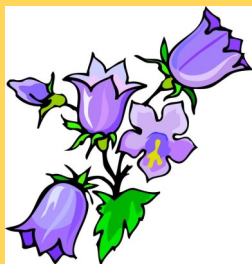


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Gala

7th June
1 - 4 pm



A Great Family Fun Day Out
With a special theme to mark the
80th anniversary of VE Day

Raffle, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Food and
Drink, Children's Games, Live Music, Fancy
Dress Competition, Dance Performances
and much 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

We're hoping to offer a **FREE BUS** service
between Millom Square, The Hill and
Thwaites Village Hall. Please look out for
details nearer the time.

**NEWS FROM
THWAITES
VILLAGE HALL**



TVH Diary Dates May

**MONDAYS
12th & 19th**

PLAYGROUP 10am—12 noon

WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS

TABLE TENNIS 6—7.30pm
Cost: £2 per person; all welcome

FRIDAYS

FLOW exercise sessions have moved to
The Barn for the summer.

BAT & CHAT LADIES TABLE TENNIS 6—7pm
£2 per person; bats and balls provided

MONDAY 19th

Annual Parish Meeting
6.30pm

TUESDAY 20th
7.30pm



THWAITES GALA



We need donations for the bottle tombola and raffle prizes. Please give your donations to:



Terry or Melanie Wright
Lin Tyson
Johnathan or Rachel Street

**THWAITES 100+ CLUB
WINNERS**

April

1st £50 No. 2 Ken Shipman
2nd £25 No. 39 Beverly Kirby
3rd £15 No. 66 Mel Wright

ADVANCE NOTICE

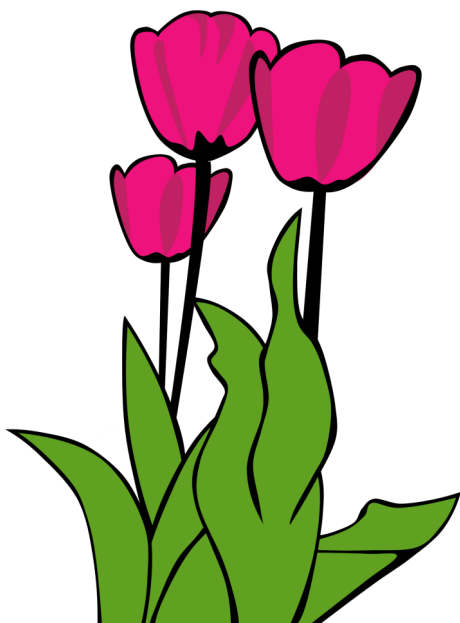
**ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING
19TH MAY
START 6.30PM
THWAITES
VILLAGE HALL**



The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Thwaites Village Hall starting at 6.30pm on 19th May 25.

The meeting will launch the next 5 year Community Plan building on the success of our first plan which concluded at the end of 2024.

Please look out for more information to be published nearer to the meeting date. We look forward to your support.





SCHOOL REPORT



Easter Celebrations

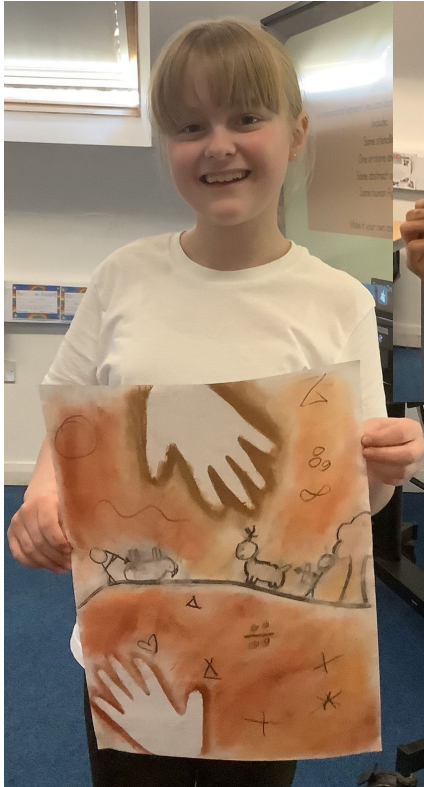
The children, staff, parents, carers and guests of Thwaites Nursery and Primary School enjoyed a lovely Easter service at St. Anne's church on the final Friday before they broke up for the Easter holidays. Open the Book shared the Easter story, with help from the audience, children sang songs and shared work they were proud of and then we all enjoyed a delicious tea party prepared by our talented Miss Fry. Thwaites Nursery and Primary School would like to thank everyone who came.



Easter service at St Anne's

Natural Artwork

Class Three have created some wonderful cave artwork using all-natural materials. As you can see, they have done a fantastic job of replicating authentic stone age paintings. As well as cave art, the Class Three artists have also been creating stunning nature art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



They used all natural found materials to create nature-inspired patterns. As you can see, they look stunning.



Getting creative: cave artwork and natural artwork from Class Three

Cycle Wise

Class Two and Class Three have completed Cycle Wise level one, two and three. The children had great fun riding around the school playground and through the village. Congratulations to all of the children who successfully completed the course.



Wild Science

Class One have been enjoying some animal science. They have been learning all about different animal categories and what makes them special. They then had a lovely time comparing and sorting toy animals based on their characteristics.

Farmyard Play

During playtimes, children of all ages have been using the natural resources found in the school's wooded area to create a fantastic farm in the grounds of the school. With farm toys bought from the school's Rainbow Shop, farm buildings built at home and farm animals brought from home, the children have created a wonderful 'working' farm. Each day the children 'work' on the farm, digging and moving dirt, tending to the animals and harvesting crops before putting the animals in the barn and parking up the vehicles at the end of each day. This imaginative play, enjoyed together by children of all ages, is what makes Thwaites Nursery and Primary School such a wonderful place.

Completing the Cycle Wise course



Imaginative play: creating and working on the farm

MILLOM'S NEW PITCH

The newly resurfaced and floodlit 3G pitch at Millom School is now live and ready to book!

If you're a local club, group, or just fancy a game with friends - you can now check availability and request a slot online.

Here's how to book:

- * Visit: <https://millom.cumbria.sch.uk/.../artificial-pitch-calendar>
- * Check the pitch calendar for available slots
- * Follow the instructions to request your booking and complete the booking form

Get on the pitch and make the most of this fantastic new facility!



NEWS FROM THE HILL



April draw winners

1st prize no 45 Laura Powell £200

2nd prize £20 no 66 John Irwin

3rd prize £20 no122 Guy Gibson

4th prize no 9 Michael Bickerdyke £20

5th prize no 90 Patricia Tattersall £10

6th prize no 121 Angela Gibson £10

7th prize no 89 Russell Cookson £10

THE HILL OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday
3 May
5.30 - 7.30pm**

Come and meet
your neighbours
at The Hill
village hall

Bring your own
drinks

Nibbles
provided



FRIDAY 23 MAY



Enjoy an
interesting
programme of
songs from this
trio of singers/
guitar players
to bring back
many
memories.

Open Garden & Plant Sale

In aid of St Mary's Hospice

AT PARKHEAD FARM

Sunday 25th May 2025 2pm – 5pm

Join us for our open garden in aid of St Mary's Hospice. There will be plants for sale from local gardens and we'll also have tea, coffee and homemade cakes on offer with all money raised going to the Hospice. There may even be some local damson or blackcurrant jam for sale if you're lucky and get there soon enough! Last year we raised almost £900!



How to find us: we are located through the gate and across the cattle grid opposite School Ellis which is signposted from the main road (A5093) at The Hill. If you're using GPS, the postcode is LA18 5JW

Parking: There is no parking at the farm and our access track crosses fields with livestock so we suggest that if you're local, you walk to us if possible. If not, there is parking at Millom Rock Park and along the road opposite The Hill Village Hall which is a short walk away from us.



Dogs: Well behaved, friendly dogs are always welcome, but please bear in mind that the farm is surrounded by livestock so dogs must be on a lead arriving and departing. The gardens and orchard are enclosed by fairly high walls but livestock is often visible from the gardens/orchard so you might need to consider this if your dog has an interest in sheep....

Accessibility: Weather permitting, the refreshments and plant stall will be in our orchard which is more level in some places than others and can be a bit rough with grass tussocks, so you'll need to watch your step. That said, both flower gardens have level paths and there is seating both in the gardens and in the orchard. If it's looking like it might be a bit wet, we'll move the teas and the plant sale into our barn, so don't be put off.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS



Himalayan Balsam Bashing

We are gearing up for another big year of balsam bashing as we attempt to eradicate this invasive species from our catchment. We will be focusing on the badly infested areas that we found last year, revisiting the areas where we

have made good progress in the past few years, as well as tackling any new areas that are identified. Work parties (usually a two-hour session) will be organised weekly throughout the summer (from June to early September) via our volunteer WhatsApp group. To join the group or to alert us to areas of balsam in the catchment, please email duddonriverassociation@gmail.com. Many hands make light work, and we really do appreciate any volunteering that you can do!



Tackling invasive Himalayan Balsam is a key task

DRA Newsletter

Our next free e-newsletter will be out in a few weeks time. Packed with information about Duddon Catchment Project activities, plus interesting articles on riverfly surveys, soil health and invertebrate highlights, it makes for a great read for all those interested in the natural environment, wildlife and conservation. Join our email list to receive the newsletter as soon as it comes out by emailing duddonriverassociation@gmail.com.



Spare a thought for wildflowers, insects and other wildlife and leave the lawnmower in the shed: it's **NO MOW MAY!**

No Mow May is Plantlife's annual campaign to urge everyone not to mow their lawn during May, which allows some wildflowers and weeds to bloom. (For example there's a lot of lady's smock around at present: the favourite food of the lovely orange-tip butterfly.) This - along with longer grasses - provides valuable nectar and habitat for pollinators just when they are hatching or coming out of hibernation. And they in turn are a food source for birds, bats and other wildlife.

Approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows have been lost since the 1930s and, with them, vital food and habitat needed by wildlife. **But your garden can help!** A healthy lawn with some longer grass and wildflowers helps to tackle pollution, benefits wildlife and can even lock away carbon below the ground. There are more than 20 million gardens in the UK, so even the smallest grassy patches can add up and deliver enormous gains for nature, people and the climate.

Cumberland Council Initiatives

Two new operations have been launched by Cumberland Council. One is operation T.U.R.D. (together united for responsible dog ownership). This will bring together



education, engagement and enforcement about

picking up after your dog. As the council have a zero tolerance policy on dog fouling, it will involve officers operating at 'poo bag checkpoints' where staff will stop and talk to dog walkers and ask if they are carrying waste bags. If not, they will provide bags and explain why they should clean up after their pets. Regular dog walking routes will see officers out and about at different times to catch early morning and late evening offenders. On-the-spot fines of £500 can be issued and repeat offenders will be taken to court, where fines up to £2,000 can be imposed.

No Fly-posting

The other campaign is to stop fly-posting on the edge of the highway, as such notices can be distracting to drivers. Groups or individuals can be fined for repeatedly committing this criminal offence.

Waste Collection

The new rules on garden waste collections came into force in April. Anyone wanting more than one bin to be emptied will have to pay for the extra bins. Cumberland Council are also going to start charging for replacement black bins and recycling bins. Although it isn't environmentally friendly, you can put surplus garden waste in your black bin.

LITTER PICKING

Ten members of Thwaites WI (and one husband!) carried out their annual litter pick in late April.

Working in teams, they covered a loop from Thwaites village hall: down to Green Road station, up to St Anne's church, along the main road towards The Hill, and from the Old Vicarage up the back of Cherry Tree House. The good news is that on this occasion the least amount of litter was collected compared with previous years.

Members of Millom Without Environment Group have also been busy picking up litter from around Lady Hall, between Buckman Brow and Thwaites Mill, and between Ghyll Scaur Quarry and The Green. They amassed between 25 and 30 bags over several weeks.



The WI reported a reduced volume of litter collected this year