

Autumn 2022

Farlam Parish Village News



Welcome to the Autumn edition of Village News. Farlam PCC is once again publishing the newsletter after Paul and Clare Skeates decided to step down after 4 years of editing and producing the magazine. We thank them for their service to the community.

Please note the new email address for future contributions to the newsletter.

farlamvillagenews@gmail.com

Current and past editions of the Village News can be accessed on the Farlam Church website:

<https://www.farlamparishchurch.co.uk>

Snippets of Interest

NEW COMMUNITY SEED BANK

Gardeners! Allotment holders! Window box owners! Wild-patch people! Anyone with a few plant pots and an empty doorstep! Would you like FREE SEEDS to grow?

There is a newly-opened seed bank available to everyone in the local community. It is a very simple and free way of exchanging seeds. As well as money-saving and environmental benefits, there will be some seed varieties not usually available from garden centres and seed catalogues. Any seeds are suitable; garden flower, wildflower, vegetable, tree or shrub. Anyone can deposit seeds in the bank – it's very easy - just take them along in a small envelope that is suitably labelled. Perhaps a little useful information or handy tip might be worth adding, too. The more seeds in the bank, the more successful it will be. By mid-November, there should be a range of different seeds in the bank and withdrawals from the seed bank can begin. Anyone can withdraw seeds – it's easy and free. So where exactly is the seed bank? Well . . . it is in a very suitable place – being a bank that has deposits and withdrawals, has an annual [and biennial] growth rate, and hopefully generates a high rate of interest. The old HBG Co-op had a large wall safe in which to keep the day's takings and so on. The safe is still there, in the Hub, and in it you will find the seed bank – all safe and sound and hoping to add to growing and flowering in the local community.

Brampton and Fellside Repair Café

This is a new initiative to promote repair as an alternative to simply throwing things out. It is also an event intended to involve the whole community. We will be hosting regular Repair Café sessions at the Community Centre in Brampton beginning on 27 Aug and later at various satellite venues in Fellside Villages such as the Hallbankgate Hub. We would love to hear from anyone who can 'repair' or who enjoys 'mending' stuff and sharing knowledge' about ordinary household goods. We are also recruiting people to serve tea, coffee, cakes or who would simply like to help and be part of the community.

Interested? Email Heather heather.tipler@gmail.com or chat to her on 016977 2849 or 07871 403787, or Gary gaz2676@hotmail.co.uk or call 07554 265299

Fellfoot Forward Community Grants

The North Pennines AONB Partnership invites you to community grant information sessions at Hallbankgate Hub on Wednesday 7th September from 1:00pm to 4:30pm and also on Thursday 15th September from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Drop in to discuss your community project over a cuppa and check its eligibility for grant aid from the Fellfoot Forward Community Grant.

No need to book an appointment. Grants range from £500 to £10,000 that aim to help your community be more wildlife friendly, or better connected to the natural environment or to celebrate the cultural heritage of this beautiful part of Cumbria.

Support is also available to help you develop your project and make it happen. For more information contact David Coverdale on 07976523804 (Wednesdays and Thursdays only) or email davidc@northpenninesaonb.org.uk

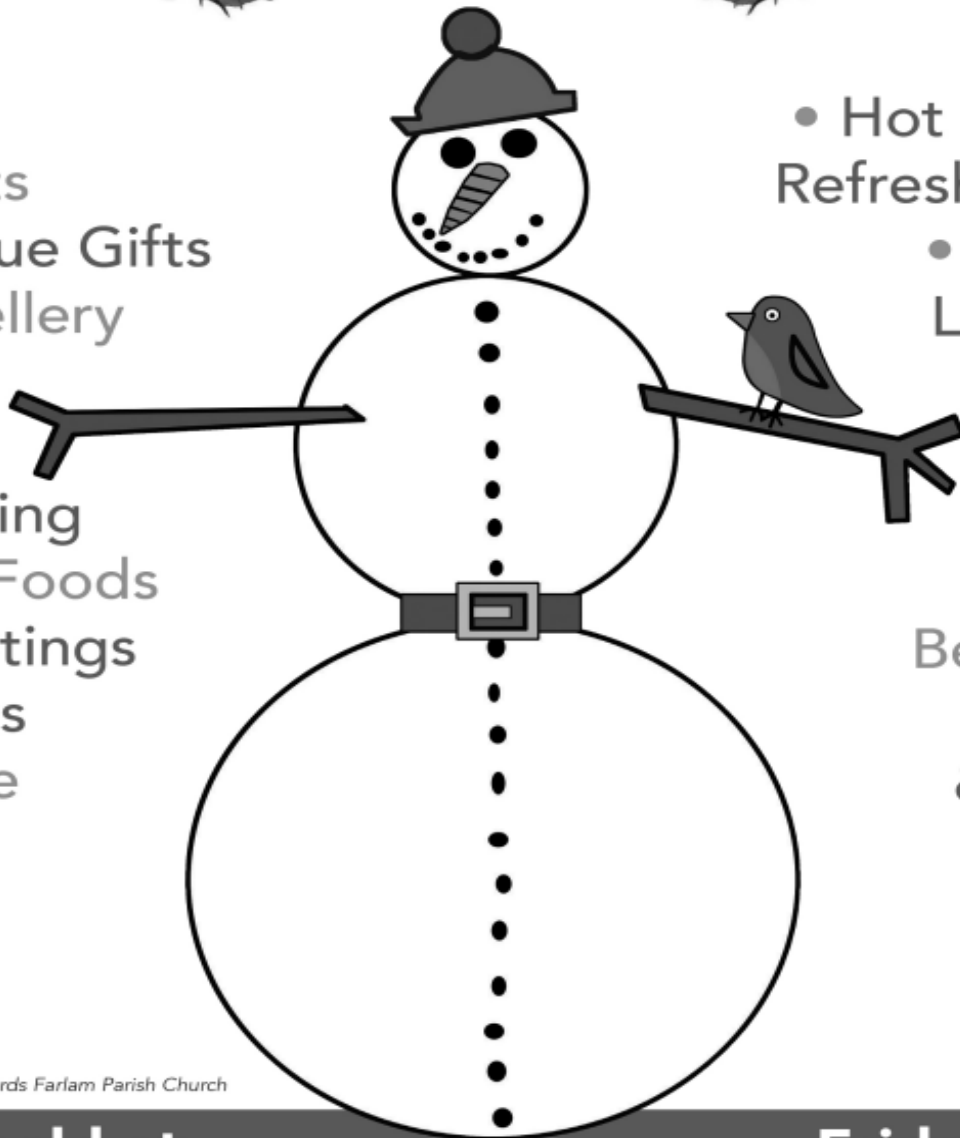


- Arts
- Crafts
- Unique Gifts
- Jewellery

- Hot & Cold Refreshments
- Teas & Lunches

- Knitting
- Gift Foods
- Greetings Cards
- Raffle

Food Served
Between
10am
& 4 pm



All Proceeds go Towards Farlam Parish Church

**To be held at
Lacy Thompson Hall
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**Friday 18th,
Sat 19th & Sun 20th
November
10am-4pm Daily**

Open 10 - 4 Daily - All Welcome. Admission 75p, Children Free

Church Matters - The Eden, Gelt and Irthing Team Ministry

Team Rector: Revd Stephen Robertson Tel: 016977 41304

Team Vicar: Revd Edward Johnsen Tel: 01228 670 248

The Team Rector has pastoral responsibility for the parishes of Brampton, Irthington, Crosby-on Eden and Scaleby. The Team Vicar has pastoral responsibility for the parishes of Farlam, Talkin, Hayton, Castle Carrock, Cumrew and Cumwhitton.

Please contact Edward for christenings and wedding enquiries.

Revd Janice Murray Tel: 016977 46400 is resident in the parish of Farlam and as a retired priest, is very involved in ministry here. Mr Timothy Arndt is Churchwarden of St. Thomas a Becket Church better known as Farlam Church and which is actually located in Kirkhouse (01697746942).

Services take place at Farlam Church on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11am. All are very welcome to attend. When there is no service at Farlam, everyone is welcome to worship at Talkin Church. There is usually a service at Talking Church each Sunday at 9:15am except on the second Sunday each month when it is held at 11:00am.

Forthcoming services at Farlam Church will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 4th September, 18th September, 2nd October, 16th October, and on 27th November.

The service on 13th November will start at 10:50 am with an Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion.

For more information please see our website: farlamparishchurch.co.uk

Weddings

Congratulations to Georgina Blair and George Jackson who were married at Farlam Church on Saturday 4th June 2022.



Something to think about

A QUESTION OF IDENTITY

Two thousand years ago a pious male Jew would daily thank God that he was not made a Gentile, a slave or a woman – categories of people who were debarred from certain religious privileges. The Apostle Paul, in his former life as 'Saul', a zealous Pharisee, would regularly have prayed such a prayer.

But after his Damascus Road conversion, he was renamed Paul. His new name signified a new identity conferred on him. He would later write:

***There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female:
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.***

For Paul these distinctions – *these identities* – are no longer definitive. Naturally they will still colour and effect our experience of life profoundly. And justice demands that all human beings should all be treated as equally valuable. But perhaps these identities are not actually the be-all and end-all of who we are at the deepest level.

God's giving of new names to so many characters in the Bible, to signify a new calling or a transformation in their lives, suggests that who we really are is hidden from us. Who we are is a secret, if you like, that only Christ knows. But he leads us towards our true identity if we are willing to be led.

I find this is exciting and liberating. It is mysterious. It does justice to our human dignity. And it does justice to Christ's initiative in defining our true identity.

Can human beings be freed from defining themselves in complacency and pride – or in confusion - or in victimhood? In faith can we be liberated by recognising that our true identity is a secret still to be revealed? As is our neighbour's? Perhaps such a realisation can help to keep us in humility, and to strengthen our proper reverence towards our own true selves and towards others'.

Edward Johnsen

While Edward remains on sabbatical leave daily prayers in each of the 6 Parish churches will take place on an ad hoc basis. Edward returns at the end of September.



Happenings at the Hub

It's been a busy summer at the Hub with visitors, exhibitions and events. We hosted 80+ cyclists as they stopped to get their card stamped and fuel up for their return journey at the half-way point on their cycle challenge from Cramlington to Bowness-on-Solway and back. Lots of high energy snacks to keep the weary cyclists going. A great time was had by all and we look forward to hosting more cycle events.

We held a preview night to launch at the end of July to launch our new exhibition programme which begins with Helen Alice Johnson and her beautiful exhibition *Blending with Nature*. Her work is spectacular and we are delighted that it is being snapped up at the Hub. Next in the programme is Peter Robson with his exhibition *Shadowlands* featuring his political/surrealist work around industry, war and politics. A thought-provoking exhibition and one worth catching - this style of art is rare these days and Peter is a particularly good advocate. Following him we have Dominic Smith with his community art project, *Crossing Thresholds*, which explores change – in the landscape, in our lives, how we manage it and how we cross thresholds to communicate our needs.

There's been a bit of change too. The library space has been decked out with new furniture and is ready to open for workshops, events and activities. At the time of writing, we are putting together a programme. Keep an eye out on our facebook page and website for updates. If you'd like to hire the space please contact us at events@hallbankgatehub.org.

As a community hub in a rural and sparsely populated location, the Hub aims to provide opportunities to help the community to come together. If you'd like to be part of our friendly and supportive team, please call in at the shop, email volunteer@hallbankgatehub.org or call on 016977 46060.

Keep in touch with everything we are up to:

F/B: <https://www.facebook.com/hallbankgatehub> **W:** <https://hallbankgatehub.org/>

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Open: 9-4pm Mondays-Saturdays, 9-12 on Sundays. **Post Office:** Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am

Gallery: open during shop hours **Library:** open during shop hours

Hallbankgate Hub Gallery

Autumn/Winter 2022/23

26th July-4th September
Helen Alice Johnson
Blending with Nature

6th September-16th October
Peter Robson, Surrealist
Shadowlands

18th October-13th November
Crossing Thresholds
Dominic Smith

15th November-31st December
Local Artists, Xmas Exhibition
Within a Mile

3rd January-12th February
Molly Matcham, Photographer

14th February-26th March
Showpiece Exhibition

Admission FREE

Monday-Saturday 9-4pm
Sunday 9-12 noon



Ouseburn by Peter Robson

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Hallbankgate Hub Gallery

Peter Robson

Shadowlands

**Tuesday 6th September
– Sunday 16th October**

Peter Robson is a surrealist who tackles big subjects in his art. Politics, war, exploitation, man's inhumanity in the name of progress. His work explores themes around inequality, the senselessness of war and seeks to provoke questions in the viewer. Shadowlands also portrays the realities of our industrial heritage portrayed through his unique style and distinctive colour palette.

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A tale of a life from the Parish's past |

This reports the death in 1933 of Margaret Park (nee Armstrong) at Roachburn Six cottages, who was born in 1850 at New Angerton, nr Greenhead. She lived to a then good age of 83. There is a great list of Mourners who many locals may be related to or knew of. Thanks to Tom Park of Roachburn for some of the info, Margaret was his Great Grandmother. Photos of the Roachburn Six Cottages with Tom's Great, Great Grandmother on the photo! Also a photo of Margaret and her Probate and Baptism information.

Richard Macdonald - Coanwood Featherstone Lambley History Group inc Tindale, Knarsdale, Kirkhaugh, Hartleyburn and Plenmeller

The obituary reads:

The village of Tindale has lost its oldest resident through the death of Mrs Margaret Park at the age of 83. She was born at Greenhead and moved to Roachburn aged 10 where she remained spending her whole life in the district.

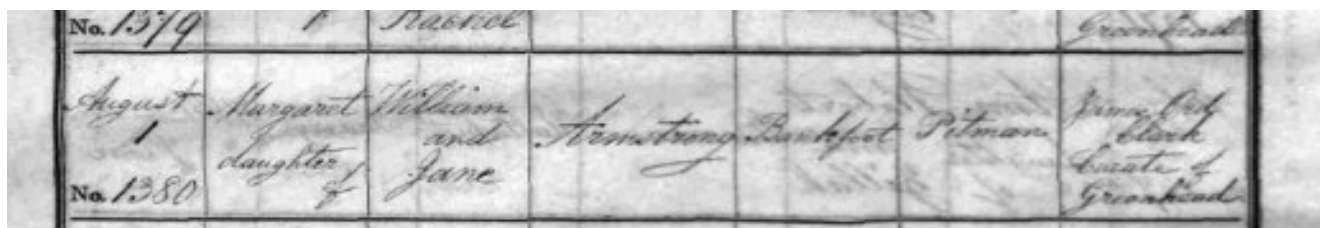
She was a woman of a quiet, kindly disposition, always having been a hard working woman. Her people were the first and only tenants who have lived in the house in which she died at Roachburn. The funeral service was at Farlam on Saturday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Revd. T Smith. A short service was held at the residence conducted by Mr. C.T. Mitchelson. The hymn "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life" was sung.

Mourners included close family members: Mr. T. Armstrong from Crawcrook, brother; Mr & Mrs. F Armstrong, son and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Foster, daughter and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Park, son & wife, Mr. & Mrs. W. Armstrong, grandson and grand-daughter, Mrs. J.R. Todd, grand-daughter Masters J. W. and T. Armstrong, R.G. & J.T. Park & T.N. Foster, grandsons.



Other mourners included:

Mr. & Mrs. Raine, Milton; Mr. W. Park, Coal Fell; Mr. J. Bainbridge, Hallbankgate; Mr. T. W. Armstrong, Haltwhistle; Miss M.E. Armstrong & Mr. F. Armstrong, Crawcrook; Mrs. Telford, Gilsland; Mr. & Mrs. Dixon, Newbiggin; Mrs. Ridley, Brampton; Miss M. Park, Brampton; Mr. J. Wheadon, Hallbankgate; Mrs. Wheadon, Kirkhouse; Miss Park, Coalfell; Mrs. W. Stalker, Coalfell; Mrs. J. Bainbridge, Tindale; Mrs. J. Carr, Halton-lea-Gate; Mrs. J. Irving, Whickham; Mr. J. Ruddick, Chief Constable, Sunderland; Mrs. W. Rushton, Crawcrook; Miss Carrick, Haltwhistle; Miss Graham, the Riddings; Miss Maughan, Haltwhistle; Mrs Metcalfe, Halton-lea-Gate; Mr. W. Sowerby, Hallbankgate; and Mrs. J Robson, Roachburn.



Probate

Margaret Park of the Six Cottages, Roachburn, Farlam Cumberland widow died 17 August 1933. Probate Carlisle 27 October to Thomas Park labourer and Sarah Foster wife of William Foster. Effects £1456.12.1d.

FARLAM PARISH TRUST

The Trust meets in the Village Hall at 6:45pm on the second Wednesday in March and September, prior to the Parish Council meetings. If you are pulling together a project which you think the Trust could support with funding then please download and complete the Trust's PDF grant form and send it to the Administrator. Our website is <https://www.farlamparishcouncil.com/grantsparishtrust>

The Trust's Administrator is Mr. C. Raine, Farlam Farm, Farlam, Brampton CA8 1LA
Email enquiries to charles.raine@youngsrps.com

Farlam 100 Club

June Winners:

1st Prize £25 No: 35 Pam Taylor

2nd Prize £15 No: 7 Jill Stobbart

3rd Prize £10 No: 48 Stella Howatt

July Winners:

1st Prize £25 No:14 Andy Apperley

2nd Prize £15 No: 94 Peter Arndt

3rd Prize £10 No:36 Robert Jeffrey

August Winners:

1st Prize £25 No: 45 David Lawson

2nd Prize £15 No: 57 Lynn Menzies

3rd Prize £10 No 2 Anna Bell

Advertising in the Village News

If you would like to advertise, please email farlamvillagenews@gmail.com.

The money raised from advertising is used to pay for the printing of this newsletter.

The newsletter comes out quarterly and it costs £25 to advertise for a year (4 newsletters).

Copies of the newsletter are delivered to just over 300 households in the parish and extra copies are available at the Hallbankgate Hub and Farlam Hall. We also publish the newsletter online at issuu.com.

If you use any of the services advertised, please tell us! A positive review could help our local businesses which is always a good thing!

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Hallbankgate Village Hall Update

The Jubilee Garden is well underway thanks to the Herculean efforts of Paul Baron, Thomas Halliday, Steve Potter, Steve Bray, Bernie Christie and Craig Baron, not forgetting Anne Halliday and Sharon Baron who fed and watered the workers. Our thanks to all!

The hall itself is busy with regular bookings: badminton groups play twice weekly and pickleball classes are gaining in popularity; yoga and tai chi classes take place on Wednesday evenings and Hallbankgate WI meet here monthly.

The hall is used by many other groups including a clarinet group which attracts members from near and far to play together. If you are interested in joining or checking out some of these activities then contact me and I'll point you in the right direction. If you fancy a game of badminton, you don't need to join a group as we can provide the nets: just bring your rackets and shuttlecocks.

Diary dates for the hall (tickets/times tbc):

Saturday 29th October-Halloween Party for kids aged 0 -12.

Saturday 10th December - Christmas Party for kids aged 0 -12.

For more up to date information check out our Facebook page and to book the hall for an event, party, class or meeting telephone 01697746574 or 07412158502.

Best wishes, Lea-Anne Potter, Caretaker.

Farlam Hall News

Max Winder, Resident Manager at our nearby luxury hotel and restaurant reports that the summer has been very challenging mainly due to rising prices and a great deal of uncertainty of direction hanging over things.

However the falconry events hosted in July and August were well attended and enjoyed by many so much so that plans are being made to host more community based events like these next year. Watch this space!

On the restaurant side the food offering continues to widen as the half acre walled garden is worked and expanded to produce fruit and vegetables all year round. This allows the restaurant to use fresh ingredients to serve with meat and fish from the immediate area allowing guests to taste the countryside on which we stand!

The approach of Autumn presents new opportunities:

Thursday 15th September - Farlam Hall has partnered with Corney & Barrow and 'Maturana', a Chilean wine producer to host a 4 course dinner with accompanying wines. The evening is planned to be both relaxing and light-hearted and will provide an ideal opportunity to learn a little more about what's in the glass!

Saturday 15th October - Let the Fun 'Be-Gin'! The Lakes Distillery will be on hand to give a masterclass in mixology followed by a 3 course dinner.

For further information, Max can be contacted on 01697 746234 and 07943 943425.

Farlam Church Older Graveyard Reclamation

Following the havoc created by Covid 19 large parts of the older graveyard became unkempt and overgrown with brambles, briars and saplings making it difficult for relatives to visit family graves.

The area has been almost completely transformed now thanks to the efforts of the Community Payback Scheme who have been strimming and generally reclaiming the graveyard and preventing it becoming scrubland. As we go to print the area will be manageable in future by lawnmowers. Strimming will continue in future years for short periods at the beginning and end of the growing season. Residents have been very appreciative of the Team's efforts with only a couple of complaints about noise levels and the lower graveyard now looks splendid as it should.

Why not have a stroll around and see if you can locate your ancestors!

As an interesting aside, the Community Payback Team Supervisor, is the Gurning Champion of the World.

His name is Tommy Mattinson. You can check him out using Google. You can see him showing the Queen his talents! I'm not sure She was amused! Perhaps he was giving her some tips on how to gurn!

Farlam Parish Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Lots of planning and hard work went into organising Farlam Parish's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June.

The event was centred in Hallbankgate and Farlam Church with the aim of bringing the community together to celebrate this historic event.

On a lovely, sunny Saturday with the village green, the Hub, the Belted Will, village hall and the school all dressed in colourful bunting, the party started. The village hall displayed artwork by local schoolchildren and poems relating to the Jubilee and a display of royal memorabilia was set up. During the day children painted portraits of the Queen and were presented with commemorative Platinum Jubilee badges.

An enjoyable picnic was held in the gardens of the village hall with lots of tea and WI cakes to be had. There was also live music in the hall, thanks to Mary Hitch and Nick Butters, which was heard and enjoyed by many. Other celebrations took place at the Hub and the Belted Will.

On Sunday the Church held a Thanksgiving festival followed by (you've guessed it) more tea and cakes!

Work is underway to create a Farlam Parish Cookbook and recipes are required from readers in the locality. If you have a favourite recipe and would like to submit it you can do so by emailing it to:

HBGvillagehall@outlook.com

Finally a huge and thunderously loud round of applause to all involved in organising the events, particularly to Farlam Parish Council, our School, the Church, the WI, the Hub, the Belted Will and the Village Hall.

Steve Bray, Farlam.

Hallbankgate Flower Show 2022

Saturday 3rd September Hallbankgate Village Hall

Entries to be submitted 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Show open for viewing at 2.30pm

Admission includes tea & cake: Adults £2.50 / Children 50p



SECTION 1 - VEGETABLES		SECTION 2 - FLOWERS & PLANTS		SECTION 3 - BAKING & PRESERVES	
1	3 long potatoes	21	3 sunflowers	35	Jar of strawberry jam
2	3 round potatoes	22	3 phlox	36	jar of raspberry jam
3	Collection of 3 different veg.	23	6 sweet peas	37	jar of blackcurrant jam
4	1 cabbage	24	4 nasturtiums	38	jar of lemon curd
5	3 onions from seed	25	single rose	39	jar of chutney
6	3 onions from sets	26	bowl of mixed flowers	40	jar of marmalade
7	4 shallots	27	foliage plant	41	dish of rum butter
8	1 Turnip or swede	28	flowering plant	42	savoury flan
9	1 marrow or squash	29	fuchsia	43	4 decorated cupcakes
10	3 beetroots	30	3 stems (any variety)	44	4 fruit scones
11	6 peas	31	arrangement, any colour (no more than 6 inches square)	45	4 cheese scones
12	6 runner beans	32	cactus	46	lemon meringue pie
13	1 cucumber	33	succulent	47	4 squares gingerbread
14	3 carrots	34	Chili plant	48	4 shortbread biscuits
15	3 heads of garlic			49	4 pieces tray bake
16	4 tomatoes			50	Victoria sponge with jam filling (no icing sugar on top!)
17	3 rhubarb sticks			51	Chocolate cake
18	3 courgettes			52	1 lb loaf (white or brown)
19	collection of 4 or more herbs			53	Tea bread loaf
20	1 vegetable, open/exotic				
SECTION 4 - INDUSTRIAL & CRAFTS		CHILDRENS' SECTION		OPEN CLASSES (any age)	
54	cross stitch		Years 1-4	81	Lego Model*
55	patchwork item	67	Writing	82	Garden on a tin lid*
56	quilting	68	Picture or portrait	83	Collection of 3 fresh eggs
57	appliqué		Years 5&6	84	Handmade tool
58	hand made soft toy	69	Writing	85	Handmade ornament
59	hand-crafted wooden item	70	Picture/portrait		
60	painting (oil/acrylic/watercolour)		Years 7-9		
61	drawing (pencil/charcoal/pastel)	71	Writing		
62	photograph – Cumbrian industrial history (12"x8" or less)	72	Picture / portrait		
	greetings card (any material)		Yrs 1-4, 5-6 & 7-9 (3 sections)		
63	hand knitted article	73	Small flower arrangement		
64	10cm sample square from 100g of homespun yarn.	74	4 homemade biscuits		
	Any finished article in homespun yarn	75	collage made from any material		
		76	Lego Model		
		77	Garden on a tin lid		
			NUSERY/Reception CLASS		
		78	Junk/clay model		
		79	Writing/picture		
		80	Animal made from fruit and veg		

Cash prizes
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 Monty or Delia to enter!