

## Out and About

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### TOWARDS THE NEXT COMMUNITY PLAN

The Parish Council was pleased with the turn-out for the community event on 15 April. Thank you to all those who attended and offered feedback on the achievements of the first community plan and suggestions for the next plan.

The event featured information on solar lighting, the playground, heritage trails, sustainable travel, Cumberland Council, and other initiatives with implications for Millom Without.

The Parish Council is now reviewing suggestions made and considering how to progress these in the next community plan. More information will be provided as this work progresses.



## NEWS FROM THWAITES VILLAGE HALL



### Audio Visual Project Update

Since the installation of the main AV equipment, we have now completed the majority of the project and the following jobs are now completed:

- **Plastering work to bring the decoration back up to standard following the significant upgrade of the village hall electrical system**
- **Decorating parts of the main hall to address installation impacts and a complete redecoration of the meeting room**
- **The meeting room now has new carpet tiles and both the main hall and meeting room have had new roller blinds fitted.**

The new AV equipment was road tested at the recent community engagement event run by Millom Without Parish Council and we are now focused with further additional training to expand what new services will be available to our community.

We look to continue to bring you further updates as we start the next chapter of this journey.....



*The meeting room has been redecorated and now boasts new carpet tiles and roller blinds*



### Playgroup Bulletin

Playgroup was again hosted by Thwaites School at the end of April and, as always, children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the venue and hospitality provided by the school. Playgroup will not meet on 6 May or 27 May (bank holidays).



**THWAITES GALA**  
**SATURDAY**  
**8 JUNE**  
**1—4PM**

In addition to the usual attractions and fun activities for children and families (see P7), once again the gala will feature, as part of the Great Big Green Week, a *Green Matters* area. There will be representatives from Duddon River Association, Master Composters, Sustainable Duddon, South Lakes Red Squirrel Group, the Millom Marsh project, a demonstration of swill basket making, an environmentally-themed puppet show, a make-art-from-waste workshop .... and maybe more!

Help will be needed in putting up marquees and setting up the field so if you can volunteer to lend a hand please look locally and in the June issue of Out & About for more information on when and how you can help.



**DOGS  
NEED  
THEIR  
EXERCISE**

But please respect that  
Dogs are not allowed in  
the Play Park or on the  
Playing Fields



**THWAITES**  
— VILLAGE HALL —

## LITTER PICKING

Improved weather at the end of April saw renewed litter-picking activity. Nine members of Thwaites WI collected litter from along the main road near Cherry Tree House through to the junction at St Anne's Church.



Three Millom Without Environment Group/ Sustainable Duddon volunteers tackled a stretch along the A595 between Broadgate and Thwaites Mill, where recent tree felling had made the rubbish more visible.



A total of 27 bags of litter were collected, along with sundry car parts, metal and other discarded items. A dumped sofa proved just too difficult to access! Cumberland Council were notified where the assembled litter was located and promptly removed it. Well done and thank you to all concerned for helping to clear our area of litter.



## TVH May Diary Dates



**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**TODDLERS GROUP** 10am—12 noon  
**NO MORE BOWLING UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

**WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS**

**TABLE TENNIS** 6—7.30pm  
(excluding Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>)



Cost: £2 per person; all welcome

**FRIDAYS**

**FLOW** exercise session 9.30—10.30 am  
**Gentler FLOW** session 10.45—11.45am

**NO TABLE TENNIS ON FRIDAYS  
OR SUNDAYS THIS MONTH**

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**POLLING DAY**

**NOTE: NO TABLE TENNIS**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**WI MEETING**  
7.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**COMMUNITY LUNCH**  
12—1.30pm







# SCHOOL REPORT



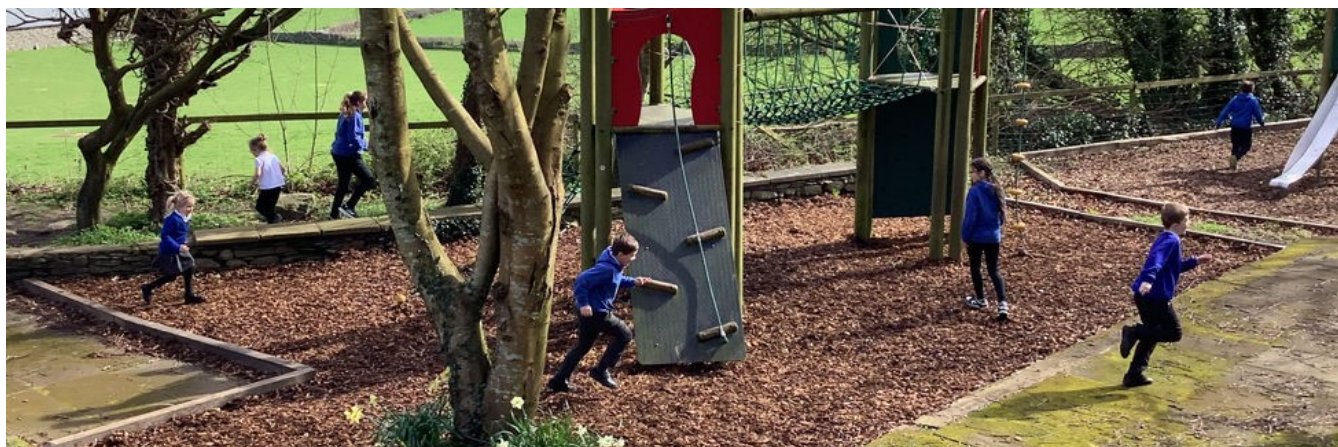
## A Late-Night Visitor

As our readers are aware, Thwaites School has been receiving ongoing support from the community environment group and they have recently had their very own wild life camera installed in the grounds by John Sutton. In just a short period of time the camera has already captured a late-night visitor to the school. This friendly little owl visited school at 2 am to swoop down and catch its supper.



## Easter Egg-Hunt

On the last day of term, Thwaites School was visited by the Easter Bunny who hid Easter eggs all around the school grounds. The children had a wonderful time running around together, finding the yummy treats. Once all of the eggs were found, the children shared them out between them, demonstrating our school value of kindness, and tucked in together.



## Holi Festival of Colour

Class Three at Thwaites School have been learning all about the Holi Festival in their music lessons. They created a vocal composition, making different sounds to represent different colours, which they based on vibrant, colourful artworks. The children, presented what they had learnt about Holi Festival to the school in a special assembly before performing their composition. The children then enjoyed their very own *Thwaites School Festival of Colour* on the school field.

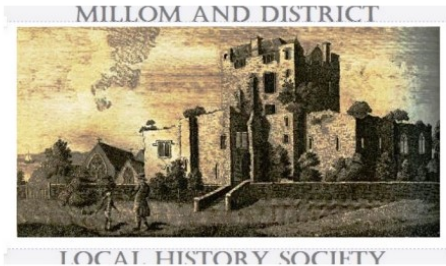


## Roles of Responsibility

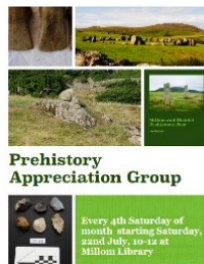
The children of Thwaites School have recently been given the opportunity to apply for a variety of roles and responsibilities across the school. The headteacher explained what each role entailed in Monday's Values assembly and then children filled in an application form to apply for the role. Each child was then interviewed by the school council before being offered the role. We now have several shop assistants, environment champions, play leaders and library monitors who play an active role in making Thwaites School even more fantastic.



# EVENTS



POWERED BY  
**LEVELLING  
— UP —**



## Community History Month

Millom Library, Sat 4th May, 10-12



## LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBITION

To celebrate Community History Month Millom Library are hosting an event, with free refreshments, on Saturday 4 May from 10am - 12 noon.

Millom and District Local History Society will share their achievements over the past few years, emphasising community involvement and talk about their forthcoming community dig. Members of Millom Detectorists will showcase some of their best finds and the Prehistory Appreciation Group will be there too.

Come and learn how to navigate our website with links enabling the community to conduct their own research and find out about the impressive history of Millom from prehistoric times onwards.

*Millom and District Local History Society*





## Ulverston International Music Festival 20th Anniversary 31 May - 9 June



For the festival's 20th anniversary there is a feast of '*more than classical*' concerts, and with events beyond the Festival's hub in Ulverston to locations around this beautiful part of the Lakes - from Brantwood, Coniston to Cartmel Priory.

With 24 performances, covering a wide range of musical styles and genres, over ten days, there's much to choose from. Headlines from the festival include:

**The Royal Northern Sinfonia** - arguably Britain's best chamber orchestra - with Anthony Hewitt, internally-renowned classical pianist and the Festival's Director, in Mozart's Piano Concerto No.17 in G major. The remarkable cellist **Maja Bogdanović** is soloist in Saint Saëns's Cello Concerto No. 1, and the evening will end with Beethoven's Symphony No.7.

Paris-based jazz pianist and composer **Dave Bristow** who is fast emerging as one of the most original and talented jazz musicians in Europe, appears at the helm with **The Dave Bristow Quintet**.

Toe-tapping, tune-humming, outright entertaining **Gilbert & Sullivan** at its best with the **Charles Court Opera's** new production of 'The Sorcerer' at Victoria Hall, Grange over Sands.

A performance rooted in Northernness - Knowing Your Place: Ideas of the North in Words & Music - with locally born and bred and extraordinarily talented singer **Jess Dandy** and poet **Neil Curry**.

A **Celebrity Recital** by violinist **Jennifer Pike**, who at the age of twelve became the youngest ever winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year, is joined by the remarkable and much-loved pianist **Martin Roscoe**.

**Ukulele at the Coro**, with the ever popular and unforgettable **The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain**.

**Tango** which, this year will be a fitting finale on June 9th with its nostalgic melodies. Dancers **Letitia Wilkinson & Andes Sosa** will enhance the spectacle. Bring your dancing shoes!

For nature lovers, try 'Tone Trail', a **guided walk with music** through the gardens of Brantwood, Coniston, or a performance inside the Sir John Barrow Monument at the top of the Hoad.

'Foodies' can savour a number of exclusive events which combine **food and music** - with afternoon tea, lunch or supper options. Please check our programme for more information.

For details on all events visit [ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk) or pick up a brochure at The Coro or in your local shop.

Tickets on sale now at [thecoro.co.uk/uimf](http://thecoro.co.uk/uimf)

For events with dining options go to <https://ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk/tickets/>



## HAPPENING NEXT MONTH

### Thwaites Village Hall **Gala**

A Great Family Fun Day Out

**8th June**  
**1 till 4 o'clock**

Raffle, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Food and Drink, Children's Games, Live Music, Fancy Dress competition, Dance Performances and many more.

Admission £5 per person, £15 family ticket (up to 6), under 5's free. Bouncy Castle and lots of Children's fun activities included within admission price

**FREE BUS** from Millom square, stopping at The Hill and Thwaites Village Hall departing from Millom every half hour from 12:30 until 14:30, returning to Millom, departing Thwaites Village Hall 15:00 every half hour until 17:00.

Thwaites Village Hall  
The Green  
Millom  
LA18 5HJ



### **OPEN GARDENS** **IN LADY HALL**

Causeway Cottage  
and Newton Barn LA18 5HR

**Wednesday 5th June**  
**1.30pm to 4.30pm**

*Tea and Cake*

*Plants for sale*

Parking as directed at Causeway Cottage



Donations for **Christian Aid**  
and **Bethesda Project Burundi**



## NEWS FROM THE HILL



### **April 100 Club Draw Prize Winners**

**1st** £200 No 43 Bryan Aitchison  
**2nd** £20 No 118 Richard Parsons  
**3rd** £20 No 78 Nikki Blackhurst  
**4th** £20 No 107 Sandra Beare  
**5th** £10 No 56 David McGrath  
**6th** £10 No 68 Necia Hall  
**7th** £10 No 38 Sally Gumz

### **THE HILL OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday 4 May 5.30 - 7.30pm**

Come and meet your neighbours  
at The Hill village hall

Bring your own drinks  
Nibbles provided

# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

## *The Duddon Catchment Partnership*

A new environmental partnership has been established which brings together local groups with organisations from the wider Cumbrian community working within the River Duddon catchment area. Initial members of **The Duddon Catchment Partnership** are South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT), Duddon River Association (DRA), South Lakes Red Squirrel Group (SLRSG) and Sustainable Duddon (SD) and we are keen to work with other community partners.

The long-term goal of the Partnership is to help restore our traditional, natural river landscapes and environment to the benefit of both nature and the local community. By enhancing our natural environment, we are able to promote health and well-being within our communities whilst building resilience to our changing climate.



The initial phase will focus primarily on the areas west of the River Duddon to develop baseline measurements for community and nature. With this data we hope to be able to establish objectives for subsequent interventions. These should be aimed at increasing the biodiversity, removing invasive species, improving the resilience and the value of the landscape for the local community and visitors, all by enhancing the environmental ecosystems of areas within the Duddon catchment. This project is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund via Cumberland Council.

If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Rick Browne at [browne\\_rick@hotmail.com](mailto:browne_rick@hotmail.com)

*Volunteers are needed to help with surveys in the Duddon catchment area*

We have a variety of activities, which we hope will appeal to a wide section of the community:

**Surveying** - Identify the flora and fauna present both in the river and the surrounding area.

**Photography** - Regular, seasonal photographs of the river and surrounding catchment are needed.

**Habitat Creation** - Our local Trusts regularly run volunteering days in tree planting and wetland creation.

**Invasive Species Management** - 'Balsam bashing' is one of our most popular volunteer events!

**Training** - In squirrel and mink management, river fly surveying etc. This will include species monitoring and management techniques.

**Clean-ups** - You can help to alleviate the pressure of plastic pollution and make freshwater habitats much nicer places to spend time.



*The Duddon Catchment Partnership will offer training in species monitoring and management*

If you're interested in any or all of these don't forget to contact Rick Browne at [browne\\_rick@hotmail.com](mailto:browne_rick@hotmail.com)