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Out and About In Thwaites - March 23 - Issue No 461

The Joy of Relaxation

Year 2 & 3 Thwaites School pupils are all feeling calm and relaxed after their meditation in the Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre.



New Headteacher for Thwaites Primary School

Thwaites Primary School are pleased to confirm the new appointment of a new Headteacher - Mark Redhead who will be joining the school after the Easter Break. Mr Redhead has worked for Blackcombe School for a number of years and brings a wealth of experience in many leadership areas which will support the school's continuous improvement.

February 23 Winners

1 st No 127 Andrew Wearing
£30.00

2 nd No 112 Tom Ilett £15.00

3 rd No 115 Jill Thomas £10.00

4 th No 35 Rick Browne £10.00



**Community Lunch @
Thwaites Village Hall**

Soup & dessert, £5 per head.

Arrive for 12 noon.

Anyone willing to help for a couple hours once a month, please contact Jan Procter on 774234.

Please note the next event is on 29th March 23

Thwaites 100+ Club - Need's your support

This years form for the 100+ club is attached on page 8 - we appreciate your ongoing support in making this both a successful Draw and the financial help in contributing the running of the Village Hall.

Public invited to view latest plans for Millom's Iron Line project



THE latest plans to sensitively transform a popular Millom beauty spot into an inspirational and fully inclusive, nationally significant visitor attraction will be available to view at a special public drop in session.

Artist's impressions will accompany an update on various aspects of The Iron Line, a project that proposes to enhance the unique nature reserve at RSPB Hodbarrow following community engagement sessions last year.

When completed, The Iron Line is expected to attract up to 100,000 visits per year.



The Iron Line scheme will incorporate upgrades to the significant landmarks alongside a new welcome centre which will include a café/bar, retail space and events room and adjacent parking for around 80 vehicles. Upwards of 7km of walking and cycling routes will also be enhanced as part of the project.

The drop in session will be held on Saturday, March 4 at the Millom Guide Hall from 12.30pm-6.30pm.

Weekly Activities

**Monday's
TODDLERS GROUP**
from 10 to 12

BOWLING from
1.30pm to 3.30pm

SCOUTS from
7pm

**Wednesday
and Thursday
evenings**

TABLE TENNIS is
from 6pm to 7.30pm
Cost is £2 per person and all are
welcome

FRIDAYS
BAT & CHAT from 6pm
Table Tennis for Girls & Women

Friday - FLOW 9.30am - 10.30am

Key Dates

**Tuesday 21st March 23 - WI
Community Lunch 28th March**



LOOKING AFTER DUDDON RIVER



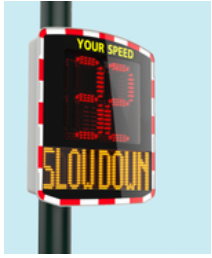
FRIDAY 10 MARCH, 7.30PM
THWAITES VILLAGE HALL

Find out from Mike West how South Cumbria Rivers Trust works to keep the River Duddon and its valley healthy - conserving, protecting and improving freshwater habitats and helping wildlife to thrive.

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

SUNDAYS

Table Tennis
Family Session at 5pm
followed by
League Practice from 6 to 7pm



New Speed Indicator Device has been installed at The Hill, as part the Community Plan to support speeding reduction through our communities



News From The Hill

**The next open house
March 4th 5.30pm - 7.30pm
BYOB nibble to be provided.**

THE HILL 2023 PLANT & PRODUCE SALE

A reminder for your diaries that the next plant and produce sale for St Mary's Hospice will be held over the weekend of May 20th 2023.

Please help us raise funds for St Mary's Hospice. We would welcome:

- Plants by taking cuttings, raising seedlings, dividing plants: now is the time to start plotting and planning
- Your home baking, cordials, jams and preserves: our produce stall is becoming a favourite fixture
- Any of your gardening tools and bric-a-brac that we can recycle to a new home
- Your arts and crafts to give the day a special "twist"

We hope that you will join us in supporting St Mary's Hospice by donating or buying on the day, or both! See you there!



Green Matters.....

Free Apple Grafting Course

This is your last chance to join a free apple grafting course to enable you to create your own apple trees, giving you free apples with no carbon miles for many years to come. Local group Sustainable Duddon has arranged an apple grafting course to take place in the village hall at The Hill, on Saturday 4th March. It will run from 10:00 to 12:00. Our tutor is from the South Lakes Orchard Group, so participants will be given expert guidance. Additionally a choice of rootstocks will be available, as well as cuttings from different apple trees grown locally.

The course is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and is part of the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership's ambitious emission reduction programme to make Cumbria carbon neutral by 2037.

Please contact sustainableduddon@gmail.com to ask any questions or reserve a place.

And more litter.....

Litter picking continues this month. Approximately 40 bags of litter, plus a tyre, several hub caps and sundry large bits of plastic have been collected so far from verges and road sides by the Environment group and other Millom Without residents. The verges should be looking cleaner with all the effort expended before vegetation starts to grow over the waste again.

Please do contact oandacontact@gmail.com for information or if you would like to be involved in this community cleaning effort.



A warm welcome to a new Parish Councillor - Malcolm Bates

I grew up in Lancashire and Cumbria, then after spending my working life as an architect in London I recently retired to the Lake District, the Lowscale Hills, an area I have always known and loved. Caring for the very special qualities of this beautiful corner of England, I am keen to be able to help in the area's preservation and enhancement, to improve the quality of life for its local population and for visitors alike. To this end I am delighted and feel honoured to have been accepted as a councillor for the Millom Without Parish Council. I will endeavour to provide service to the best of my abilities, drawing on my professional architectural experience



Introduction to our New Cumberland Councillor with effect from 1st April

I have lived in Copeland for 34yrs, originally from Kendal, I now live in Holmrook with my wife and three children. I have run my own milk delivery business for 25 years delivering throughout the borough. I have been a governor at Gosforth C of E Schools and Kirkland Academy for the last 17yrs. I am also Vice-Chair of Drigg & Carleton Parish Council where I have been a Parish Councillor for about 12yrs. I am also currently chair of CALC in Copeland. I am on the advisory committee and a trustee of Drigg and District Young Farmers Club.

During my first 4-year term as a Copeland Councillor I represented the Seascale ward which also covered Eskdale I gained invaluable experience after being selected onto the Planning Panel, Taxi Licensing Panel and the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.



Now in my second term as a Borough Councillor I represent the new Seascale and Gosforth ward I am a member of the Executive Committee on Copeland, I am portfolio holder for Environment, Place and Inclusive Communities, Recycling, Waste Collection and Open Spaces this role has given me a great insight into the workings of local government.



I sit on various outside body groups including the WCSSG (West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group) Risk and Hazard Management working group, WCSSG Emergency Planning group and WCSSG LLWR group which hold Sellafield and LLWR to account ensuring the community we live in is as safe as it possibly can be. I am also Chair of the Mid Copeland GDF partnership. From April this year I will represent the geographic area of Millom Without on the new Cumberland Council I am looking forward to working with you as the new council finds its feet and I will ensure you have a strong voice representing you on the new council and the voice of the rural towns and parishes are not forgotten.

Andy Pratt

Email andy.pratt@cumberland.gov.uk 07720372273

WORK on an impressive new beach café at Silecroft will soon begin.

Copeland Borough Council has appointed Roland Hill Ltd to carry out the work, and building will begin on February 13. It is hoped the new café and toilets will be ready for use by late September.

The building will have spectacular views and room for 30 diners. There will be an external shower for beach users, and a Changing Places disabled toilet and changing facility - only the second in the Lake District National Park. The building will have two courtyards, offering shelter regardless of the wind direction, and there will be additional accessible toilets available to beach users as well as café customers.

Silecroft Beach Cafe is part of the Connecting Cumbria's Hidden Coast Programme, which is led by Copeland Council and funded by the Coastal Communities Fund and Sellafield Ltd. Once complete, the building will be handed over to the council's community partner Whicham Parish Council, which will own the building and oversee the operation of the café.

Copeland's Elected Mayor, Mike Starkie, said: "We see this design-led café as critical in attracting new visitors to coastal Copeland, as well as catering for the significant number of locals who use this beautiful beach.

"I am really pleased that Whicham Parish Council is partnering with us on this. On completion, Silecroft will have a beautiful building in a unique setting that will serve as both a place for the community and an attraction for visitors."

A spokesperson for Whicham Parish Council said: "We are excited that the community-led vision for this cafe is about to be realised. It will enhance the unique location of this special place for locals, visitors and especially people with disabilities and their carers. We are grateful to the funding bodies and Copeland Borough Council for leading the build."

Gary McKeating, Head of Community and Development at Sellafield Ltd, added: "Connecting Cumbria's Hidden Coast is a key programme of activity that is helping to diversify the West Cumbria coastal offer to residents and visitors alike. It's also pleasing to see a local contractor chosen to undertake the work. We look forward to seeing another piece of the hidden coast puzzle in place."

The vision for a cafe evolved after residents included it in their Community Plan in 2011. Since then the community-led project has been closely supported by the Economic Development team at Copeland Borough Council, and a temporary cafe was built in 2017. Its success proved the business case for a permanent structure.

The café is designed by Konishi Gaffney Architects and full planning permission was granted by the Lake District National Park Authority in June 2021.

Turner Prize winning artist Martin Boyce has designed the metal security shutters for the café as part of Deep Time – the arts programme of the Connecting Cumbria's Hidden Coast project.

Silecroft beach is in the south west corner of the Lake District National Park, in Copeland. It is the only bathing beach in the Lake District National Park. The expansive, pale sands are overlooked by Black Combe fell to the north and there are spectacular views across the Irish Sea towards the Isle of Man.

This project is part of the Connecting Cumbria's Hidden Coast programme, which is led by Copeland Borough Council and funded with £1.15m from Sellafield Ltd and more than £1m from the government's Coastal Communities Fund. It aims to inspire visitors to Copeland's coast, drive economic growth, promote health and wellbeing and raise awareness of the area in the rest of the UK. As well as the new beach cafe at Silecroft, there is a running festival, several new cycle and footpath routes and an extensive arts programme, Deep Time.



More News for Silecroft - Landmark Art Announcement

A 30-metre steel elliptical basin will be installed on the mud flats, like some sort of strange sea vessel which has just landed. At high tide it will be submerged and when the tide goes out the water will remain in the basin.

Read more at

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2023/feb/25/artist-olafur-eliasson-plans-sky-mirror-for-cumbria-coast>



Changes to local government in Cumbria - Cumberland Council takes over from 1st April

On 1 April 2023 local government in Cumbria will change.

The current six district councils, along with Cumbria County Council, will be replaced by two new 'unitary' councils.

In the area currently covered by Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council and Copeland Borough Council a new authority, Cumberland Council, will be created.

What will the changes mean?

From April 2023 Cumberland Council will be responsible for providing all the services currently delivered in those areas by the three city and borough councils and the county council.

That means everything from your waste and recycling collections to highways and planning matters, adult social care and parking will all be looked after by the new Cumberland Council

In the Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland council areas a second new authority, Westmorland and Furness Council, will be taking over providing services. You can find out more on the Westmorland and Furness Council website.

Government announced its decision to create two new unitary councils for Cumbria in July 2021. Since then work has been ongoing to ensure a smooth switch to the new councils next year.

New Government Requirement - Voting ID

New UK Government requirements mean that people must show photo ID, when voting at a polling station, **in the upcoming parish council elections on May 4.**

Acceptable forms of identification are a passport, driving licence, Blue Badge, an identity card with a PASS mark, certain concessionary travel cards, a biometric immigration document, a defence identity card and a national identity card.

Those who don't have photo ID, can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, by 5pm on April 25, at

<http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority...>

If you require a Voter Authority Certificate and are unable to apply online call Copeland Council on 01946 598300 or email info@copeland.gov.uk.



Thwaites Village Hall Reg Charity No 520347
100+ Club.

The 100+ Club is a fundraising monthly draw with the chance to win four prizes

1st prize of £30.00

2nd prize of £15.00

3rd prize of £10.00

4th prize of £10.00

(prize money will vary depending on number of sales)

The monthly draw will take place from April 2023 to March 2024 on first
Wed of every
month in Thwaites Village Hall. Winners will be announced in “Out and
About” and on
village hall notice board

I _____ would like to have ____ numbers in the
Thwaites village hall 100 Club 2023 / 20224 Draw
I enclose £12.00 per number. (Cash or Cheques made
payable to Thwaites Village Hall) Please state all names
& contact details.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Please return form to Beverley Sharp Haws Bank, The Green,
Millom, Cumbria.

LA18 5HQ

Tel 01229 770123 or 01229 771988

Can you please return slips by 20th March 2023 ready for April Draw