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Bonfire Night & Fireworks Display Wednesday 5th November



Starts at 6 pm

Refreshments & Food available from 6.00 pm

Bonfire from 6.30 pm

Fireworks from 7.00 pm

**Admission Adults & Children £5,
Under 5's free.**

Family Ticket £15 (two adults, up to
three children)

For safety reasons, please do not bring your
own fireworks or sparklers.

(See P 4 for bus service from Millom)



NEWS FROM THWAITES VILLAGE HALL



THWAITES VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE APPEAL

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 19th November 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!

THWAITES 100+ CLUB WINNERS

October

1st £50 No. 98 Angela Nugent

2nd £25 No. 16 Bella Howse

3rd £15 No. 90 Jonathon Street

TVH Diary Dates November

MONDAYS (term-time)

PLAYGROUP 10am—12 noon

INDOOR BOWLS

1.30—3.30pm Cost: £3 per session

Club bowls available

Carpet shoes to be worn

WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS

TABLE TENNIS 6—7.30pm

Cost: £2 per person; all welcome

FRIDAYS

FLOW 9.30—10.30am

BAT & CHAT LADIES TABLE TENNIS 6—7pm

£2 per person; bats and balls provided

SUNDAYS

TABLE TENNIS 6—7pm

WEDNESDAY 5th

6pm

BONFIRE NIGHT

FRIDAY 14th

7.30pm

CUMBRIA WILDLIFE TRUST

Wonderful Woodlands

A presentation by

Maurice Steele



Cumbria
Wildlife Trust

TUESDAY 18th

7.30pm

WI AGM

and flower demonstration

by Gemma Johnson



WEDNESDAY 19th

7.30pm

THWAITES VILLAGE HALL MEETING



SCHOOL REPORT



It's the end of another busy half-term at Thwaites School and all of the classes have been working hard and having fun.

Fun in Class One

Nursery and Reception have had lots of fun this half-term. They have enjoyed mark making in glittery sand and making patterns with all sorts of shapes, colours and objects. They have also been putting their crafting skills to the test making imaginative 'happiness machines' out of everyday recyclables.



Having fun making 'happiness machines'



Drawing chalk bodies

Year Two have been learning about the human body and senses, drawing chalk lines around each other and labelling various body parts as well as drawing wonderful self-portraits using a variety of media.

Year Two have also been exploring and investigating the school through creating areal messy maps and building place-value models from blocks in maths.

Romans with Class Two

Children in Class Two have been immersed in Roman history this half-term which has included a trip to the Roman bath house at Ravenglass and a Roman workshop at Muncaster Castle where they also enjoyed a fantastic owl display and a play on the park. In English, the children have been busy writing narratives based on the whole class text *Escape from Pompeii*.

In science, the class have been exploring animals including humans and have looked at the different types of skeletons, nutrition and muscles. The children enjoyed exploring different types of food labels to identify if the food that they are eating is healthy.



Learning about Roman history



Holding a debate about Greek cities

Ancient Greece in Class Three

Children in Class Three have enjoyed learning all about Ancient Greece this half-term. They have been writing a diary entry based on the Greek myth of the minotaur and have designed and made Greek tiles out of clay. In history, the children have learnt about democracy, the daily life of ancient Greeks and Alexander the Great and have held a debate about which city state they believed would have been the best to live in. Children in Class Three also enjoyed participating in a tag rugby tournament at Millom RLFC.



Harvest festival fruit and vegetable paintings

Harvest Festival

On the last day of half-term Thwaites School held a harvest festival at St. Anne's Church. In between the children singing harvest songs the classes delivered their own presentations that included autumn poems, the story of harvest and lovely painted fruits and vegetables. Vic the vicar finished the festival by speaking to the gathered children and adults about seeds and our own potential to grow, given the right conditions.

During the week, the school collected food for the foodbank and Mr. Redhead would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all families who donated.

Playgroup Bulletin



Playgroup goes to Thwaites School again on **10 November** to gain familiarity with a school setting, to play with a different set of toys, and a pleasing change of location. Do join us if you can at this session or, of course, at the regular Monday sessions we have at Thwaites Village Hall from **10:00 to 12:00** (during term time). There is a nominal fee of £2 for an adult and a child (50p for an additional child) which includes a hot drink for adults and a healthful snack for children. Do join us!

BONFIRE NIGHT BUS SERVICE 5 NOVEMBER

If you live in Millom why not take the bus to the Thwaites Village Hall Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display?

The bus leaves as follows:

From Millom Town Square 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm

From Thwaites Village Hall 7.45pm, 8.15pm, 8.45pm

(Times are approximate and may vary.)

Service operated by Millom Network Centre
Cost **£2** per person each way



NEWS FROM THE HILL

FILM NIGHT



Saturday 15 November
7 pm for 7.30 pm

Four Letters of Love (2024, Cert. 12A)

Starring Pierce Brosnan and Helena Bonham Carter. A cinematographically beautiful Irish romance filmed on the spectacular West Coast.

£5 Bring your own drinks and snacks

THE HILL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday 1 November
5.30 - 7.30pm

Come and meet your neighbours at
The Hill village hall

October draw winners

- 1st prize £50 no 104 Victoria Guyatt
- 2nd prize £20 no 60 John Hetherington
- 3rd prize £20 no 100 Joan Wilson
- 4th prize £20 no 91 Pat Tattersall
- 5th prize £10 no 52 Wendy Lapping
- 6th prize £10 no 22 Ian Hornby
- 7th prize £10 no 65 Neil Anderson

Advance Notice to Gardeners

Next year's annual The Hill Plant Sale in aid of St Mary's Hospice will take place on Whit Sunday, 24 May. Many thanks to the many local gardeners who donate plants each year.



The Two Villages Film Festival

The Two Villages Film Festival will take place in Kirksanton and The Hill village halls in January and February 2026. Our two village halls are working together to deliver one film each per week over a month. The purpose of this note is to provide advance notice of our proposed schedule, to allow you to 'save the date'.

Our aim is for both halls to offer films - old and new, UK and foreign - which are in some way linked and are interesting to view together. For example, we will pair the 2021 film *Belfast* with 1990s film *The Commitments*, two contrasting films from Ireland.



Fridays

9th January
16th January
23rd January
30th January
6th February



Sundays

11th January
18th January
25th January
(Saturday) 31st January
8th February

To help us get this off the ground, the CGP Trust fund has provided a generous subsidy, so we are able to offer a Film Festival Carnet / Season Ticket with access to all films for just £30: that's just £3 per film. If you would prefer to buy films a la carte, the cost will be £5 per film. Films licensing is from Cine North and FilmBank Media.

We're now working to firm up details and will develop a full film programme leaflet and posters, which will be available from both village halls. There will be further information in December's Out and About.

EVENTS



Rock Park Relaunch Event Tuesday 18 November

Holcim (operators of the quarry) are pleased to confirm that the Millom Rock Park Relaunch Event to celebrate the completion of the Rock Park improvements will take place at the **Rock Park** at **10am** on **Tuesday 18th November** and afterwards from **11am to 12.30** at **Thwaites Village Hall**. Please note that there is very limited parking at the Rock Park car park at School Ellis so transport will be available from Thwaites Village Hall to the Rock Park. Please park at Thwaites Village Hall between 9.30am and 9.45am. Alternatively, please car share or use the public footpath routes to join us at the event.

Many in the community will be aware that the late Jack Procter was a member of the quarry liaison committee. Jack was instrumental in developing every aspect of the Rock Park project and helped secure aggregate levy sustainability fund assistance for a wide range of other significant community projects.

SUSTAINABLE
DUDDON

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Sunday 16 November

Meet at Bank End layby,
Duddon Bridge, at 10am

Or spend an hour or two tidying up
your local area.

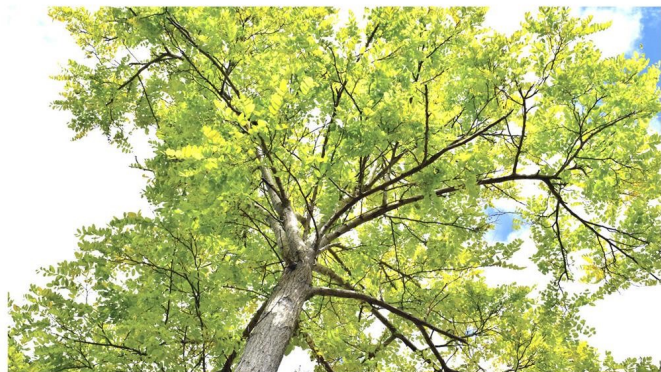
If you need to borrow litter pickers
please email
oandacontact@gmail.com

STOP PRESS

The Dorian Players concert
advertised in last month's *Out and
About*, scheduled for 1 November,
is **CANCELLED** due to illness.

WONDERFUL WOODLANDS

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 7.30PM
THWAITES VILLAGE HALL



Nature enthusiast and photographer,
Maurice Steele, investigates the fate of the ash tree
and other aspects of our trees and woodlands in the
latest of his ever-popular series of audio-visual
presentations.

Admission: £3 suggested donation, including tea/coffee and biscuits

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

MILLOM TOWN DEAL UPDATE

Millom Leisure Centre

Following September's steel-signing event at the site of the new Millom Leisure Centre, work is progressing well.



The steel frame is now fully erected and secured with non-shrink grout at the base of the columns. Lightning protection has been added to the structure, and masonry work on the foundations has begun. Most notably, excavation of the new pool is now underway and continuing well - a key step in bringing this much-anticipated facility to life.

Over at the school and community hub car park, electric ducts have been installed to support a new mains supply, EV chargers, and external lighting. Footpaths and the layby next to the school building are now complete.

At the front car park, kerbs have now been laid around the parking areas and traffic islands, while drainage channels and manholes are in place. Ground levels are also being brought to formation, ready for the next stage.

Barrow to Esk Active Travel Project (BEAT Route)

Following on from the tremendous support the project received at summer shows, the project team are seeking funding for feasibility assessments of potential routes. The vision is for safe, family-friendly routes that link communities with each other, schools, work, public transport and other services. For questions or more information contact us at Beatroute2@gmail.com, visit our website <https://beatroute.org.uk> or scan the QR code below.



NEW BENCH

Travel West of Lady Hall to the top of what is called the Scar and there you will find a new bench for anyone and everyone to sit upon and enjoy the view. This is another of the Parish Council project benches to replace

existing benches that are past reasonable repair or provide benches for new locations. These benches are made from recycled plastic and should have a long and supportive service. Do come and try the Lady Hall bench for comfort and the estuary view.

