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This month's lovely photo of Haweswater was taken by J.A. Franklin from Carlisle. Mr Franklin is a keen amateur photographer whose work is often featured in the Tribune, in depicting spectacular scenes from around our local area. Mr Franklin is working to produce a 'coffee-table' book of local photographs, to raise money for the Air Ambulance Service.



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## **New Clubhouse for Torley Tigers**

The Torley Tigers football club is to have its written-off clubhouse replaced by the end of summer. The old wood building currently being used, which dates back to the early 1960's, has suffered from vandalism in recent years, and was significantly damaged in the last storm. It has now been officially deemed as 'economically unviable' to repair.

The Tigers' principal coach, Barry Taylor, has confirmed that the demolition of the old clubhouse will start at the beginning of May, and construction of the new clubhouse will start around a week later.

'It's the ideal time to be doing it, with the lads being off now for the summer. By the time training starts again the clubhouse will be ready for action.'

## **Local Business Woman Pioneers New Women's Networking Group**

Carla Walton, owner-operator of the 'upcycled' furniture store 'Carla's,' in the town centre has recently launched a new club aimed at supporting the town's local women in business.

When interviewed, Ms Walton said that many of Torley's economic benefits come from local businesses that are owned and operated by women, but too many in the area don't feel as well supported by the Lake District Chamber of Commerce as they want to feel.

'They are keen to grow and thrive within a dedicated group that can provide support and mentorship and enable them to share a collective wealth of

knowledge, skills and wisdom. They need a platform where their concerns about the slow pace of growth of the local economy, and the observance of good business practice and other important elements of running a business, can be taken more seriously.'

The group is called 'Torley Poppies,' with a logo of a simple tall red poppy. Ms Walton explained that the name was derived from Tall Poppies, a term that originated from New Zealand and Australia in reference to people who had achieved more success than others (i.e. they stood taller). 'Tall Poppy Syndrome' was a phrase coined by

those who felt condemned, judged, or resented for standing tall.

Mrs Walton believes that every woman should be encouraged to stand tall, and Torley Poppies will give women in business a chance to shine. 'They deserve decent recognition for their valuable contributions to local business life,' she said. Torley Poppies is for women of any age or level of experience who run or exclusively manage a small local business. The group meets from 7-9pm, upstairs in the function room at The Feathers Inn, on the first Tuesday of each month. Enquiries and new members are welcome.



## **'Open Garden Week' - Dates Announced**

The Organiser of the annual 'Open Garden Week,' Mrs Hazel Walton, has announced that this year's OPW will be held on the weekend of this year's August Bank Holiday, and will run until the end of the following weekend, to ensure the maximum attendance by visitors as well as locals.

Posters will go up in Torley, and the other nearby towns, at the beginning of June, to coincide with a media release aimed at attracting visitors from further afield.

Please Contact Hazel directly through the local community centre, for more information or to enter your garden into the event. All proceeds will go to the local RSPCA.

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Torley Town

## **Farmers Threaten To Stage Protest at Rising Auction House Commission Charges**

A group of Farmers met last week at the Torley community centre to discuss the proposed rise to commission charges for livestock sales by Auction Yards in Carlisle. A spokesperson for the group, Mr Robert (Bob) Shalloe, of Bracefields Farm said that many of the farmers in the area were angry that Auction Yards was seeking to raise its charges to almost double the current rates. 'This has an impact on both buyers and sellers, who will both be expected to pay commission at the new rates, and many are struggling to make a living as it is. We cannot allow this price hike to take place without at least offering a challenge.' Another well-known and respected farmer in the area, Mr Mark Raven, of Ravensdown Farm, said that if the only way to get Auction Yards to listen to reason was for every local farmer in the district to boycott the auctions altogether, that was what most were prepared to do. 'We'll go all the way to [----ing] Preston instead, if we have to,' he said.

Local vets Darren Davies and David Thornley from the Valley Veterinary Practice, who also attended the meeting, were in full support of the farmers, saying that the rare-breed livestock breeding programs that many were involved with would be put into jeopardy if the cost of buying and selling sheep, rams and cattle to sustain and expand the herds became cost-prohibitive because of unjustifiably inflated commission rates. The farmers have collectively appointed a solicitor to draft a letter to Auction Yards, requesting that the charges be kept at their current level or only marginally increased, and stating that there is likely to be a widespread protest if the increase does come into effect.

## Fi's Column



By Fiona Frost – your local 'Flower Girl'  
At Heavenly Blooms

Hello, again, lovelies! Spring is underway now, and if you're anything like me, you've been putting off doing your spring cleaning. If you have, it's time to stop procrastinating and get onto it! That's you told!

I do cheat, I have to say, by getting a company in to do most of mine, but its only because I'm so busy at the shop, by the time I get home at night, all I want to do is lie on the sofa with a glass of wine and watch a mindless rom-com!

Anyway, a cleaning team came in a few days ago, and now my house is *finally* ready to embrace the new season! I can think about what kind of flowers to put in my vases, now that the days are lengthening and the sun is out a bit more often. Not a lot, mind you, but a bit – enough to make me feel like I want some bright cheerful colour in the house!

Spring flowers are always cheerful, and I've been filling a lot of orders for gorgeous spring 'wildflower' posies and bouquets. It's wedding season too, and the bookings are coming in, thick and fast. White roses and Lily Of the Valley are always in demand, but this year brides seem to be going for a few splashes of colour too! Orchids are popular this year, along with tiger lillies, of all things!

So, as you know, I do a draw once a month, and pull out the name of a local customer who placed an order in the previous month, and this month's winner of the April Bouquet is:

\*\*\* MAGGIE MARTIN \*\*\*

Congratulations Maggie! Whenever it suits, just give me a call to let me know what colours you'd like in your bouquet, and I'll make it up and have it delivered to you.

Last weekend I and my assistant did a big wedding down in Keswick. Next weekend there's a big bash at The Beeches, and the weekend after that we have to create a *very* big arch of pink and white roses for a country park civil union. So I'm going to be busy for quite a while! I kid you not, the money I paid to that cleaning team, to do my house from top to bottom this week was the best money I've spent all year, so far. If you're busy, don't keep trying to tell yourself you can and *should* do it all. Take a load off. Hire a cleaner!

I have some beautiful blooms in the shop right now. They are stunning, so don't forget to pop in and say hello, and take a look. I can very easily wire a pretty rose onto a headband if you fancy an exotic look for a party or a wedding you might be going to, (maybe instead of a hat?), and remember, if there's a birthday or other special occasion coming up, or someone needs *cheering* up, 'saying it with flowers' can make their day.

## Local Dog Runs Away With Butcher's String Of Sausages and Shares Them With Its Friends

Dave Markhill, of 'Markhill & Parkhill Meats' was left baffled last week, when he saw a dog run past his shop front door and window with a long string of sausages in its mouth. He wondered at first, where the dog had got them, until he realised that he had left the back door to his shop open after unloading his van, and the dog – an Airedale Terrier – had siezed its moment, to steal food from the table next to Mr Markhill's chopping block.

'It's my own silly fault,' he said, when questioned, and he confirmed that his young assistant, Avery Pillbottom, had chased the dog to find out who it belonged to. 'The dog shouldn't have been running free like it was,' Mr Markhill said, 'but fair dos'... I left the door wide open, and the dog wasn't going to wait for a written invitation, was it?'

Mr Pillbottom found the dog in the park, sharing the sausages with two other dogs. 'I had to laugh, there was nothing else to do, really.' The dog's owner was quickly identified as Mrs Hilary Warble. 'Marvin keeps escaping. He's a very cheeky boy,' was all she said.

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### This month's Aga recipe is from Mrs Debby Davies

Apple & Cinnamon Flapjacks

Ingredients:

250g/9 oz. salted butter  
175g/6oz. golden syrup  
150g/5 oz. sugar  
425g/15oz. rolled oats  
1 tbsp. ground cinnamon  
2 Bramley apples  
75g/3 oz. sultanas

Line a traybake tin or small roasting tin with a silicone baking sheet or baking paper. Place the butter and syrup into a saucepan. Set aside 1 tbsp. of the sugar for sprinkling on the top of the flapjack. Add the remaining sugar to the pan and heat gently on the simmering plate, stirring occasionally until melted and smooth.

2. In a large bowl, mix the oats with the cinnamon. Peel, core and grate the apples.  
3. Pour the melted contents of the pan over the oats, add the grated apple and sultanas. Mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon until fully combined.

4. Scrape the mixture into the prepared tin and spread/press into the corners of the tray. Gently press down to level the top. Sprinkle the flapjack mixture with the sugar that you set aside.  
5. If you have a 3 or 4 oven AGA range cooker slide the tin onto the bottom runners of the baking oven and bake for approximately 20-25 minutes. The flapjack is ready when very slightly browned at the edges and slightly firm in the centre. It will continue to cook for a few minutes once out of the oven and will firm up as it cools.

'I'm a theatre nurse,' Mrs Davies said. 'I take a couple of these to work, and they give me a boost of energy when I'm too busy to take a real break.'

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## Pranksters Raise False Alarm For Torley Fire Service

The volunteer firefighters of Torley, most of whom work in and around the town, abandoned their jobs last Tuesday morning to respond to a 'fire' at the local primary school, which turned out to be a hoax. A smoke detector had gone off in the boys' toilets, and two 11-year-old boys were found to have been attempting to smoke. The boys were apparently aware of the fact that the smoke detectors, when activated by smoke, trigger an instant call to the fire service. Trying to learn to be 'cool' resulted in abject failure when they said they thought the fire engine turning up at the school would be funny. It is the third time so far this semester, that the school fire alarm has been set off by pranksters. 'I wish they'd stop doing this,' Volunteer Fire Chief Ray Burgess said, when contacted for comment. 'It makes us all really annoyed. If I said; 'bring back the birch,' a lot of people would be angry toward me, but let's just say that this is an issue of discipline and social responsibility. Children are being taught what their rights are but they know nothing about respect. The men in this service are busy people with paid jobs. They have more important things to do than chase their tails like this.' The boys' parents have been notified and detention notices have been issued.

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# Snippets...

<p>In response to public demand, the No. 67 Keswick to Carlisle bus (via Torley and other regional towns) is adding a further two times to its daily service. This means that it will now also pick up passengers in Torley at 11.15am and 2.15pm for Carlisle, and 12.30pm and 3.30pm for Keswick. All other pick-up and drop-off times remain unchanged.</p>	<p>The Torley Amateur Dramatics Society's auditions for the Christmas panto, 'Aladdin,' have now closed. TADS warmly welcomes all newcomers, and is keen to recruit volunteers for various backstage as well as acting roles. Acting classes will resume when the new season starts at the end of this month, and the list of next season's plays is now available on the website. <a href="http://www.TADSdrama.co.uk">www.TADSdrama.co.uk</a></p>	<p>From the first week of October, the Torley Medical Centre will be running a series of <b>free</b> Health Awareness Seminars, running on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. Various topics will be covered, including Sexual and Reproductive Health, Cancer Awareness, Healthy Heart, and Foot &amp; Leg Care. Booking is essential, as places will be limited. Brochures with details of the seminars and their dates are available at the surgery, or call 76894.</p>
<p>The Willowtarn Hospice charity shop in the High Street will be closed for the first week in November, as it undergoes its long-awaited refurbishment. Donators are respectfully asked to refrain from leaving donated items outside the doors during this time, as there will be no storage space available for any items left there.</p>	<p>The Bullpen car-boot sale has its last-ever Sunday on August Bank Holiday. From next summer it will move to the low field of Willow Farm, on Fellyn Ridge Road. The new location will be well signposted. Boot start and finish times, and entry fees, remain unchanged.</p>	<p>On 28<sup>th</sup> November roadworks start on the road to Carlisle, which will reduce traffic to one lane, governed by temporary traffic lights. The stretch of road affected runs from the town boundary line to the Beeches Hotel. Works are expected to take ten days, and road users are asked to be patient. The council apologises in advance for any inconvenience caused by the delays.</p>

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## 'Citizen Spotlight'

**This month the spotlight is on our local Estate Agent Lance Martin, from Fellway Estate Agents.**

Lance was born in Carlisle and has always lived in Torley. He grew up in the town, and has only ever spent one year away; his first year at Lancaster University, when he lived in the halls of residence. As soon as he was able, he moved back and continued his studies by commute, attaining a BA (Hons). He then decided to pursue a career in Real Estate, and joined Fellway fifteen years ago.

When asked why he chose this career path, he said; 'I genuinely love and believe in this wonderful community. The people here are among the nicest I've ever known. They deserve to have the very best in real estate services, and because I have such an in-depth familiarity with the local area, it's a lot easier for me to help them find the ideal home in the ideal location, to suit their specific needs. People value local knowledge, and the honesty and integrity that I bring to the buying and selling process.'



Lance is married with two children. For hobbies, he swims, plays squash, and is a keen gardener.

## Classifieds

FOR SALE	WANTED TO BUY	SWAPS	FREE
<p>Anteak Singer Treadel sewing machine in oak cabinet. Good condition, £125 or very near offer. I'm realley sick of sewing. Tel: 76334.</p>	<p>Snivelling chair wanted for home office, must be in good condition with arms and wheels that don't squeal, please. Tel: 76828.</p>	<p>Black Doc Marten boots size 8, new. Need to swap for size 7 please. My feet are smaller than I thought. Ring Michael after school on 76134.</p>	<p>Broken pallets to give away. Suitable for firewood. Collect from 24 Lakewood Avenue. First come, first served, and no fights at the gate this time.</p>
<p>Hot Air Balloon ride tickets (2) valid for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm at Carlisle Showgrounds £280 all in, no offers. Wife refuses to go and it's not worth arguing about. Tel: 76551.</p>	<p>WANTED: wheelbarrow with rounded end. Don't want a square-end one. No flat tyres either if that's ok, because I have no way of pumping them up. Tel: 76868</p>	<p>Honda GN250 available for exchange. Looking for dirt bike of similar size. No tyre kickers or people who just want to insult me and my very nice little bike. Tel: 76563.</p>	<p>Baby buggy and car seat free to good home. Could take to charity but would rather give to a needy mum who can't afford to buy them, not that I'd check. Call Sally on 76484.</p>
<p>Bosch Meat mincer. Domestic size because I've gone up to a commercial one. 5 years old, works well but it's a bit noisy. You might need a good pair of earplugs to use it safely. Someone said it might need a new bearing.£75 o.n.o. Call Babs on 76798.</p>	<p>Dog crate needed for very big Newfoundland dog. Small cage owners need not call, as it's just a waste of time. I mean people with small cages, not small people with cages. But they shouldn't call either. Tel: 76324.</p>	<p>WANTED TO SWAP: my boring husband for a more interesting man. No just kidding (maybe?). I have a chest freezer, but I want an upright one to help my back and knees. If you can help with either situation call: 75449.</p>	<p>Metal garden seat frame, no slats because I sat on them and they all snapped. Time to go back to Slimmers' World, but this needs to be gone before I get home from the next meeting. At the end of the drive at 9 Storm Crescent. The frame, not the meeting.</p>