Tel 01539441319 enquiries@conistonholidays.co.uk

### **Peter Harrison Building**

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## Services for St. Andrew's and St. Luke's April Services 2017

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Bikers Breakfast in school room	Torver
	11.00am	Baptism Service	Coniston
<b>Palm Sunday</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	1662 Holy Communion	Torver
	11.00am	Baptism Service	Coniston
<b>Easter Day</b>			
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Torver
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Coniston
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Coniston
	6.00pm	Café Church at The Institute	Coniston

### Service Times of other Denominations

#### Methodist Church

The morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. .  
For further information contact Joyce Holland on 41594.

#### Coniston Christian Fellowship

You are welcome to join us for our All Age meetings every Sunday at 10.30am in the Primary School, with the exception of the first Sunday of each month when we will meet at 6.00pm (starting on 5th March).  
Home groups meet regularly every Tuesday evening during term time.  
For further information please contact Norman & Christine Beech on 41780 or Kevin & Julie Gregory on 41125, or visit our website:  
[www.conistonchristianfellowship.co.uk](http://www.conistonchristianfellowship.co.uk)

#### St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Herat Coniston

Mass on Saturdays 6.00pm – Coniston Catholic Church.  
Further information from Father Robert T. Halshaw on 01229 779673