



The Village News

May 2017

After a wintery blast last week, it almost feels like spring is here today, though I doubt if we had a Maypole today the village children would be able to run around it in just their indoor clothes like the children on the front cover.

The World of Beatrix Potter held its annual 'Where is Peter Rabbit? Treasure Trail 2017' on Wednesday the 12th April this year, the special egg hunt spanned the whole Lake District. There were 100 ceramic painted eggs, including 10 which had special prizes of over night mini breaks attached to them.

1 was found almost immediately after the map went live in Hallbankgate – hiding in the flower pots outside the Belted Will.

I must have walked right past it as I was in the shop just before 10am – better luck next time 😊

Brampton walkers

Sunday 11th June

Walk: Cold Fell. Distance about 8 miles . Ascent 240m-621m, descent 621m-240m

Meet at Brampton Moot Hall at 10.30am for lift share to walk start.

Or meet at RSPB Clesketts carpark at Hallbankgate at 10.45am

Walk leader Nicky Beecham

Bring a packed lunch

Sunday 9th July

Walk route: Low Row, Lodges, Lanehead, Nook, Wallholme Bridge, Crookstown, Pottscleugh Wood, Low Row. Distance about 5 miles.

Descent 130m-60m, ascent 60m-130m

Meet at Moot Hall at 10.30am for lift share to walk start or at Low Row crossing at 10.45am

Walk leader Kate Allan. Bring a packed lunch

Website: www.bramptonwalkersarewelcome.wordpress.com

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MAY 2017

(Including services in neighbouring parishes when there is no service at Farlam)

Sunday 7th May

FARLAM Church 10.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th May

TALKIN Church 11am Holy Communion in Church / Sun. Sch. In village hall

Sunday 21st May

FARLAM Church

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Plant Sale 11am to 2pm
(see separate notice)

Thursday 25th May: Ascension Day

STAPLETON Church 7.30pm Holy Communion (Deanery Service)

Sunday 28th May

TALKIN Church 9.15am Holy Communion

HAYTON CHURCH 11am Morning Service

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE:

Sunday 4th June

FARLAM Church 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June

FARLAM Church 10.00am Morning Prayer

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th – 20th May 2017

CHRISTIAN AID is a development charity which works with the poorest of the poor – regardless of religion, race or gender. In most parts of Farlam Parish red Christian Aid envelopes are delivered door to door by volunteers from our parish church. Uncollected envelopes can be handed in at the Cumberland Building Society in Brampton.

A CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING will be held in the Moot Hall, Brampton on Friday 12th May between 9.30am and 11.30am. Stalls will include cakes, raffle and Traidcraft. Fairtrade refreshments will be served.

BAPTISMS:

We welcome in the family of the Church **Esmay-Rose Mason**, who was brought by parents Craig and Natalie to be christened in Farlam Church on 5th March 2017.

FUNERALS:

We remember with thanksgiving those whom we have loved but see no longer, especially **Margaret Robina McKeating**, aged 89, whose funeral took place at Farlam Church on 13th March 2017, followed by burial in the churchyard. Our prayers are with her family and all those who mourn her.

We are well on the way to creating a focus for our catchment area, which lies to either side of the A689 between Milton and Slaggyford, and the hinterland which includes the whole of Farlam parish. The needs of our scattered rural population are recognised with our plans for online ordering and home deliveries.

There is no other shop or café in the eighteen miles between Brampton and Alston and so, being close to the main road, we are also starting to capture passing trade, a travellers' rest for motorists, cyclists and motorcyclists. Hallbankgate is also the gateway to the RSPB's Geltsdale nature reserve, attracting many walkers and birdwatchers.

We provide quality fresh produce and groceries, using local suppliers where possible, as well as frozen food, household necessities and, within reason, whatever people ask us for. Together with the staple provisions of a village shop we offer a range of fairtrade, organic and wholefood products, and we are rapidly becoming known as a 'destination', to which people are prepared to travel some distance.

With the completion of Phase 2 we will soon be able to offer hot soup and pies and more home baking from our kitchen, to take away or enjoy with a drink in the café. The quality coffee is supplied by *Bruce and Lukes* of Carlisle and we serve other hot drinks to accompany our sumptuous cakes.

Our aim is to reduce social isolation by providing a warm and attractive environment with disabled facilities, comfortable sofas, children's books and toys, and a versatile space for informal gatherings. The *Hub* is also designed to be a springboard for the development of local services and online micro-businesses. The website has full documentation of the project to date, and is our window into the future.

We welcome you to visit *Hallbankgate Hub* for a coffee and to look around, meet our manager and our friendly volunteers. We are sure you will come to share our vision for this exciting development.





An invitation to support our rural community

The local shop was the heart of our village. So when our Co-operative store closed, the people of Hallbankgate and beyond set up a Community Benefit Society to buy and refurbish the building, which was originally purpose-built in 1877 for the Naworth Collieries Co-operative Society. We have upgraded these premises in stages to modern standards.

We are committed not only to creating a viable business, ploughing profits back into the local community, but to the wider potential of *Hallbankgate Hub* to improve the quality of life in this corner of the North Pennines. Our business plan and vision of *more than just a shop* attracted over a hundred shareholders as well as funding from Power to Change, the Prince's Countryside Fund, Cumbria Community Foundation and Farlam Parish Trust.

Phase 1 opened in December 2016, and we are successfully trading in our new shop and café, run by a paid manager and a team of volunteers. Already this is flourishing and gaining a reputation for its range of goods, its barista-made coffee, and the welcoming ambience.

Phase 2 is scheduled to open in May 2017. This will double the café area and provide a consulting room for visiting therapists and clinicians, a quiet area with a library link outreach from Cumbria library service, workstations with high-speed internet access, a manager's office and post office and, especially, a versatile *Hub* with an art gallery and space for meetings and local community activities.

Your help will make all the difference

Please consider helping us by buying some shares (or some more if you already have some), in return for which you will have a say in how the Hub develops and free advertising on our website and Facebook page and in store.

The share prospectus and application form can be found on the website or can be posted to you on request, and we also welcome straightforward donations.

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Our vision

Benefice Page for MAY 2017 Eden, Gelt & Irthing Team Ministry

Mid-week Communion Service at Brampton

St Martin's, Brampton in the side chapel. Every Wednesday at 9.30 - 10am.

Tuesdays at Hayton

Meditation in Hayton Church, 9.30am - 10am. (In term time)

Archdeacon's Visitation

There is a service for the admission of churchwardens at St Martin's Brampton 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May. The service will be taken by our new Archdeacon Revd Lee Townend. All welcome.

NIGHT LIGHT MEETINGS

Night Light Seniors (secondary school age) meets **Friday 12th May**
7.30pm – 9pm at Bethesda Church, Brampton.

Night Light Juniors (aged 8 – 12) meets **Friday 19th May**
7.30pm – 9pm at Brampton Methodist Church Hall.
For further details of either group contact Edward 01228 670 248 or edwardajohnsen@gmail.com

HELP LINES

The Let Go Project

Information and advice for those affected by domestic violence
Help line: 01228 633640

Childline Counselling: 08001111

Samaritans: 0845 7909090

Farm Community Network: 07002 326326

Do you need to get out and about but don't have access to buses, trains or your own car?

Travel together with Community Transport

Need to get to the shops, library, doctors or dentists?

Cumbria County Council transport services are available to help Cumbrian residents in many rural areas across the county.

Want to go further afield?
We'll get you to your nearest bus stop or railway station so that you can continue your journey via public transport.

	Voluntary Car Scheme	Rural Wheels	Village Wheels
When does it run?	Flexible - dependent on driver availability	8.30am-6.00pm Monday to Saturday	Timetabled service
How many journeys can I make per week?	No maximum	Two return trips	No maximum
What is the cost per mile?	45p	45p	25p
Is there a reduced cost if more people share the same journey?	45p per mile divided between all passengers	25p	No
How do I pay?	Cash	Smartcard	Smartcard
Do I need to be a member of the scheme?	No	Yes	Yes
Is this a door-to-door service?	Yes	Yes	No, picks up from points along the route
What kind of vehicle is used?	Local volunteers' own car	Local taxi	Local taxi or minibus
How much notice do I need to give?	Flexible - dependent on driver availability	12 noon the day before travel	12 noon the day before travel
More information	07788 396 194	South Lakes Carlisle Eden, Allerdale & Copeland	01228 226427 01228 226430 01228 226428
<i>Please note: subject to change</i>		cumbria.gov.uk/communitytransport	

Community Minibuses are available for "not-for-profit" community groups to hire at affordable rates. Contact Cumbria Community Transport (Head Office) on **01228 402811** for more information or visit cumbria.gov.uk/communitytransport

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Farlam Church Plant Sale

Farlam Church in Kirkhouse will host its Annual Plant Sale this year on Sunday, May 21st starting with a Church Service at 10.00, with the sale taking place between 11am and 2pm.

Tea and Cake will be available during this time, and funds raised will be donated to the ongoing appeal for repair work to the fabric of the church.

The event will give the local community a chance to see around the church, and to learn of ongoing developments.

Paul Skeates is organising the event, and is looking for help in the following areas

- Donation of plants to sell
- Donation of cakes to be sold on the day
- Volunteers to help set up, sell plants, make teas/coffees (even if you can manage an hour)

Paul can be contacted on 016977 46947, by email on paul.skeates3@btinternet.com or call into Lowthian Hall opposite the church. Church postcode is CA8 1JR