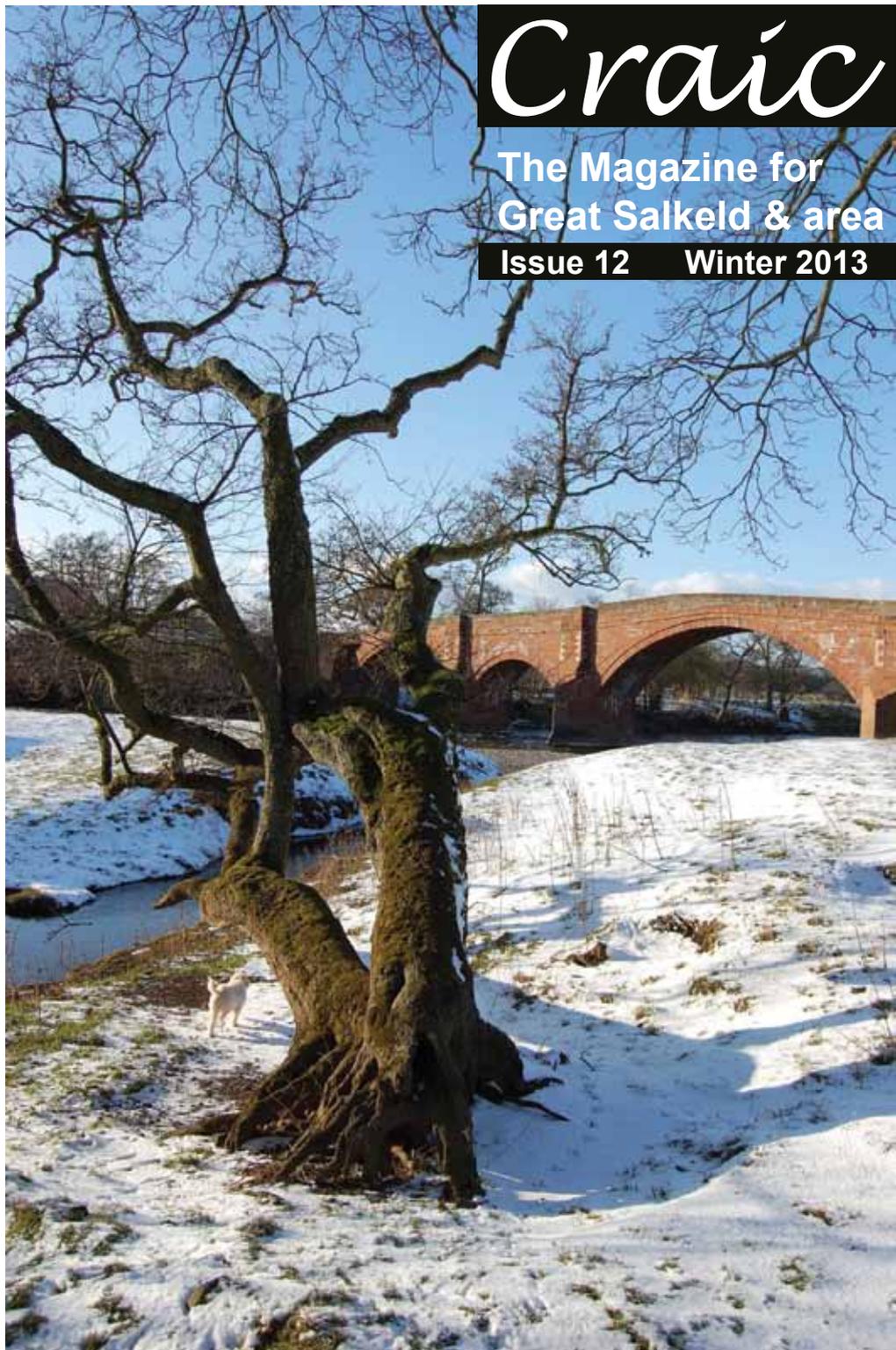


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Welcome

It is now Craic's third year of publication and I would like to thank all those who are contributing with articles and news stories, and those who have complimented us on our village magazine. We are very grateful for the support of advertisers in Craic who, with their sponsorship, make it possible for us to print a copy of Craic for every household in Great Salkeld (it is also available to download from the Craic Magazine page on the village website - www.great-salkeld.net).

The autumn colours are a wonderful display forewarning us of winter's approach and of Christmas to come, with family and friends gathering. Yet, let us spare a thought for folk who will be alone over the Yuletide.

In the New Year of 2014 it will be the centenary of the start of World War I, the Great War. We plan to devote pages in Craic to stories of how this major event affected farming communities and those at home separated from loved-ones who were away fighting. To assist us we have a feature appealing for any memories, copy or photographs, which could illustrate this period in our history (see page 6). We'd love to hear your local family memories.

As a bit of fun for the Christmas and New Year holidays we have included a Food & Drink Quiz and, for the children, a short story and 'spot the difference' puzzle.

Wishing you all seasons' greetings.

Cheers,

Frank Hope, Editor



PHOTOS

Cover: Eden Bridge, Lazonby
This page: Winter tree, Great Salkeld
by Fiona Exon

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Please send your news to copy@great-salkeld.net. We welcome Readers' Views on articles which are published and invite our readers to suggest topics for inclusion in future issues. News and Events are also included on the Village Website: www.great-salkeld.net The website contains the Diary of Village Events, which is frequently updated. Email Linda Jervis on diary@great-salkeld.net for diary inclusion. We won't always have space to include every article or item in the current Craic; some items will be held over to subsequent issues, while some items will go onto the village website.

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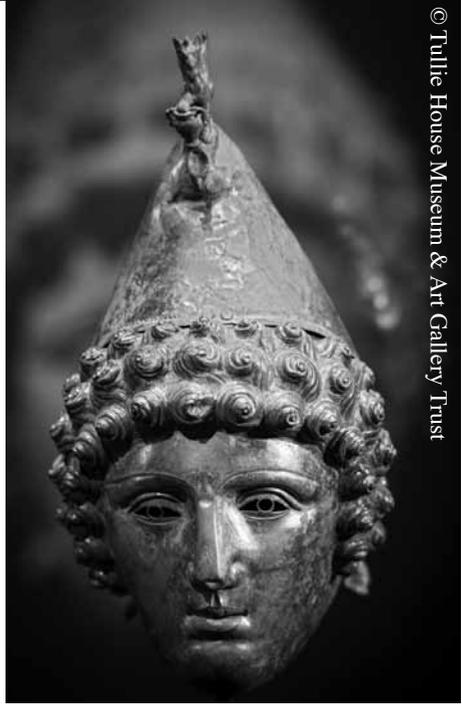
a must-see exhibit at Carlisle's Tullie House

If you have any free time at all before the end of January you should go and see the now very famous Crosby Garrett Helmet being exhibited at Tullie House in Carlisle.

It is quite simply stunning. The exhibition is a unique opportunity to see this artefact.

The exceptional rare bronze ceremonial parade helmet, named after the hamlet where it was discovered, has been hailed by experts as one of the great masterpieces of Roman metalwork. Dating from the late first century to third century AD, it is unparalleled in its detail and the most complete and elaborate of only three such helmets to have been found in Britain. The mask portrays a haunting, youthful male face framed by a ring of exquisitely detailed curls and topped by an extremely rare Phrygian cap decorated with a griffin.

You can't help but be moved by its expression and the knowledge that it was created with such skill so long ago and buried unseen in the ground for millennia. The exhibit closes on January 26th 2014. Make a day of it - see all that Tullie House has on display. ■



© Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery Trust

Top 10 Winter Driving Tips

as published by Kwikfit



1. Always carry a survival pack in the car, including food, water and a blanket. This should include extra warm clothes.
2. Ensure your phone battery is fully charged and you have an in-car charger.
3. Put a shovel in your boot – in case you need to dig yourself out of trouble. Consider fitting winter tyres, but even if you don't, have your summer tyres checked.
4. Winter driving means that tyres should have no less than 3mm remaining tread.
5. Have your battery checked. Batteries have to work extra hard in the cold and are more likely to fail.
6. Make sure your windscreen washer fluid is topped up with the correct concentration of screen wash.
7. Have your coolant checked – the antifreeze needs to protect your engine against the lowest of temperatures.
8. Have your air-con system serviced. It's not just for summer – an effective air-con system will demist windscreens much more quickly, helping visibility.
9. Adjust your driving style to the conditions – be sensible in the rain, snow and ice.
10. Above all, in bad conditions, consider whether your journey is really necessary.

Gardening Tips for Winter

Early winter is the start of the tidying season in the garden. Here are a few of the key tasks you can do.

- * Rake leaves off lawns and compost.
- * Dig over your soil - so that frost can do the job of breaking it up.
- * Divide perennials and grasses.
- * Plant out tulips and other bulbs for spring display.
- * Plant up containers for winter display; use pansies, small bulbs or corms.
- * Spruce up paths and patios - clear away moss, lichen and leaves.
- * Protect tender herbs from frost - you can use cloches or fleece.
- * Create natural foods and shelter for wildlife.
- * Provide food and fresh water for the birds

In the vegetable garden:

- * Plant bush, cane and fruit trees, staking the fruit tree until fully established.
- * Net brassica crops against pigeons.
- * Start winter pruning of apples and pears.
- * Prune roses against wind rock.
- * Plant garlic.
- * Dig and manure any spare land while you can still walk on it.
- * Watch out for any leek fly. This is a new pest with no official cure but some members have suggested that if the area above the grub is cut off the leek (including the grub), the plant may recover fairly quickly.
- * Grease bands may be applied to fruit trees to stop codling moth.
- * Insulate the greenhouse with bubble wrap and clear out all old leaves and foliage.
- * Reduce the watering on all house plants.
- * Keep ponds and water features free of fallen leaves and dead vegetation.

Maintenance:

Having given the lawn a final cut, don't just put the mower away without giving it a good clean. Keep it in good order for next year. Lightly spray with a light oil lubricant; blades should be sharpened or replaced. ■



44 Years Ago in Great Salkeld

In 1969 it was suggested by Cannon Mycroft that the ladies of Great Salkeld form a Women's Group to be held in the Rectory. In November of that year they held their first open meeting. Several of the original group still live in the village and attend current meetings. The group continues to flourish and has sixteen members.

Below is the then secretary's account of the inaugural year. 1969-1970.

It was decided that meetings would be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Rectory. The first guest speaker, Mrs Rigg of Greenodd gave a talk on 'Children's Questions' which proved to be many and varied. Our Christmas meeting was truly a festive occasion.

Mrs. Lockett with her delightful Christmas decorations was followed by Canon Mycroft leading carol singing. The January meeting of 1970, titled 'Viewed and Viewer', chose as the subject, the schools sex programme. February saw a Penrith headmaster, Mr Brinicombe giving an interesting talk on education from its inception 100 years ago to present day teaching methods. A warm welcoming fire greeted us on a wet March evening as we listened to a meaningful talk by the Rev. J. Davidson.

The April meeting was a tremendous success as a capacity audience attended to listen to our local decorator Mr. L. Carrick who gave many practical hints on home decoration. Canon Marshall from Keswick took the chair for the May meeting debating the current Immigrant Policy.

It was noted that it had been a successful first year and hoped that the ensuing years would be equally enjoyable. ■

MEMORIES WANTED! Community memories to Commemorate World War I



Photograph by Patrick Eden Photography.

Next year (2014) will be the Centenary of the start of the First World War (known as the Great War).

CRAIC magazine intends to mark the centenary with articles relating to the 1914-1918 period at the home front, and would appreciate any letters, photos or memories from any villagers who may have such material relating to the local areas.

What family stories are there from that time? How did the War effect the farming in the area, or the life of the women (and children) who were left to manage without husbands, fathers and sons away fighting?

We'd like to bring the local memories of that period to life in a small way in CRAIC to mark and commemorate all those whose lives were touched and changed by it.

You can email memories or arrange copying of items etc for inclusion in CRAIC by email (copy@great-salkeld.net), or calling Frank on 01768 898954. You can also leave information at the weekly Tuesday Coffee mornings at Great Salkeld Village Hall.

Many thanks, Frank Hope, Editor ■

Eggnog

A warming and alcoholic medieval drink, often served at Christmas!

INGREDIENTS

Serves 12

- ✓ 1 litre whole milk
- ✓ 5 whole cloves
- ✓ ½ teaspoon vanilla extract (1)
- ✓ 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ✓ 12 egg yolks
- ✓ 350g caster sugar
- ✓ 600ml single cream
- ✓ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (2)
- ✓ 600ml rum or a mixture of rum and brandy/bourbon. You can omit this for a non alcoholic version or reduce quantity according to taste
- ✓ ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

METHOD

- Combine milk, cloves, 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla (1) and cinnamon in a saucepan and heat gently over a very low setting for 5 minutes, then slowly bring the mixture to the boil.
- In a large bowl, combine the egg yolks and sugar. Whisk together until light and fluffy
- Whisk hot milk mixture slowly into the eggs pour into a saucepan and cook over a medium heat, stirring constantly for three minutes or until thicker and it coats the back of a wooden spoon. Do not allow the mixture to boil or it may curdle.
- Strain to remove the cloves and let cool for about an hour.
- Stir in two teaspoons of vanilla (2) and nutmeg and rum/brandy to taste.
- Refrigerate overnight before serving. ■



EGGNOG: The origins, etymology, and the ingredients used to make the original eggnog drink are debated. Eggnog may have originated in East Anglia; or it may have simply developed from posset, a medieval beverage made with hot milk. The 'nog' part of its name may stem from the word 'noggin', a Middle English term for a small, carved wooden mug used to serve alcohol. However, the British drink was also called an Egg Flip - from the practice of "flipping" (rapidly pouring) the mixture between two pitchers to mix it.

High Speed BROADBAND - UPDATE and TESTIMONIALS



LonsdaleNET's new Hartside mast, serving East Fellside, has now gone live to offer better broadband services to thousands of residents in Melmerby, Gamblesby, Glassonby, Renwick, Winskill and Huttonsonby. It also

reaches the rest of Great Salkeld that is not served by the existing village mast, plus half of Lazonby, Edenhall and much of the surrounding area.

The mast is proving to be a real lifeline for people in those communities who want to access services that areas with fast broadband take for granted, such as filing tax returns online or watching TV programmes using the BBC's iPlayer. Many of the properties are in the final 7% of Cumbria not covered by the County Council's broadband rollout, and without the Hartside mast, they would have to rely on broadband speeds of less than 1Mbps or in some cases, dial-up internet connections.

Among LonsdaleNET's customers covered by the Hartside mast is Jason Brownlee, the chair of the East Cumbria Community Broadband Forum (ECCBF).

He said: "As a resident of Melmerby, I personally welcome and support all efforts to bring better broadband services to East Fellside. LonsdaleNET's investment in the new Hartside mast brings choice and competition to our area, which can only be a good thing."

Testimonials from LonsdaleNet users in the Great Salkeld:

I am extremely impressed with the high speed broadband delivered by Lonsdale. As a home based worker, a fast reliable broadband connection is essential and Lonsdale provide this at a competitive price. I would have no hesitation recommending their service to others.

Hector Speight.

Being keen on motorbikes, I enjoy watching Eurosport Pro Bike racing; unfortunately, the internet speed of 1mbps from my previous supplier (BT) was inadequate as the programme being watched was constantly stuttering. Making the decision to switch to Lonsdale Net Hartside has been a success with the Broadband speed now 20mbps. Lonsdale Net undertook the switching over (no bother with Mac codes) and the installation carried out in a morning.

John Abbott, North Dykes.

Contact Lonsdale.Net: Phone 01228 808002 Web: www.lonsdalenet.co.uk

A Polite Reminder.....

There are a few regularly-used lanes and footpaths around the village that are consistently being littered with dog mess. It seems that there are regular 'culprits'.

Plastic bags especially for the purpose of 'Scooping' are readily available, so please consider other people and always clear up after your dog. ■

Are you involved in a local group, society or sports club?

We are keen to have regular 'reporters' from local organisations who will send current information and news to be included on the Great Salkeld web site. The plan is that the site be a central hub for news and information that anyone from the village, or further afield, can visit to keep updated with what's going on. Email to: copy@great-salkeld.net to get started. ■

The Great Salkeld Art and Crafts Exhibition – retrospective thoughts



In Italy, on November 1st, I picked pomegranates. One I ate, another I painted, looking out across the sun-bathed Tuscan landscape from the town wall. Below me, in a garden, a woman chatting with two old men, was using a rock to crack open nuts from an overhanging tree. Someone strolling in the afternoon light paused and said, “Melograno”.

People from such warm lands sometimes think the English are inhospitable. I do not believe this. In our cooler climes we have less opportunity for outside socialising. Staying inside makes us less accessible rather than less hospitable. We are consequently more likely to be isolated.

The Village Hall provides a wonderful warm meeting place for us. It struck me last Tuesday what a blessing it is. Our group, which gathers on alternate Thursdays in the barn at Beckbank Farm, was holding an exhibition there. The numbers that visited the sunny Thompson Room that day thrilled us. £142 was raised for Eden Valley Children’s Hospice by selling cards but mostly through donations.

The group was not alone though. Whilst setting out our work, local mothers and



children were busy with the playgroup. On the morning of the exhibition, Café Crack brought in friends and neighbours to chat over free refreshments. The Church raffle was drawn, organised to ensure we can still hold not only regular village Sunday Services but also a moving Remembrance Day Service, with Christmas Carol and Christingle Services next month.

Community life, whether it is conducted indoors or outside is precious, helping to build relationships and create support networks. Here in Cumbria with the days shortening and temperatures dropping it takes effort to organise social activities, but how worthwhile it is. ■

Elizabeth Robson

How many differences can you spot between these two festive Christmas Trees



CHRISTMAS FOOD & DRINK QUIZ

1. How many ingredients did the Catholic Church decree that there should be in a Christmas pudding?
2. What game pie was traditionally eaten in Suffolk for breakfast on Christmas day?
3. What is a baby turkey called?
4. White Christmas, a cake made from coconut, rice and dried fruit, is popular in which country?
5. "Tai Tai" are biscuits given to good children at Christmas in which country?
6. Which cheese often eaten at Christmas is known as the King of English cheeses?
7. In the 17th century Christmas cake was made to be eaten on what day?
8. One may have an "Aperitif" before the Christmas meal, what does this mean in the original Latin?
9. What Christmas sauce is known at Cambridge University as "Senior Wrangler" sauce?
10. New Zealanders would never serve which meat for Christmas dinner?
11. Which English Victorian cook wrote the definitive Christmas cookbook?
12. What is a "Pfefferkuchenhaus"?
13. What should be eaten on each of the twelve days of Christmas to bring luck for the following year?
14. Where did turkeys originate from?
15. In a traditional mince pie, which ingredient would make it unsuitable for vegetarians?
16. Who made the eating of mince pies illegal in Britain?
17. What is the popular name for the Sunday before Advent when it is tradition to make the Christmas pudding?
18. In what country is porridge called "Kukya" eaten on Christmas Eve?
19. The coconut flavoured cake known as "Bibingka" is a Christmas favourite in which South East Asian country?
20. At what time did Queen Victoria sit down for Christmas Dinner?

Answers page 18

A Christmas Tale for Kids



Yuletide 2013

I think 'Santa' will have to work harder
this year delivering children's presents
to families with fears, yet struggling to
remain upbeat,
And full of cheer.

Whilst shopping one frosty morn
I espied a wee girl looking forlorn
What troubles you little one, said I that
tears should mist your shining eyes?

The tears, she said, are there because they
say there is no Santa this year. No Father
Christmas cloaked in red, or reindeers
pulling his sledge.

I smiled and said they're fooling you, now
close your eyes and make a wish, then
say I do believe that Santa will come on
Christmas Eve.

She opened her eyes just as the local
church bells started to echo across the
fells, her Mummy and Daddy appeared
carrying a sack, they had won a prize that
Santa had packed.

We waved goodbye as she left with them,
a smile so innocent and pure,
Then her little hand lost in her Daddy's
hand was gone and I saw her no more. ■

Happy Christmas Kate Hope

This is the
story of
a little fir tree
who dreamt of
growing up so
that he could
go and be a
Christmas Tree
amongst the
Humans.



The other, older
trees, knew more about life, and they told him that
being a tree with the Humans wasn't as good as all
that. But the little fir tree didn't want to believe the
older trees – and he didn't have long to wait.

He was so pleased when one day some children
came with their parents to choose a fir tree to
decorate their living room. The children adored
him at first sight.

So he was dug up, then brought into the living
room, where he was hung with decorations.

After they had finished decorating him, the little
fir tree shone with a thousand lights.

Christmas was getting closer and everyone
admired the little Christmas Tree. The young fir
tree thought: "All the bigger fir trees were wrong"
and he lifted his branches even higher so people
could admire him better.

Up till January, he was the prince of the living
room; but then he started to lose his needles.

Now nobody looked at him, touched him, or
even bothered to gather up the tiny needles that
fell. Then, the whole family decided to put him
down into the cellar. The fir tree started to feel very
sad that he had even been chosen by the family.

After several days' wait – it seemed never-
ending to him -, the little fir tree was replanted. He
was so happy to be back in this good old earth that
he'd missed so much during those endless days
when he was shut up in the cellar!! Suddenly he
understood that the family had left him in the cold
of the cellar to keep him healthy.

Each year, the family dug him up again to put
him back into the living room. He was very happy
with his new family. And yes, in the end the bigger
trees were wrong about something - some humans
are good after all..■

A visit to the excellent Lindisfarne Gospels summer exhibition allowed us to get up close to some of the most remarkable relics in the UK; the Lindisfarne Gospels. The connection we have in the village here through St Cuthbert's Church was in my mind as I pored over the beautiful and precious artefacts.

Through the displays and information we were able to follow the tracks of the 9th century monks as they fled from invading Vikings with the body of St Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels as they undertook a momentous journey that helped shape England. The site of our village church was just one where the monks rested with the body of their Saint on his final journey.



St Cuthbert's Gospel

The St Cuthbert Gospel, a small handwritten copy of St John's Gospel from the Christian New Testament produced in the late 7th century at the monastery of Wearmouth-Jarrow, is one of the world's most significant books and a landmark in the cultural history of Western Europe. This earliest intact beautifully-decorated European book is intimately associated with Cuthbert. The book was apparently placed in his coffin at Lindisfarne Priory in 698 and lay with his body for over 400 years. It was discovered in 1104 when the coffin was opened in Durham Cathedral.

The Life of St Cuthbert

St Cuthbert, born in the north-east of England around 635, was a prominent Christian leader, missionary and healer. He was renowned for miracles attributed to him during his lifetime and after his death. He first entered the monastery at Melrose

in southern Scotland in 651, moving to the new monastery at Ripon in Yorkshire and then returning to Melrose. In 664, the Synod of Whitby addressed growing tensions between Irish and Roman traditions within the Church by backing Roman practices. Soon afterwards, Cuthbert became Prior of the Irish-founded monastery on Holy Island, and in 685 was made Bishop of Lindisfarne. During this time, he spent much time living as a hermit on the nearby island of Inner Farne where he died in 687.

Cuthbert was elevated to sainthood in 698. He became one of Britain's most popular and widely-venerated saints, both in the Anglo-Saxon period and after the Norman Conquest. Bede (d. 735), the historian and monk, wrote two biographical accounts of Cuthbert's life. Cuthbert's shrine was a major national pilgrimage centre in the Middle Ages and he remains the North's best-loved saint. ■

The Dictionary definition is:

TO HIBERNATE - (Of some animals) To pass the winter in a resting state in which heartbeat, temperature and breathing rate are very low.

TO MIGRATE – (Of living creatures, especially birds) To journey between different habitats at specific times of the year.

If only us humans had the same capabilities – to either sleep through the whole of a cold, dark winter or to fly away to where food and temperature are more conducive to good living. Birds and animals can do this at no cost but, for us poor humans stuck in a few islands off North West Europe, how much would it cost us to winter in the Caribbean or Polynesia or Africa?

In Britain, a number of animals, reptiles and insects hibernate when their food supply becomes scarce in cold weather. By staying inactive and at a low body temperature, they conserve energy and so reduce their need for food. For instance, bats hibernate most efficiently at 36-43F (2-6C). If the temperature should rise or fall beyond these parameters, they may wake up and move to a more stable environment.

So, some of the lucky animals in this country who can sleep snugly for 4-5 months include hedgehogs, bats, dormice, adders, grass and smooth snakes, lizards, newts, frogs and toads. In the insect world, bumblebees, wasps, hornets, ladybirds, several species of butterfly and the great diving beetle! Finally, and we should all be glad of this, the common garden snail! It goes without saying that all of the above, if found, should be left undisturbed as, if awoken, it could lead to their death.

Migration is a whole different ballgame, practised not only by birds but also by animals, fish and insects. Some travel enormous distances in order to find suitable food supplies, or habitat, or weather. Arctic Terns migrate 21,750 miles each year; Gray Whales 12500 miles; Desert Locusts 2800 miles; Monarch Butterflies 2000 miles and Caribou 700 miles! But in the British Isles, animals are restricted in their migration, although it would have been a different story when we were physically joined to Mainland



Europe. Witness the migration of reindeer from north to south in Scandinavia. But some animal and reptile migration can be localised, such as frogs and toads moving from water to dry land and only returning to ponds to breed in early Spring. Or Red Deer migrating from mountain tops to winter in lower ground. Fish, such as the Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout migrate, going to sea in the Spring and returning to the river of their birth in Summer and Autumn in order to spawn. Insects, especially butterflies, dragonflies and ladybirds migrate to the Continent and back again. But it is mainly birds who are renowned for their migratory habits and this is a two-way street. As some birds leave our shores at the end of Summer, mainly to fly south, so other species arrive here, mainly from the north and east. The Swallows, House and Sand Martins, and Swifts are probably some of the better known migrants, with an astonishing migration route taking them as far as South Africa and back again. In the Eden Valley, we are all aware of the wild geese, swans and ducks. Many of them are incoming winter migrants from Greenland, Iceland, Spitsbergen and Russia, even Siberia. At Caerlaverock, north of the Solway, nearly 80000 Barnacle Geese migrate each winter from their breeding grounds in the Arctic and depart again in the Spring. Woodcock come in from Scandinavia, as do the beautiful Waxwings, Fieldfares and Redwings. The list of migrating birds “in and out” is endless – it is just a wonder of nature that they know where and when to go in order to survive the rigours of Winter.

So hibernate or migrate – if only we could do both! ■



In Conversation with.....



Ted Carter

Interviewed by Jo Thompson

August 1973, for three and a half days, people around the world followed the story unfolding of two men trapped on the Atlantic seabed, off Cork in Southern Ireland, in a small 2-man submarine PISCES 3. None more closely than their colleague and friend Ted Carter, a marine technical engineer, who, with time against him, set about designing and making equipment that enabled the sub to be safely raised to the surface with only hours to spare for the men on board.



Ted shows us the snapped rope... read on to discover how important this personal artefact is to Ted

nautical engineering, I became part of their team. By then I was a qualified mechanical engineer and was increasingly involved in the development of larger handling systems for the PISCES project. I transferred to this company as I hated office based work and it meant I could go out in to the field, go down in the subs and test the machinery or equipment we had created in the 'field' rather than the office.

☉ What is PISCES?

PISCES was a small 2-man submersible developed by Vickers, and built by HYCO in Canada, in the 1960s. Prior to this all underwater work was done by divers. The small subs were used

to lay cables and other underwater equipment, undertake surveys and in underwater rescue. At this time all underwater vehicles were American and there were no reliable rescue systems for submarines .

☉ Ted - tell me where your career started.

On leaving school, aged 16 in 1954, I joined the British Aircraft Corporation (now British Aerospace) as an apprentice aircraft technician, ending up in the drawing office working on the revolutionary aircraft of the time, the TSR2, a new fighter bomber. I had always wanted to travel and in 1961, having recently married my wife Barbara, we decided to move to Canada. By that time, the Canadian aircraft industry was in decline and so I moved in to the hydraulics industry, working on the design and drawing side. Following the birth of our eldest son in 1962 we decided to move back to England to be nearer family and I got a job at Vickers Shipbuilders in Barrow.

☉ Why Barrow?

I was brought up in Preston and Barbara was evacuated there during the war. Her family subsequently moved there as well, so we had family and friends in the area. I was attracted to the job at Vickers as they were setting up a new naval architecture department, developing and designing nuclear submarines and I worked within this department for the next seven years, culminating in project design for launch and recovery systems, known as a handling system, for PISCES submarines. When Vickers created OCEANICS as a separate company specialising in

☉ Where you able to pilot the subs?

I trained as a pilot in 1970. It made sense to be able to work the equipment myself and see firsthand where and how improvements could be made. At that time most of our work was in Navy torpedo recovery off the west coast of Scotland. We also did trials in Loch Ness, where some of the locals thought we were looking for the monster and even one of our crew refused to go down in the Loch in case we found it!

☉ Tell me about your involvement in the PISCES 3 story.

PISCES 3 was working, laying transatlantic cables 150 miles south west of Cork. It became trapped whilst being raised from the sea bed on Wednesday 29th August 1973. The tow rope got

caught on the hatch cover, winding itself around a bolt, and pulling the hatch cover off causing water to flood in, altering the buoyancy. With the extra weight of the water, the rope snapped and it sank nearly 1600 feet onto the ocean floor at an almost vertical angle. As soon as the surface team realised, we were notified back at Barrow and an emergency team was mobilised. At that time there were only two ships in the fleet that could handle and transport the PISCES subs; one, the Voyager, was already present, and the other, The Venturer, was working in the North Sea with another sub, PISCES 2. This set off straight away for Cork. A further sub, PISCES 5, was then flown in from America to Cork, and Voyager was sent to collect that, so by late Thursday two other subs were at the site. Also flown in was a small controlled underwater vehicle called a CURV.

Myself and a team had started working immediately on a method for recovery as the flooded hatch meant simply fixing ropes to the stranded sub would not work. We designed and built a “toggle” system, which could be inserted into the hatch and open rather like an upended umbrella, enabling the sub to be held securely and then gently winched to the surface.

☉ **How did you know the crew were alive and how long could they survive underwater?**

In those days we only had basic communication methods, but they communicated by a basic radio system and by making knocking, clicking sounds which helped them preserve energy. The subs life support batteries had a maximum life of 72 hours.

☉ **So, time was not on your side?**

No, the first attempted rescue took place late Thursday evening, but it took much longer than anticipated to locate the sub, as we had no satellite navigation systems like today. Eventually it was found, but they were unable to attach any ropes. Luckily they did manage to attach a marker buoy so the location was identified. When this had failed I knew time was critical and that the team on site would be exhausted. So, I decided to fly out with a fresh team. Vickers flew six of us out; myself, another engineer, electrician, a fitter and two divers. We arrived in the dark in horrible



weather Friday evening and it took several attempts to winch us down onto the Voyager. As suspected, the crew on board were not in a good state and they were grateful to see us. I volunteered to take PISCES 2 down with another operator late Friday night and after about half an hour on the sea bed we were able to insert the toggle and then CURV attached a line. A further toggle was then inserted and the sub was slowly winched up. It took a very tense one and a half hours to finally reach the surface.

☉ **It must have been a very emotional moment when the crew finally climbed out?**

Yes, but the tension was broken by Roger Chapman, one of the rescued crew. When I reached out to give him a hand to come aboard, the first thing he said was “Don’t come too near, I smell badly.”

☉ **What happened afterwards?**

“It’s all rather a blur really.” Barbara, Ted’s wife - “I remember Ted being dropped off back at home and we all went out to the Black Dog Pub at Dalton to celebrate”. She also recalls that Ted, usually a very quiet and reserved man, did not stop talking for two days.

Over the next few years Ted continued to work at Oceanics and then moved on to other companies, testing underwater equipment for the oil industry both home and abroad before retiring in 2003.

He moved to Great Salkeld with his wife Barbara in 1998 to be nearer their daughter.

He still has a piece of rope that snapped that fateful day.

Roger Chapman wrote a book of his experience, trapped in PISCES 3, and there are plans for the story to be made into a movie in the near future. ■

Great Salkeld School - a concise history of village education



The School and School House in around 1908

Great Salkeld School, St. Cuthbert's, closed on the 16th July, 2004 and with it ceased the education of children that can be traced back for 500 years, to about 1515, when Henry V111 was on the throne. It must, therefore, have been one of the oldest schools in England. This was the time of the Renaissance (the re-birth of learning and culture) and the Reformation which established the Church of England. The 16th and 17th centuries were the time of Henry V111, Elizabeth 1, Cromwell, William Shakespeare, Christopher Marlowe and Sir Thomas More.

The school was endowed with small sums of rent from various pieces of land within the Parish and with fees from new tenants in the Manor of Great Salkeld. However, by the 1770s, the farmers refused to pay up and a long Chancery Lawsuit followed to sue them and regain the full endowment again. It would seem that this lawsuit was lost as the school never regained the money it thought was due. During the 16th and 17th centuries it is thought that the school took place in the Chancel of the Church. In 1682 William Nicholson became the Rector of Great Salkeld and Archdeacon of Carlisle. (1702-1718, Bishop of Carlisle; 1718-1727, Bishop of Derry; 1727, Archbishop of Cashel – he died that year). The School was inspected in February 1704 (while he was the Bishop of Carlisle) and he records that, when he was the

Rector, he found the Chancel in some disorder, the children being taught there or in the Church Porch. This probably carried on until 1686 when Nicholson says that he got a schoolhouse erected. (He also had the Altar Rails put up and later the churchyard wall was built). This schoolhouse was probably on the site of the present old school building. When Nicholson had it built

it would almost certainly have been on part of his 'glebe', the land given to the local incumbent to farm for part of his income. Consequently, he did not have to persuade a local owner to give up some land or raise money to buy the site. The land between the Church and the Rectory will also have been part of the glebe.

Local clergy often ran schools as a sideline to make extra cash. Great Salkeld's Master was paid £3 per year from the school's endowments so, when the tenants/farmers refused to pay, the school would be in difficulty. Pupils paid 6d or less (two and a half pence in today's money) every three months. Not many parents were able to pay and so schools were small and only for bright boys already showing promise and worthy of the outlay. In 1829 there was a schoolmaster in Great Salkeld and in 1847 there were two, both probably running private schools. One of them was run by the Rev. George Chapman, Great Salkeld's Presbyterian Minister.

The Parish is the birthplace of several eminent men. Whether they attended Great Salkeld School when they were boys is unknown but it must be a possibility if they lived in the parish.

- Lord (Edward) Ellenborough, son of Archdeacon (later Bishop) Law, Rector of Great Salkeld. Edward was born in the village on 16th November 1750 and became Lord Chief Justice 1802-1818. He died on the 11th December 1818.

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Great Salkeld School (continued)

- The Rev. George Benson – Non-Conformist theologian. Died 1767.
- The Rev. John Bowstead BD. Classicist and Headmaster of Bampton School.
- Roland Wetherall. Mathematician and Astronomer in the mid 18th century.
- Colonel Moorhouse. Died in the storming of Bangalore.
- The Rev. John Rotheram and the Rev. Caleb Thomas. Theologians.



School celebrations to mark its 300th year (1686 - 1986)

For some years previous to 1856 there was no school, presumably due to the Chancery Lawsuit. Then, in 1855, the Rev. John Scott Mulcaster arrived and (quote) 'got one built which is an ornament to the village and is conferring great benefit upon the children of the poor (i.e. most of Great Salkeld who otherwise were too poor to spare cash or time for schooling). The school can hold 96; average attendance is 60. It is inspected regularly. It is financed by voluntary subscriptions. A master's house is attached. The cost of building was £570, raised by subscriptions from the Rector and landowners and aided by Government Grant'. The Headmaster was Thomas Pattinson.

The Rev. Mulcaster was born in 1809 and was Rector of Great Salkeld from 1855 -1879.

The following information is extracted from Kelly's Directories 1858-1925. Those for 1929, 1934, and 1938 do not mention the school, nor does the 1954 Cumberland Directory.

- 1897 – The Headmaster was Arthur Smith. There were no Assistant teachers recorded.
- 1906 – The school was termed a Public Elementary School and enlarged at a cost of £350. It was said to be adequate for 160 pupils with an average attendance of 87.
- 1910 – The Headmaster was still Arthur Smith but there were now two Assistant teachers, Miss W.S. Watkins and Miss Grace Mallinson.
- 1914 – The school was designated adequate for 135 pupils. Average attendance 55. Arthur Smith was still the Headteacher and the Assistant Mistresses were Miss E. Smith and Miss E.B. Anderson.

- 1921- Arthur Smith was still the Headmaster with Miss E. Smith the Assistant Mistress.
- 1925 – Still a school for 135 pupils. No average attendance was given. The Headmaster was Sidney H. Jones and the Assistant Mistress Miss M.J. Balfour.

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We would like to say thank you for your financial support for the Friends of St Cuthbert's Church Ltd, which has been very much appreciated.

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For your information the Board now consists of 4 Directors as follows:-

Philip Cranston (Chair), Myles Thompson (Finance), Derek Patmore and Nigel Robson

We would also like to thank Alison Thurgood for all her hard work as membership secretary and Liz Cranston

for organising various major events and especially, earlier this year in May, with the walk and teas which raised £700 for the Friends.



Our thanks also go to Frank Hope who has introduced a new situation to show films in the Village Hall in conjunction with Eden Arts and we will offer 2 films every 12 months and each film show will be preceded by a meal. We hope that this will become a regular feature but it is dependent on the amount of support for this type of event.

At present we are looking forward to 2014 with a film in March and an event, yet to be decided, in the summer in order to continue raising funds. If you have any ideas about raising funds or can assist in any way, this would also be appreciated. We are trying to get a team of people together who would be interested in setting up events, maybe with new ideas. Please contact either Philip Cranston on 01768 898674 or Derek Patmore on 01768 897074 if you are interested.

We hope that you will continue to support the Friends and we will do our best to ensure that the objective of trying to keep the church in good condition is maintained.

Yours sincerely
Philip Cranston (Chair)

Christmas Food & Drink Quiz Answers:

1 Thirteen, 2 Rabbit, 3 Poul, 4 Australia, 5 Holland, 6 Stillon, 7 Twelfth Night, 8 To start, 9 Brandy butter, 10 Goose, 11 Mrs Beeton, 12 A gingerbread house, 13 A mince pie, 14 North America, 15 Suet, 16 Oliver Cromwell, 17 "Stir-up" Sunday, 18 Russia, 19 The Philippines, 20 9pm Christmas Night.



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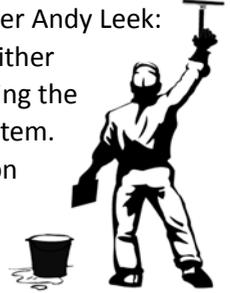
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