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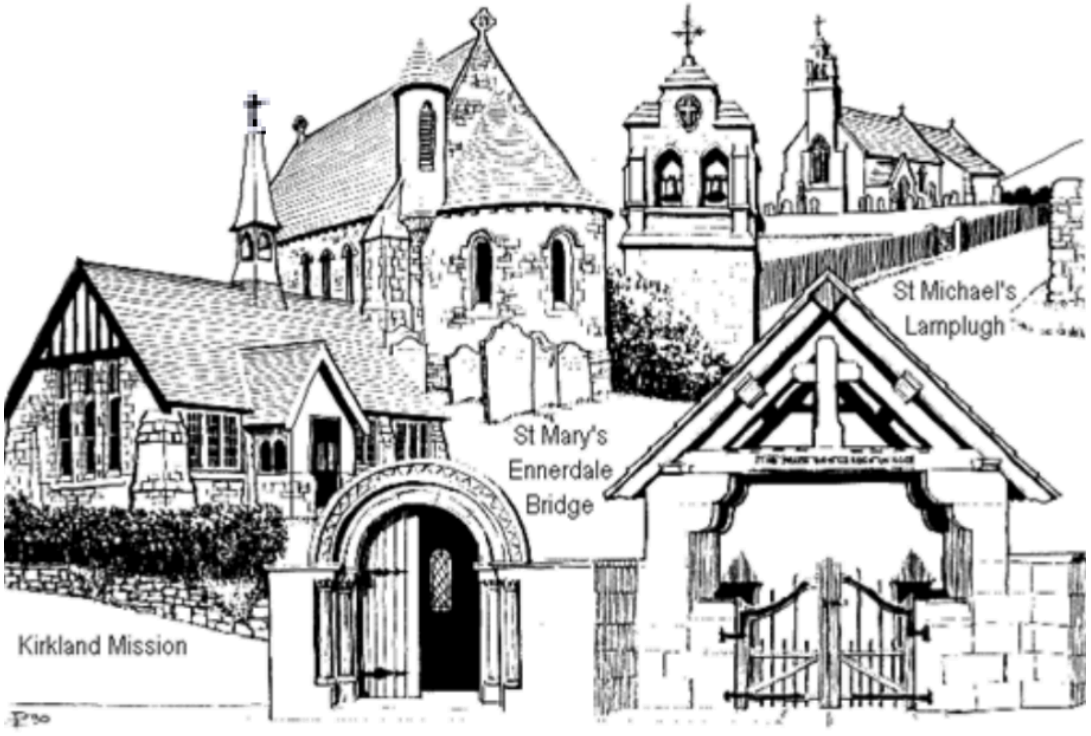
One Parish, Three Beautiful Churches for Everyone

May 2026



Bluebells with a Bee © 2026 Diane Antone

This month we celebrate Beltane (1st), Star Wars Day and early May Bank Holiday (4th), local elections (7th), FA Cup FInal (17th), World Bee Day (20th), Pentecost (24th) and Spring Bank Holiday (25th)!



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Goodbye Cyril

Cyril Atkinson 1935 - 2026

Many reading this will be aware of the death on 14th March of Cyril Atkinson (aged 90) after a long illness. Cyril gave many years of service to the community: to the local branch of the British Legion until its demise, to his beloved bowls club, where he was both player and organiser, and also as a member of the RDC for 3 years from March 1962. In particular he is remembered by us for his involvement and work with the church.

He first became a member of the Church Council in March 1961 as well as being treasurer for the church in Kirkland. In 1965 Cyril was elected onto the Parochial Church Council and in March 1967 became a Churchwarden, a position in which he was still serving when he died. It would be hard (probably impossible) to find anyone who has been a continually serving PCC member for 61 years and churchwarden for 59 years. Indeed it is difficult now to find any churchwardens at all!

Older members of the Parish may remember Cyril with 3 fellow churchwardens being a pall bearer at the funeral of John Stalker in 1972 – another man known for his lengthy service to the community in many capacities. Cyril was an especially “hands on” churchwarden – even in his late 80’s it was difficult to restrain him from ascending ladders to deal with faulty church masonry or roofing. He will be remembered also for the hours he spent cutting the grass at The Mission, Kirkland and at St Michael’s Lamplugh. The latter was reminiscent of the painting of the Forth Bridge – a never ending job! Cyril would arrive early in the morning, have a short midday break and only be back with Kath in the evening. It was only in the last couple of years – after the urging of family and friends – that Cyril finally came to hang up his strimmer and put away his lawn mower.

A remarkable man who truly will be missed by all who knew him and now after his years of illness “in a better place”.

Thank you, Cyril!

Robin Megan

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Rachel Monkhouse

1st April 1943 to 20th April 2026

Many residents of Ennerdale Bridge will be greatly saddened to hear that Rachel Monkhouse, who lived at Ehen Garth for many years, has recently passed away. Rachel had lived in the village since 1976, and was a familiar figure to many as she took her dogs, Tilly and Basil, walking down at the lake.

Her family are planning a memorial service in Ennerdale, with the date to be announced later, once plans are in place.

Praying for the Parish
May 2026



The Church Council has decided that we should be more intentional in praying for our parish.

In more urban areas churches often list particular streets that are being prayed for that week / month. That obviously isn't possible in a scattered rural area, so we have divided the parish into 12 areas, one for each month. The list is not set in stone; we can tweak it if anyone feels left out.

For the month of **May 2026** we are praying for:

*The homes, farms and businesses in **Crossgates, Millfields and Inglenook**.*

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The Passing of an Ennerdale Girl - Obituary

Marjorie Anne Maher 18/12/45 - 3/4/2026



Marge passed away peacefully on Good Friday at home, holding her husband Peter's hand. Though born in Derbyshire and raised in Essex, Marge was, to her core, an "Ennerdale Girl." Her mother, Annie Pearson, was born at Witts End Cottage, Croasdale, and Marge spent her childhood holidays with her family here, rooted in the valley's landscape.

Marge's life was a triumph over early adversity. Despite a difficult birth, she became a county-level athlete and a formidable educator. Her career spanned over three decades at Hedley Walter School in Brentwood, where she rose to Vice Principal. Known as the "Mrs. Chips" of Hedley Walter, Marge possessed a "sixth sense" for supporting children in need. She famously never had to raise her voice; a single lift of her "eyebrow" could silence a hall of hundreds.

It was at school that she met Peter Maher, when he applied for a Senior Teacher role at the school where she worked. After asking what he taught, he replied, "Children"—a philosophy they shared for 37 years of marriage. Marge became a devoted mother to Peter's daughters and a grandmother to five, and a mentor to the thousands of children who she supported and nurtured over her long career.

In 2005, Marge "came home" to Ennerdale, moving into Hunter How. Alongside Peter, she became part of the team working on the village's revival. Following a call for help in 2009, they were among the founder members of The Ennerdale Hub. Marge's vision helped turn the Fox and Hounds into a community space rather than just a pub, and her "Baking Group" became the lifeblood of what is now The Gather.

Without Marge's tenacity, Ennerdale might have lost its pub, shop, and school. She was a mentor, a spark, and a true Ennerdale girl who believed everyone had the ability to shine. She leaves a legacy in the stones of this valley and the lives of the thousands of children she nurtured.

Funeral Service
Distington Hall Crematorium on **Wednesday, 6th May at 3:30pm**
No flowers please. Donations to "*BBC Children in Need*." Thank you.

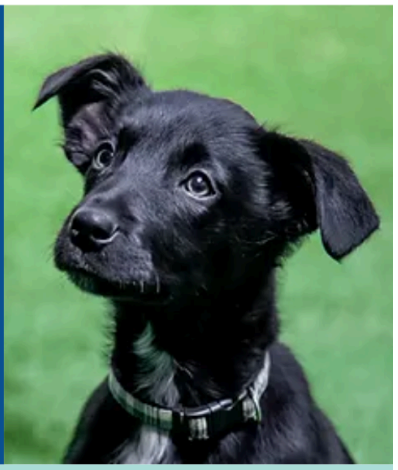
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Thinking Green

Submitted by Mary Johnson

When at a store checkout the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags in future, because plastic bags weren't good for the environment the woman apologised and explained, "*We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days*".

She was right - our generation didn't have the "*green thing*" in our day. Back then we returned milk bottles to the shop, and the shop sent them back to the plant to be sterilized and refilled, so they could use the bottles over and over again. The bottles were really recycled. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced razor blades instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got blunt. "*But we didn't have the green thing in our day!*"

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning 2200 watts - wind and solar power really dried our clothes back then. Children got hand-me-down clothes from brothers or sisters, not always brand new clothing. But that young lady was right. "*But we didn't have the green thing in our day!*"

Back then we had one TV in the house - not a TV in every room. The TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief not a screen the size of the county of Yorkshire! In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we posted a fragile item we used wadded old newspapers to cushion it, not polystyrene or plastic bubble wrap. We used a push mower which ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. "*But we didn't have the green thing in our day!*"

We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of using a plastic bottle flown in from another country. We ate seasonal food and didn't expect to have out-of-season products flown thousands of air miles around the world. Our food didn't all come out of a packet, tin or plastic wrapping, and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad. "*But we didn't have the green thing in our day!*"

WE DIDN'T NEED THE GREEN THING THEN!

8 - Jen Hadfield

Jen was born in Cheshire, studied in Glasgow, and now lives and works in Shetland - the most northerly point of the British Isles. Shetland has a very rich Viking history and hence there is a mix of Scottish and Scandinavian influence to her work. There is also a notable parallel between the wildness of Shetland and of Cumbria, and also strong links to our dialect, as there are many similar words of a common origin.

I have chosen this poem from her collection The Stone Age, as for some reason it shouted out at me above all the others, and as in all good poems has a plethora of hidden messages.

Erratic

The foundation of this drystane daek
Is where my head is at
Indomitable lump like a troll's boulder
Bluntened bobble
A mere ten tonnes
Shoved into the front line amongst a dapper infantry
Here's my cranium unfashionably sincere⚫
Here's your small talk tessellate quick stable splintery a wall made of common currency
Moss-draped something like a veil
A hundred mile of
Complacent coherent competent drystone
Cohesive cognitive cognisant stone
Then this greenish lode creased smilingly
Waxy as ambergris
It doesn't go
Like a naked elbow in a bunch of flowers

Jen is talking of a glacial erratic, which is a large, very noticeable stone or boulder that differs from the size and type of stone native to the area in which it rests, and she uses this as a metaphor for a traveler, or as perhaps as an off-comer to Shetland.

"Drystane daek" is clearly a drystone wall, and she likens her own head to an erratic boulder that finds itself becoming part of the landscape, by being entwined into the construction and indeed the very fabric of the wall. Jen compares herself to the boulder as she does not share the indigenous genes, she looks different to the locals, but nonetheless is able to adequately perform the function of a suitable part of the wall, and indeed the Shetland way of life.

I have tried to faithfully recreate the punctuation as given in the original poem, and you will notice that in its entirety there is only a single full stop. But it is shown as a giant blob, which for me, is representing the boulder… which itself is representing Jen's own head! She describes the boulder as buntened bobble, which is rounded without any sharp edges or features, is of a massive size that only a troll could manage to lift, and I'm pretty sure that she is referring to trolls of the Nordic folklore variety, hairy and hostile, and not the type you might find on social media.

There is a lot to find in this short poem, such as unfashionably sincere, hinting that this aged structure, which could be hundreds of years old, was built when sincerity was a virtue that no longer holds in a modern world.

Then Hadfield blasts us with a mesmerising description of the drystone wall by using all the C's:

Complacent - very satisfied with oneself, with no need to change, nonchalant
Coherent - well organised, connecting properly and easy to understand
Competent - to be able and skilled (imparted from those who built it)
Cohesive - logical, consistent and well put together
Cognitive - having reason and makes sense
Cognisant - self aware, mindful and having knowledge

I think that Hadfield is the "ten tonnes" of solidity, joined together with deep Shetland tradition that has existed for generations, but no matter how she tries, she stands out "like a naked elbow in a bunch of flowers", so very noticeable but nonetheless will be in a relationship with the landscape for a very long time.

Tek care
Steve Steele



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A Farmer’s Observations

By Will Rawling MBE

It’s bin gah clashy.

After a couple of nice days at the start of the month the early part of April was wet, windy and cold, I am sure you all noticed. I think storm Dave brought a few mates with him. April is a busy month on all farms but especially so on sheep and cattle units. The first job of the month was to bring the gimmer hogs back from their winter grazings, from a farm near Maryport. They are the females (gimmers) from last year's lambing, so just about to have their first birthday. They spent last summer up on the fells with their mothers. This is important to fix them to their home territory, heafting them.

It is common practice for fell hogs (weaned lambs) to spend their first winter on better land. The better grass, usually on dairy farms, gives them a good start and sets them up for the next few years they will spend on the fell. Sam and team brought them home using the livestock trailers and after a treatment to protect them against ticks, they were returned to their respective fells, some to Great Borne and Starling Dodd and some to Kinniside common.

The ewes were gathered down and lambing kicked off, around the 12th. After a week of cold and wet, things improved and the ewes just got on with it. We check them regularly to make sure none are struggling to give birth. Sometimes the lambs are just too big and need a bit of a pull, or if they aren’t presented properly in the birth canal. In practice the vast majority manage no problem. You might remember me explaining how important it is for the ewes to be in good fettle. Fortunately, this year most are. It makes life a lot easier for the shepherd.

It is a bit confusing for the dogs, they have to change from full speed gathering of big numbers, to steady moving of pregnant ewes, ewes with young lambs and now and then catching an individual sheep that needs some help. It is amazing how quickly they get their head around the change, they really are the most intelligent of dogs.

The better weather brought a lot of our summer visitors back. The first to arrive were a couple of peewits (lapwings) then some curlews, quickly followed by the wheatears, then the swallows and house martins turned up. The midges and other small insects are about, so there should be enough for them to eat and fledge their chicks. The skylarks and pied wagtails, that winter with us, are busy pairing up and building nests. The wagtails, (they do wag their tails all the time) are nesting in the barn wall and the skylarks on the ground.

The hedges are now full of leaf and the sparrows, finches and other hedgerow guys are all getting busy. There are some yellow hammers setting up home in a thorn dyke next to my

lambing route and they check me out, every time I pass. Talking of yellow things, the daffodils have been joined by primroses and celandines, so yellow seems to be the colour of the month.

I had another interesting encounter on the lonning, on my early morning lambing round. I came face to face with a stoat, about ten yards apart. “Stoaty” was obviously on a mission, we kept an eye on each other for about ten seconds, before I won the staring match and it scuttled off into the sanctuary of a heap of stones. Both stoats and weasels are vicious carnivores, they can tackle things twice their own size. It is unusual to meet them, they are very stealthy and secretive. Stoats have a black tip to tail and are about three times as big as a weasel. Therefore “weasels are weasely recognised because stoats are stoataly different”! Both species have a weird breeding system. They actually mate in mid summer but don’t implant the fertilized egg until the spring of the following year, this way they can time giving birth until there is plenty to eat.

Traveling around the fields in my little van, early mornings and late evenings puts me right amongst nature, like the greylag geese that follow me around to make sure I don’t get too close to their nest, or the mallard ducks that look very annoyed when I disturb them (I am an expert on the facial expressions of ducks!)

The early wet and cold weather didn’t do the frogs, toads and newts any favours. A lot of the spawn would be frosted and because there were puddles all over the place, some of the spawn was left high and dry when the short term ponds quickly drained away. You would think the amphibians would have learned by natural selection, but if there is a small body of water they will stick some spawn in it. Some of it must have worked, there are tadpoles about, much to the delight of the herons and ducks.

The foxes will be looking after cubs now and we have lost some lambs to their night time foraging. They take dead lambs and collect afterbirths, but weak lambs are always at risk. The lambs also have to contend with carrion crows, magpies, black backed and herring gulls, ravens and anything else that sees an opportunity. Occasionally badgers will take lambs but not that often. If this sort of predation gets too bad, we have to deal with the culprits. After all, the lambs are what pay a lot of the bills. Contrary to what many people think, foxes don’t spend much of their time in holes. They find dens in rocks or tree roots to give birth and shelter their young. I am sure we all have a “cubby hole” somewhere.

I am guessing the barn owls have become parents, there is a bit of squeaking going on. I don’t bother them, they seem to manage just fine. I have noticed a couple of feral pigeons have moved into the loft, I bet that’s a bit awkward.

The cows start calving next month, so fingers crossed, the weather stops fine.

Ah’ll ata gah an hev a luok at yows, afoor it gits neet.

Will Rawling

LAMPLUGH VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming events at Lamplugh Village Hall will be:

- **Friday 5th June - Race Night - Tickets £5.00** - another chance to enjoy a light-hearted evening of fun and flutters on filmed horse races.

- **Snake Davis Trio Saturday 22nd August 7.00 pm Tickets £20** – a welcome return of the highly talented trio Snake Davis, John Thirkell and Mark Cresswell.

- **Open mic nights** – by the time that you read this we will have had our first open mic on the 23rd April. We are aiming to host others every month or so on Thursday nights. We hope that they will prove to be successful as a showcase for musical talent in Lamplugh and the wider area.

Doors for all events open at 6:30pm

Details of all events are on the website and tickets can be booked online or by telephoning **Mark Stevens** using the details below.

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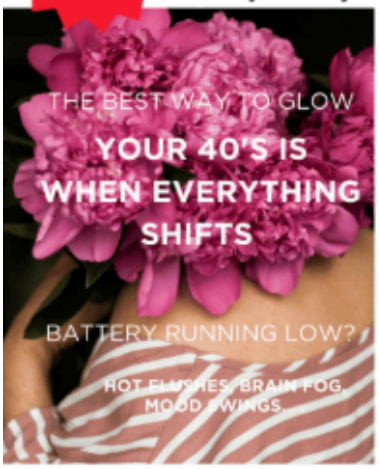
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Community Room Calendar

- Mondays - Baby Sing and Sign - 9:30am
- Mondays - Zumba with Lauren - 6:00pm
- Tuesdays - Intermediate Painting - 10:00am
- Tuesdays - Improvers Painting - 1:00pm
- Tuesday 19th May - Book Group - 11:00am
- Wednesdays - Gentle Yoga with Bettina - 10:30am
- Wednesdays - Cumbria Coast Karate - 6:00pm
- Thursdays - Chair Based Exercise - 9:30am
- Thursday 7th & 21st May - Sketch Club - 1.30pm
- Thursdays - Zumba with Lauren - 6:00pm
- Thursdays - Mindfulness|Meditations|Relaxations - 7:30pm
- Fridays - Beginners Drawing - 10:00am
- Fridays - Tai Chi - 10.30am
- Fridays - Table Tennis - 1.30pm (All Welcome)
- Friday - Last Friday of every month Film Club - 7pm
- Saturday 16th May - Beginners Painting - 10:00am
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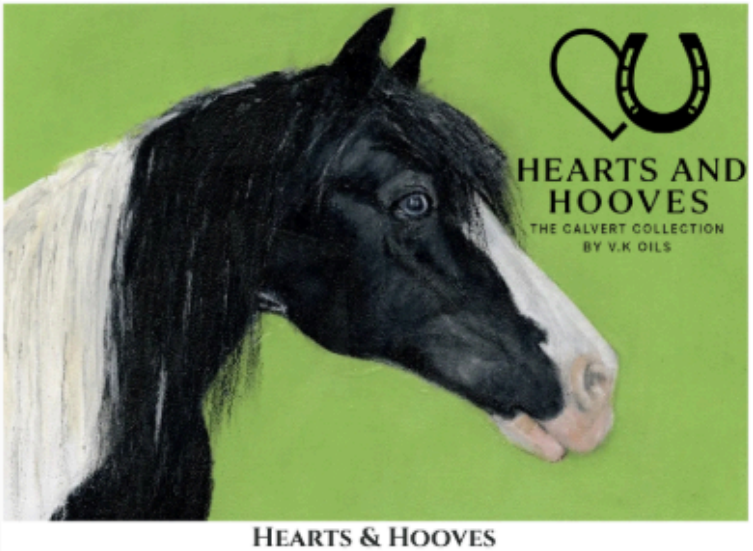
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Ennerdale Celebrates National Trail Launch

On Monday 23rd March 2026, our very own community hub, **The Gather**, served as the heart of celebrations for the Lake District section of the newly official **Coast to Coast National Trail**.

While the National Launch took place a few days later, on March 26th, Ennerdale's local launch brought together community representatives, project workers and stakeholders to mark a historic milestone for Alfred Wainwright's 190-mile masterpiece.

First described by Wainwright in 1973, the route from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay has finally joined the prestigious ranks of the Pennine Way and Cleveland Way. This upgrade comes backed by a £5.5 million government investment, ensuring the path's future for generations to come.

For Ennerdale, this means more than just a new name. The project has already delivered:

- **Improved Accessibility:** The creation of an accessible lakeside route around Ennerdale Water, featuring new surfacing and bridges.
- **Clearer Waymarking:** The distinctive National Trail acorn symbol is now appearing alongside Wainwright's initials on route markers.
- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Significant work by Fix the Fells to repair upland routes and the replacement of old stiles with accessible gates.





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General Knowledge Paper - 1939!

Julian Berkley writes:

The lovely article in the October 2025 edition of Contact about the 1907 Maths Test encouraged me to rummage around and dig out something that I came across years ago and then popped into my archives: a General Knowledge paper for the entrance exam to St. Edward's School from just before WW2 - in 1939.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL.

General Paper, 1939.

(One hour and a half.)

Crease your paper down the middle, and arrange your answers in the order set in columns. If you do not know the answer to any item, leave a space.

1. During last year the following died: (*a*) Gabriele D'Annunzio, (*b*) Kemal Atatürk, (*c*) Steve Fairbairn, (*d*) Feodor Chaliapin, (*e*) Sir Henry Newbolt, (*f*) 'Grey Owl,' (*g*) Capt. Bertram Mills, (*h*) Anton Lang. For what were they famous?

2. During last year the following appeared in the headlines: (*a*) Pastor Martin Niemöller, (*b*) Mr. Norman Ridgeley, (*c*) Mr. Oswald Pirow, (*d*) Mr. Douglas Corrigan, (*e*) Miss Prunella Stack, (*f*) Dr. Douglas Hyde, (*g*) M. Herschel Grynspan. For what were they remarkable?

3. During last year (*a*) In September Mr. Chamberlain flew three times to interview Herr Hitler. Where did the meetings take place? (*b*) What British mediator had previously attempted to settle the dispute between Czechs and Sudeten Germans? (*c*) Who was the leader of the Sudeten Germans? (*d*) Who was the President of the Czech Republic in August? (*e*) The First Lord of the Admiralty resigned; what was his name?

4. During last year there were appointed: (*a*) a new Lord Chancellor, (*b*) a new Bishop of Durham, (*c*) a new President of the Royal Academy, (*d*) a new Director of the B.B.C. Name the new holders of these positions and the men they succeeded. (*e*) What position did the retiring Director of the B.B.C. subsequently take up?

5. During last year (*a*) What team won the F.A. Cup? (*b*) What broadcaster said he would eat his hat and did? (*c*) Who scored the largest number of runs ever made in a Test Match between England and Australia? (*d*) Whose record did he beat? (*e*) What town does he come from?

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6. Name the Prime Ministers of (*a*) Canada, (*b*) South Africa, (*c*) Australia, (*d*) New Zealand; (*e*) Who is the Viceroy of India?

7. Over what countries do the following rule: (*a*) King Farouk, (*b*) Queen Wilhelmina, (*c*) King Carol, (*d*) King Zog, (*e*) Admiral Hörthy, (*f*) H.H. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke?

8. In what European countries are the following units of currency used: (*a*) Pengos, (*b*) Piastres, (*c*) Lire, (*d*) Lei, (*e*) Escudos, (*f*) Dinars, (*g*) Zloty, (*h*) Lepta?

9. With what are the following numbers associated: (*a*) 32, (*b*) 98·4, (*c*) 212, (*d*) 1212, (*e*) 4004?

10. What Christian names are traditionally connected with the following surnames: (*a*) Frost, (*b*) Noddy, (*c*) Gurney, (*d*) Turpin, (*e*) Tittlemouse?

11. What or whom would you expect to find: (*a*) —— at-arms, (*b*) —— in-ordinary, (*c*) —— in-residence, (*d*) —— in-eyre, (*e*) —— in-Chancery?

12. For what activities are the following firms famous: (*a*) Sotheby's, (*b*) Dorman Long and Co., (*c*) Chatto and Windus, (*d*) Fortnum and Mason, (*e*) Waterlow and Co., (*f*) B.T.H.?

13. Who lives at: (*a*) The White House, (*b*) The Vatican, (*c*) Chequers, (*d*) Fulham Palace, (*e*) Blenheim Palace?

14. What are the surnames of: (*a*) The Dean of St. Paul's, (*b*) The Bishop of London, (*c*) The Bishop of Oxford, (*d*) The Archbishop of Westminster, (*e*) The Vicar of St. Michael's, Chester Square.

15. To whom did the following pets belong? Say of each what kind of animal it was: (*a*) Flush, (*b*) Hodge, (*c*) Old Foss, (*d*) Rosinante, (*e*) Grip, (*f*) Bucephalus.

16. Name: (*a*) The Three Wise Men, (*b*) The three friends of Job, (*c*) The three sons of Noah, (*d*) The Three Little Pigs (of Walt Disney), (*e*) The Three Men in a Boat and their Dog.

17. Which is the longer: (*a*) a minim or a semi-breve, (*b*) an ell or a cubit, (*c*) a sea-mile or a land-mile, (*d*) two miles or three kilometres, (*e*) a chain or a cable, (*f*) a lunar month or a calendar month, (*g*) the path of a liner across the Atlantic in winter or in summer, (*h*) the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race course or the Grand National course?

What stands out for me is twofold: what a 13-year old was expected to know, in 1939, and the fact that it's entirely factual recall: there's no opportunity to put any knowledge to use; you either know the answer or you don't.

Anyway, I hope your readers might find it of interest!

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READINGS - May 2026

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
3.5.26	ACTS 7:55-end	1 PETER 2:2-10	JOHN 14:1-14
10.5.26	ACTS 17:22-31	1 PETER 3:13-end	JOHN 14:15-21
17.5.26	ACTS 1:6-14	1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11	JOHN 17:1-11
24.5.26	ACTS 2:1-21	1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-13	JOHN 20:19-23
31.5.26	ISAIAH40:12-17,27-end	2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-end	MATTHEW 28:16-end
7.6.26	HOSEA 5:15-6.6	ROMANS 4.13-end	MATTHEW 9:9-13.18-26

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April 2026	
26th April	9:00am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion
May 2026	
3rd May	9:00am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: **Cafe Church**
10th May	9:00am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion 2:00pm Kirkland Mission: **Messy Church**
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