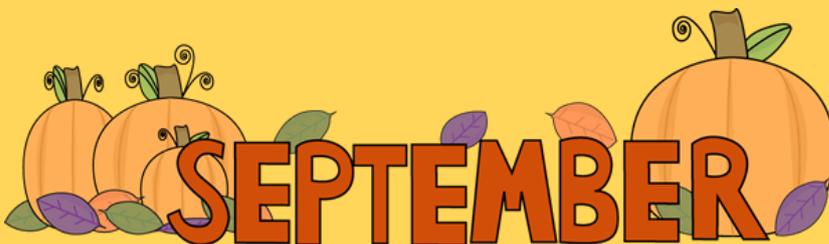


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TVH NEEDS YOU!



Thwaites Village Hall is an important and worthwhile asset to our local community, providing a venue for many activities which bring the residents of Millom Without together. The management of the building and the playing field is in the hands of a committee of volunteers who meet bi-monthly for an hour or so to discuss maintenance, new projects, and other matters affecting the hall.

Unfortunately, we are currently without a Chairperson and by May 2026 we will also have the Treasurer role to fill. The current members of the committee have worked hard for many years to manage the hall, but their numbers are dwindling. **We need new people to join the committee** and take an active role in the running of the hall, and especially to take on the Chair and Treasurer roles.

Without sufficient people on the committee, there is a danger that the hall would have to close. This would be a great shame and very disappointing for the current committee. If you want your village hall to remain available for you to use, then you need to actively support it. Please do not expect the usual people (who volunteer for everything), to continue making the effort without your help.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm**, held in the meeting room at the village hall. Please come and see what is involved. We would be very pleased to see you!



NEWS FROM THWAITES VILLAGE HALL

Playgroup Bulletin



Thwaites Village Hall playgroup will be starting again on Monday **15th September**. Sessions run during term time on Mondays from 10:00 to 12:00. We have a wide range of play equipment for the children and a large space in which the children can stretch their legs. We ask for a £2 contribution for each adult and child (additional child 50p) and serve a healthful snack at approximately 10:45 with tea and biscuits for adults. You are most welcome to join us!

Note that we have two sessions per term at Thwaites School, The children enjoy the change of play equipment and the chance to be in a school environment. These sessions are usually early in each term and after the mid-term holiday but are announced separately.

THWAITES 100+ CLUB WINNERS

August

1st £50 No. 97 Julia Dixon

2nd £25 No. 48 Robert Slack

3rd £15 No. 62 David Hussell

Lady Hall Gardens

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the



Lady Hall open gardens on Tuesday 12th August. The sun shone, it was lovely to visit with neighbours and friends, and the tea and the profusion of delicious cakes were relished. The generosity of those who attended was much appreciated: £710 was received on the day and subsequent donations boosted the final total to nearly £800, to be distributed between St Mary's Hospice and the Bethesda Project in Burundi.

TVH Diary Dates September

MONDAYS

From 15 September

PLAYGROUP 10am—12 noon

INDOOR BOWLS

From 8 September

1.30—3.30pm Cost: £3 per session

Club bowls available

Indoor footwear on carpet

New members welcome

WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS

TABLE TENNIS 6—7.30pm

Cost: £2 per person; all welcome

FRIDAYS

5th, 12th, 26th September

FLOW 9.30—10.30am

BAT & CHAT LADIES TABLE TENNIS 6—7pm

£2 per person; bats and balls provided

SUNDAYS

TABLE TENNIS 6—7pm

TUESDAY 2nd

6—7.30pm

SOUTH COPELAND GDF COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIP MEETING IN PUBLIC

TUESDAY 16th

7.30pm

WI MEETING



WEDNESDAY 17th

7.30pm

THWAITES VILLAGE HALL MEETING



SCHOOL REPORT



It was a fun and busy end of term before the school said goodbye to its Year Six children and everyone broke up for their summer holidays.

Year Six Leavers Assembly and Award Presentation

On Wednesday 9th July, it was Thwaites School's annual Year Six leavers assembly and presentation afternoon at Thwaites Village Hall. A fun time was had by all who attended with singing, dancing, memories and this year's award winners receiving their rewards for science, sport, academic achievement, outstanding achievement, community, dedication and kindness. Mr. Redhead would like to say a huge thank you to Thwaites Village Hall for use of the venue, to all staff for their hard work in putting the leavers assembly together and to all parents, carers and members of the community who came to say goodbye to the Year Six children and cheer on our award winners.



Achievements were recognised at the awards presentation afternoon

Sports Day Fun

On Friday 11th July, the sun was shining for Thwaites School's annual Sports Day. The children did their teams proud, completing track events such as sprinting, long distance, egg and spoon, sack races and an obstacle course as well as field events such as discus, beanbag toss, long jump, triple jump and penalty shoot-out. The



children ended the events with a sponge pass race ensuring they all ended the fun wet through and happy. All the children then enjoyed a delicious ice cream as the scores were counted. A huge WELL DONE to Team Windermere for lifting the trophy this year. Mr. Redhead would like to say a massive thank you to D Waugh Landscaping for supplying the well-deserved ice creams, to all staff for their help running the afternoon and thank you to all parents, carers and members of the community for coming along and cheering on the children.



Class Three's Overnight Camp

Also, on Friday 11th July, the children of Class Three returned to school at tea time for a summer overnight camp, an activity chosen by the Year Six children as an end of year treat.

The children pitched tents, played games, ate delicious burgers and sausages from the BBQ, toasted marshmallows, ate s'mores, talked, got bitten by midges, went to bed VERY late, got up VERY early, ate bacon buns and had a fantastic time.

Mr. Redhead would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Barrow for supplying the BBQ, the food and a huge bell tent, to Mr. Matterson for supplying the fire pit and to Miss Jordan for giving up her time to stay over.

Camping overnight for an end-of-year treat

We're Going to the Zoo

On Wednesday 16th July, Class Two visited Blackpool Zoo as part of their topic on extreme environments. The children had an amazing day visiting the attractions and meeting lots of wonderful animals. As always, their behaviour was impeccable.

Mr. Redhead would like to say thank you to Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Holmes for taking the children for the day. They had a really good time.



Watching the elephants at Blackpool Zoo

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..... wishes all leavers well at their new schools and says hello to the new intake of children, their parents, carers and families.



NEWS FROM THE HILL

PICTURE SHOW



Saturday 20 September
7pm for 7.30pm

Celebrated local photographer,
Stephen Leece, will give an
illustrated presentation
on his work.

July draw winners

- 1st prize £50 no 32 Ian Lockwood
- 2nd prize £20 no 24 Sue Fox
- 3rd prize £20 no 72 Patricia Richards
- 4th prize £20 no 13 Janet Hornby
- 5th prize £10 no 75 Alison Nicholson
- 6th prize £10 no 94 Olivia and Charlotte Delaney
- 7th prize £10 no 18 Helen Chew

August draw winners

- 1st prize £200 no 71 Dave Scholes
- 2nd prize £20 no 73 Jacqui Lucas
- 3rd prize £20 no 82 Alan Sharpe
- 4th prize £20 no 85 Jackie Sharpe
- 5th prize £10 no 5 Diccon Gray
- 6th prize £10 no 4 Irene Atkinson
- 7th prize £10 no 14 Victoria Guyatt

Drawn by Sally Gums and Alan Parsons

THE HILL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, 6 September
5.30 - 7.30pm

Come and meet your neighbours at
The Hill village hall

Bring your own drinks

Nibbles provided

Afterwards there will be a short
award-winning film *Shadow of the
Mountain* by Simon Sayer, featuring
local landscapes.



BENCH INSTALLATION

A new bench has been
placed at the top of the
hill between Lady Hall and
Hallthwaites for all to
enjoy. Do go and savour
the view!



At the time of writing, the site had been
prepared and the foundation set for a second
bench - with a similar view - on the opposite
side of Lady Hall. The Parish Council has
provided funding for the purchase and
installation of the benches, which are made
out of recycled plastic.

Furness and District Tractor Run

Sunday 7th September 2025

in aid of St Marys Hospice

Come along and support a worthy cause, a fantastic range of tractors touring our beautiful Furness and District area.

Start time 10am- The Greyhound Inn, Grizebeck, LA17 7XJ- Spectators welcome

First Half-



10:00- The Greyhound Inn, Grizebeck
10:15- Burny Fell
10:50- New Street, Manor Arms, Broughton Square, Princes Street, Old Kings Head
11:20- Lady Hall, Roanlands Brow
11:30- The Green, The Old Pump House
11:50- The Hill
12:05- Station Road, St. Georges Road, Main Gate Millom
12.20- Hodbarrow Lighthouse, Hodbarrow Sea Wall, Haverigg
12.35-The Harbour, Haverigg
12.40- Millom Rugby Union Club, Haverigg

Second Half-



14.00- Millom Rugby Union Club, Haverigg
14:05- Main Street, Haverigg
14:10- The King William IV Inn, Kirksantan
14:15- Silecroft
14.25- Po House
14.50- Hallthwaite Church (A595)
15.10- Corney Fell Road, Duddon Woods
15.25- Broughton Square
15.35- Coal Gate to Foxfield Railway Crossing (A595)
15.40- over the mosses through Moss House Farm to Chaples, Kirkby-in-Furness
16.00- The Greyhound Inn



Furness and District Tractor Run brings a host of (up to 75) vintage and modern tractors covering about 40 miles of our beautiful Furness area. The run covers off-road sections then onto rural B and A roads with plenty of viewing points along the way. A great family fun day!



Squirrel Success

The efforts of local volunteers to help the native red squirrel make a comeback in the area are paying off. In the last few weeks there have been several confirmed sightings of red squirrels in the Duddon Valley and at the foot of the Corney Fell road where they've not been seen for around 15 years. Once commonly seen in and around the Duddon Valley, red squirrels steadily declined in numbers as the invasive grey squirrels took over. Introduced to Britain from North America in the 1890s, greys outcompete the indigenous reds for food and habitat. They also carry a deadly pox to which they are immune but from which reds suffer a slow, agonising death – similar to myxomatosis in rabbits.



Caught on camera: red squirrel sightings in the Duddon Valley in July

Now, thanks to the work of a dedicated and growing network of volunteers who are controlling the grey population, red squirrels are moving down from Hardknott Forest, through Seathwaite, Ulpha and further south, as well as near Duddon Hall. The aim is to create buffer zones around areas where reds have been seen to keep greys at bay and enable the iconic reds to survive and thrive.

Similar successes have been reported in other parts of the South Lakes area, with red squirrel sightings in Ulverston – the first in 40 years – Greenodd, Bouth, Haverthwaite and Newby Bridge. This comes since South Lakes Red Squirrel Group launched its *Furness Red Squirrel Project* which promotes the management of the grey squirrel population in the Furness Peninsula so that reds in adjacent areas can migrate into the area and establish a healthy population.



Want to help? Here's how: if you've seen a grey squirrel in your garden or on land you own please contact us about having a trap. And if you think you've seen a red squirrel please give us details and send a photo if possible. You can email us at southlakesredsquirrelgroup@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Barrow to Esk Active Travel

The Barrow to Esk Active Travel project (BEAT Route) had a great response at Black Combe Country Fair on the August bank holiday. Around 70 people visited our table to talk to us and give their support to this project which seeks to identify and develop safe car-free routes for the community to access schools, work places, amenities, public transport and leisure facilities.

As the BEAT Route project gains pace, we hope to provide regular updates in Out and About and elsewhere so look out for the latest developments. We have an e-mail address (beatroute2@gmail.com) and a website (beatroute.org.uk) so do please contact us with your ideas, suggestions and support!



Broughton Supper Club – a chance to make new acquaintances

Broughton Supper Club, founded just after the Second World War, has now completed its 76th season of meetings and is looking forward to achieving many more. The club serves Broughton and its neighbourhood and has a broad membership base from as far afield as Coniston, Ulverston, Kirkby and Millom.

The club has the simple ethos of encouraging friendship in the community, offering members an opportunity to make new acquaintances across the area, whilst enjoying a stimulating evening amongst their peers. Traditionally, the membership was for men but ladies are welcome to attend when inclined. The club convenes once a month on the second Wednesday from September until April. The format for meetings is having a convivial meal before listening to a speaker talking on a wide range of different interesting subjects.

We now meet, very appropriately for the **Broughton Supper Club**, at the **Square Café**. Meetings start at **6.30pm** when we meet for a drink before sitting down at 7.00pm for a two-course meal followed by tea or coffee. The speaker talks for about an hour, with time allowed for questions, so that meetings finish by about 9.30pm. Each season, the Speaker Secretary aims to make the subject matter of talks as wide-ranging as possible so as to cater for most people's interests. The seating at meetings is specifically organised at tables of 4/6 people so that we get an opportunity to know as many of our fellow members as possible throughout the season.

Our first meeting this season will be on **Wednesday 10th September** when our speaker will be **Stephe Cove** on the subject **"History Beneath Your Feet"**.

For anyone interested in becoming a member or even just trying a 'taster', be assured of a warm welcome - please contact **Ian Verber** (club secretary, phone: **0749 104 2718**, email ian.verber@bopenworld.com) or **Martin Cooper** (speaker secretary, phone **01229 583524**) for details.