

LOWCA LOWDOWN

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Bus shelter up and in use.

It may have seen a long time since the parish council asked the residents of Lowca about a bus shelter, but as the front cover shows it is finally erected, glazed and in use. The front cover shows bus driver Callum and his bus waiting for departure time and the other picture is that of Cllr Gillian Troughton. When Gillian was the Cumbria County councillor for the Lowca ward she provided £2000 from her members funding pot to provide the majority of the monies to make the project do-able. Therefore, it only seemed right and proper that she should have the privilege of cutting the ribbon to officially declare the bus shelter open. A massive thank you to the team who completed the installation, but they have asked for anonymity, so thanks lads.

Lowca – Parton beck footbridge.

Various members of the public have brought to the attention of both parish councils the damage and suspect decking of the bridge. This bridge has always been part of the Coastal Pathway track and as such any repairs have been dealt with by Cumbria Pathways who have been funded on such projects by Natural England.

Currently there are funding problems and Cumbria County Council don't have the funds from Natural England to carry out the repair. The two parishes carried out the last repair from their reserve funds and when they applied for reimbursement, retrospectively, they were refused a grant because Natural England do not deal with parishes. The parishes are currently getting costings for the repair and seeking funding assistance, but as I write the bridge is still safe to use.

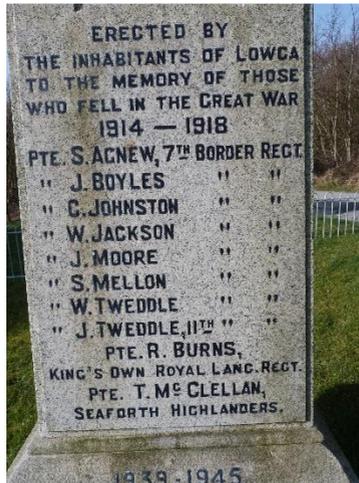
War Memorial anniversary celebrations.

Your parish council, like the representatives of the armed forces who annually organise the memorial poppy wreaths and the ceremony on Remembrance Sunday, are very much aware that there are two big ceremonies approaching for the memorial and those it commemorates.

This year Remembrance Sunday falls conveniently on the Sunday and this year it will be 100 years since the end of The Great War. The parish council are making plans to have the memorial cleaned during the summer so that come 11/11/2018 it will be spick and span. The parish council chair' Mercia Oliver will be liaising with those who have regular contact with the memorial to organise the November parade and hopefully the memorial will have benefitted from additional flowers, planted shrubs and hopefully a larger concrete access and standing room for wheelchair users.

Therefore short-term, this year the plan is to organise the annual ceremony which will also commemorate the centenary of the Great War is underway. Now however this is where the parish council could do with some input from local residents about those named on the memorial, because on Saturday 25th April 2020 at 3pm, that will be the centenary of the date and time the funds raised, during and just after the Great War, by Lowca residents, enabling the memorial to be purchased and unveiled and dedicated to those 10 fallen heroes to be remember for perpetuity. Collecting of funds started on 26th March 1917, and at the end of December 1917 the princely sum of £38/0/8 had been raised. Thirty-eight pounds, no shillings and 8 pence.

At the end of 1918 the funds raised amounted to £84/0/9. In 1919 with a further contribution of £40/9/3 plus 2 guineas from both the allotment committee and bank interest saw the fund stand at £125/11/-, One hundred and twenty-five pounds and eleven shillings or £125.55p in modern monetary parlance. That today would be the equivalent of £6757. Not a bad sum for a small village at war.



Above are the names of the fallen for the Great War and then those in the Second World War. Do any residents have particulars or knowledge of those named?

If in between 1917 to 1919 Lowca could raise such a fund would it not be a splendid gesture for the coming celebrations too be able to have a more detailed record for those named, even knowledge of where they fell and their war grave maybe. We can record all the detail on the Imperial War Museum website with pictorial information as well.

On behalf of the parish council and the working group dealing with the war memorial project I have tried to research the individuals on the IWM website, but what I don't have is an armed forces service number for any of the individuals. Therefore, this request to the residents of Lowca for help in establishing whatever detail we can. I ask as well for the 1939-45 named individuals, because in 2039 or 2045 the village will more than likely want to continue its tradition of celebrating such significant dates and as someone who has done in depth ancestry research the closer one is to the event and with the chance of a living relative or friend to assist so the easier the task becomes.

Any details you have can be emailed or posted to the clerk whose contact details are on page 2 or give them to any of the parish councillors again contact details on page 2 or let Hubert Donnan who organises the British Legion wreaths ever year, know your information.

This is an opportunity to demonstrate that the fallen are not forgotten. Perhaps if there enough material forthcoming the parish council could produce a special Lowca Lowdown to distribute to each house in the village to commemorate the centenary of the war memorial in a fit and proper fashion.

New Village Hall Management Committee

Not to be confused with the Lowca Social Club committee, your village hall, the Miners Welfare building, has a totally new committee. It consists of John Spedding, chairman, Janet Sim, treasurer, Darren Matheson and Lorraine Jones, who were duly elected at a public election. Other committee members are Mercia Oliver, Hugh Thinnesen, Ann Oliver and Paul Todd who is the secretary, they represent the parish council as the governing document for the charity requires. Phil Scott is also on the new committee.

Les Sim has taken on the duties of the booking clerk and he can be contacted on 07842062136.

In the June edition of the Lowdown there will be a full explanation of the new relationship between the village hall management committee who run the building on behalf of the village residents, the Village Hall charity and the Lowca Social Club. There will also be details of what improvements and plans the new committee plan to make and how they will seek funding to improve the building.

Lowca school update and on back page

It's been a hive of activity at school with school topics on "Pirates" for the younger pupils. As our pirate topic came to an end, we topped it off with a visit to the Rum Story. All the children were fabulous, and their good behaviour was commented on by the members of staff there. We found out lots of facts linking Whitehaven to the Caribbean. Whitehaven has a rich history with pirates, smugglers and, sadly, the slave trade. The children have written little pirate adventure stories as well as doing some super reading, phonics and telling the time.



The children really enjoyed the puppet show based around the theme of the good Samaritan that was performed for us by "The Puppet People". In maths we measured liquids and flour to make pancakes. We then used sharing them as a starting point for investigations into equivalent fractions. We have entered the BBC 500-word story writing competition and enjoyed sharing the stories. Fingers crossed one of them may turn out to be a winner. All the infant children enjoyed 'Big Art' where they created a huge pirate frieze, its brilliant. In the juniors "Weather and Climate" has been the starting point for learning. The juniors have also completed their 9th Terrific Scientific investigation this week, in which they were again looking at saving electricity. Our electricity detectives have been busy scouring the school looking for lights being left on and things like that and have managed to save 7KWH of energy! Well done. They have also been doing their 'weather forecasts' in front of the green screen and have recorded their reports- they really had a great time and did brilliant work! Our new topic is looking at developing countries and our focus will be the 'Solomon Islands'.