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Parish Councillors have recently undertaken a timely clean up of the memorial at St Anne's Church.

This year, Millom Without Parish Council, Thwaites School and Thwaites Village Hall will undertake a short low key event, and of course socially distanced in laying wreaths to commemorate our local heroes.



Results - Thwaites 100 Club - Winners - October - 2020

1st 48 Sheila Green -
£30
2nd 12 Martin Cook - £15
3rd 11 Barbara Shaw -
£10
4th 42 Carol Phifer - £10

WINNERS

The Hill Village Hall 100 Club Winners October, 2020.

and the
winner is...

1st £50 Kath Barnard 64
2nd £20 May Scurrah 111
3rd £20 Jean usher 964th
£20 Olivia Delaney 295th
£10 Helen Chew 186th
£10 Pauline Murray 637th
£10 Julia Aspinall 3

Thwaites Village
Hall - Playing Fields
(Second Request)
**We need your support
in keeping the Playing
Fields at the Village
Hall free from dog
fouling.**
**We ask that there is no
exercising of dogs on
the playing fields - this
protects the health of
all users.**

Audrey Hambly

(30/07/1932 - 20/10/2020)

"An Extraordinary Ordinary Woman"



Audrey, husband Fred (and Judy!), pictured in 1955

As many readers of 'Out & About' will know, our mother spent most of her life in the Post Office and, before giving our appreciation of her life, we wanted to share some words penned by her whilst she was living at 1 Post Office Terrace:

"Regarding the Post Office at the Green it was in my family for 63 years, My dad Joe Steele was Post Master for 34 years he died 1960 then my husband Fred Hambly took over for 29 years then the Drury's for 11 years.

The Steele family go back years at the Green. My grandfather (Joe's Dad) had the pleasure of planting the Jubilee tree on the village green when he was head gardener at the Myers' estate.

My mother started her shop in a small cottage at the Strands before moving to the Post Office. Dad was Post Master and Mother started the shop. Dad used to collect the mail off the train and deliver it on his push bike round the villages round the Hill and back by Under Hill until the mail was taken over from Millom Post Office then we had the post from Millom: Timmy Tomlinson and Bob Sowerby, a lot of people will remember them.

We used to take the telegrams which were delivered by a nice couple, Sammy Moore and his wife. Sammy used to go on his bike for just a few pence delivery fee paid for by the Post Office.

With only the phone in the Office people wanting a doctor would ask my mother to "put the towel out" which was tied around the railings outside for old Dr Jackson to see when out on his rounds.

Things were more up to date when Fred and I took over. Fred went to work at the tannery. I took over the shop. I was paying pensioners who had seen me grow up from a baby. Accounts were done on Friday nights for the next day so the kids were on their best behaviour that night. My brothers both worked for the Post Office on the telephone exchange George at Burnley and Herbert at Barrow then at Lancaster.

Fred was a member of the Village Hall he used to spend most nights with his 3 sons and lads from the village in the billiards room. We always had a house full of kids out of the village. Fred was also a member of the Parish Council for 27 years.

We packed the Post Office up when Fred was so ill. Our last audit left us with 35p to the good not bad for 29 years service.

The Post Office and cottages were owned for years by Myers' Estate at Dunningwell. When they came up for sale my Dad bought the P.O. and two cottages. I still live in the end cottage."

There were two things of great importance in our Mam's life, firstly her family and secondly, the village. Mam was happily married to our father Fred for 38 years and nursed him at home in the period up to his early death from cancer in 1991. She was proud of all her children, grandchildren and great grand children but also of her heritage; as she wrote, her paternal family lived in and around the village for generations, however she was equally proud of her maternal family. Her mother was the youngest of four daughters all of whom were encouraged and enabled to be financially independent. Consequently our grandmother became the village shopkeeper.

Mam mentions in her piece her father's and brothers' Post Office careers, but she also spoke with pride of her mother working in the munitions factory during WW1. She was also proud of her mother being active in the suffrage movement and an early member of the Labour Party in Barrow. Mam did not openly share her political beliefs but, like her mother before her, she was a Labour supporter who believed strongly in a welfare state for the common good. She believed in free education and health care and knew that her children and others benefited from both. She never forgave Mrs Thatcher for removing free school milk and, although she didn't know of the recent discussion about free school meals, she would have had a wry smile about a black, working class lad displaying more dignity and leadership than many of our politicians. She appreciated that she had the benefit of good health care provided through the NHS for a number of years. Her praise for local clinicians and support staff in Millom Surgery was unlimited, and we are particularly grateful for the care she received from the local District Nurses and GPs at the end of her life.

Aud was the youngest of her siblings and freely admitted to being the apple of her Dad's eye. She spent all her working life in the shop and Post Office, sometimes resentful of having her life marked out for her. Despite this, it made her sad to give it up when our Dad was too ill to assist. Until her final days she was a regular Post Office user, fearful that if the Millom Post Office wasn't used it would close down.

Mam maintained close friendships formed during her childhood in the village and will be missed by her close friends Alice Barrow and Pat Hynd. Alice was one of Mam's bridesmaids and also godparent to Janet. Aud and Alice spent many happy times together. It is also fitting to add that Gladys Mutton and the late Marjorie Barker used to be daily visitors for a cuppa and 'a crack' in both the Old Post Office and at 1 Post Office Terrace.

Mam was a multitasker before the term was invented; she ran the business, nursed her elderly mother and cared for six children, baked most days, providing a pudding after each main meal and the washing machine and mangle were part of her daily life. As she said above, the house was always full of children, her own and others. All of us in the village were in and out of one another's homes when not out playing, though more often than not, we were in our house or the Ellwood's. Both Mam and Mrs Ellwood gave open house to us all, and were both talented bakers. No one baked a better gingerbread than Aud and Mrs Ellwood's strudel lives long in memory.



Audrey (left) and Alice Barrow (née Moore), pictured early 1950's

Our parents were both teetotal but Mam loved us going out imbibing a few drinks and bringing friends back for food or to 'crash' for the night, perhaps enjoying the adolescence she never had. Peter recounted the tale recently of my brothers camping in the playing field one night and coming home next morning to hear that two German girls who needed somewhere to stay had taken their beds!

As mentioned, the village was important to Mam. She refers above to Dad being very involved in the Reading Room/Village Hall, but what she failed to say was, that for a significant part of our childhood, Dad spent most evenings out at Village Hall meetings, Parish Council Meetings, Union Meetings or doing odd jobs for folk. The shop floor doubled up as Dad's workshop of an evening. Many a window frame was constructed there outside opening hours. Mam never resented that the bulk of childcare fell to her, as she saw Dad's commitment to village meetings to be an important contribution to village life. He was following a tradition set by her father. It is also worth acknowledging the endeavours of our parents' generation in fund raising to get the village hall established as a facility that was open to girls as well as boys. The Reading Room having been granted originally as an exclusively male domain. We would like to praise everyone involved in making it happen, most of whom are deceased. Mam did not socialise much but the Annual Gala, Christmas Party and Bonfire Night celebrations would always see her in the kitchen with the

ladies preparing teas. In her later years she enjoyed attending the Craft Group and Pensioners' Group.

Mam was not perfect! She could be stubborn and impatient but she was essentially a kind person, eg when Dad worked at Hodbarrow and the Tannery, she would send him off with cakes for his bachelor and widower colleagues. It is interesting that she expected them to be unable to bake yet encouraged all her children to cook and bake from an early age, regardless of gender. We lived quite frugally for most of the year but on festive occasions Mam always went somewhat over the top, eg at Christmas our low ceilinged cottage was a mass of crêpe paper streamers and our pillow cases were full to bursting with presents. A school friend recently reminded me of coming for tea on Shrove Tuesday and of her incredulity at seeing a huge washing up bowl full of pancake batter! Aud always had a good relationship with all her neighbours and was always well supported by them, whether in Post Office Terrace or on Mill Park.

Mam loved the natural world, as reflected in her choice of music for her funeral. She chose the hymns 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'Morning Has Broken'. The music she wished to



The Hambly family in 1968 (left to right): Susan, Janet (standing), Pamela, Audrey, Fred, Duncan (standing), Gordon & Peter

accompany her into and out of church was Louis Armstrong's 'It's a Wonderful World', because as she said to Pam - "It isn't it?" Our house was not only always full of children but also random pets or other animals that needed care, whether it was a chicken with gapes or a feral kitten found in the barn at The Punch. In her words, "You can't let them suffer". Nevertheless, her cure for most of our childhood ailments was sleep and fresh air, which seems to have worked.

Mam was well supported by many people and, in recent years, our cousins

Chris Smith and Stephen Hambly were always there for her and we are grateful for their help too. Mam's last few weeks were difficult for her, but we are all immensely grateful for the support received from West Cumbria Hospice at Home and St Mary's Hospice. We are particularly grateful for the care and support provided by the wonderful team from 'Combe Care'. The latter were without exception professional and caring and brought smiles to Mam's face at every visit. Without their input we would not have been able to support Mam as she wished and to die at home. She supported us all through the trials and tribulations of life and we are glad to have been able to try and repay some of that.

Thanks to all our friends, family and colleagues who have offered condolences - your thoughts are much appreciated. Thanks also to Sheldon's Funeral Services for their professionalism and kindness. Should anyone wish to make a donation in memory of Aud, they can be left at Sheldon's office; please mark envelopes clearly with either St Mary's Hospice or West Cumbria Hospice at Home.

There are too many village and family anecdotes about Audrey's 88 years to mention them all here. We have tried to give people just a little sense of Mam's contribution to, and enjoyment of, the village that she loved so much. We hope that you have enjoyed sharing our memories.

Janet, Duncan, Susan , Peter, Gordon & Pamela (Audrey & Fred Hambly's children)

The Green - Standing Stone - an update

A number of you will recall (and participated in) stone carving workshops organised by local artist Irene Rogan and held last summer. This was part of a project 'Between Silence and Light' to provide a legacy for Millom, Millom Without and the Duddon Estuary.

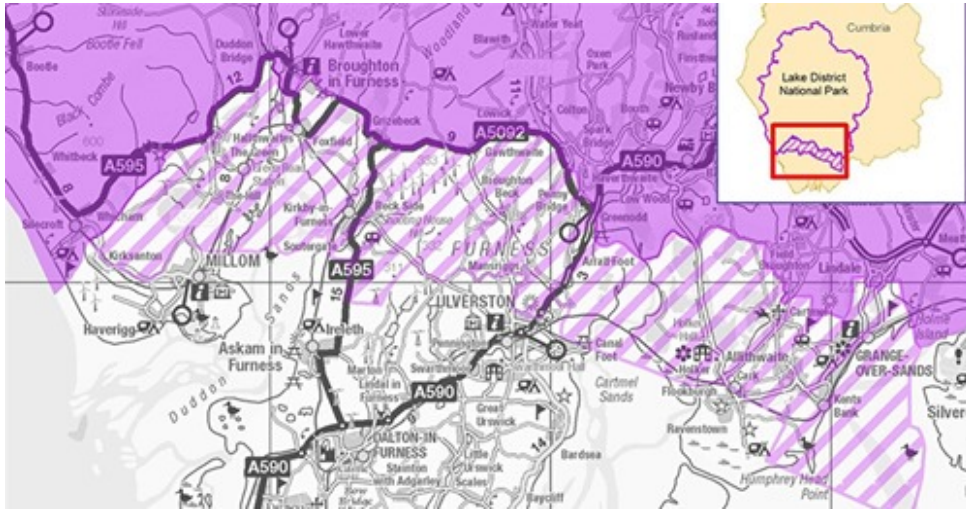
The other significant part of this project was to provide two standing stones in Millom and one for Millom Without. For Millom Without the stone is to be placed on the green opposite Thwaites Village Hall and The Punch Bowl. The installation of the stone should be complete in November.

Installation of the stone involves digging a hole and filling with concrete. Hazard tape and a board will alert passersby to the presence of the hole and concrete base. This work should be complete by early November. After the concrete has 'cured' for about a week 2 x Stainless steel pins will be inserted into the pre-drilled stone and to the concrete and fixed in with resin to secure the stone on the concrete.

The stone for The Green was provided by Burlington Slate and is over 2 meters high. Earlier this year Irene carried out research for the theme, design, and location of the stone and consulted with the public. The stone was then carved by Irene and stone sculptor Danny Clahane. A small portion of the completed standing stone is shown below. It is hoped that an opening ceremony can be held at some time, with account of Covid restrictions and the weather.



Protected Land - Look no further than the proposed Southern Extension of the National Park



Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged an extra 400,000 hectares of English countryside will be protected by 2030. This was his commitment to the Leaders' Pledge for Nature, a virtual United Nations event earlier this week.

Welcoming the PM's call to "turn words into action", Douglas Chalmers, Chief Executive of landscape charity Friends of the Lake District said: "I find the 'words into action' statement particularly encouraging, especially as we have already asked the Government agency Natural England to consider extending the boundaries of the Lake District National Park. "Working closely with the local communities, we commissioned research and a report that we believe justifies extending the Park south of a line between Silecroft and Grange-over-Sands. "The request was made in Summer 2019, and we look forward to hearing what will be happening in response"

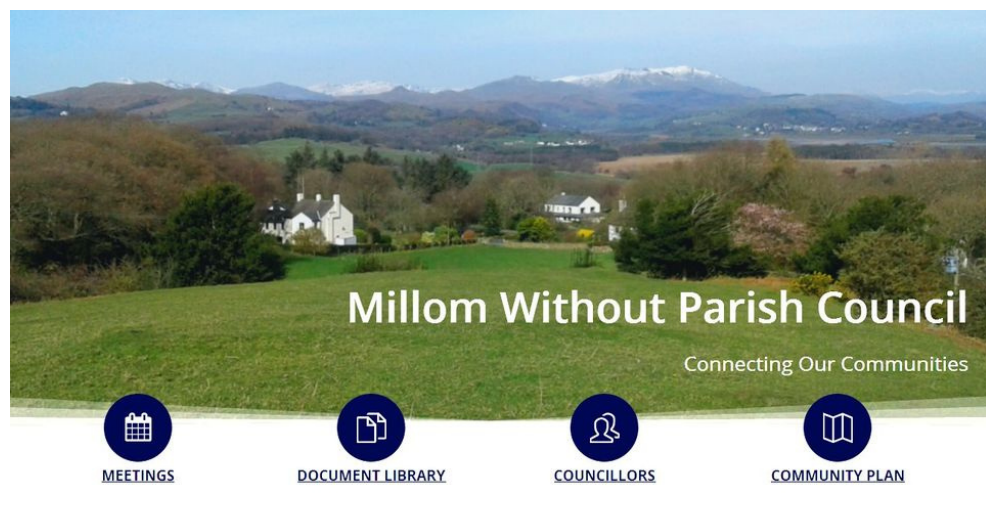
Friends of the Lake District submitted a formal request to extend the southern boundary of the Lake District National Park to Natural England in June 2019; Natural England is the government agency with the statutory powers to create a National Park or vary its boundary. The proposed extension would incorporate an area of outstanding landscape in the south of Cumbria, its land and its estuaries, increasing the size of the Lake District by 155 km² increasing its overall area by approximately 6%.

It incorporates the area between Silecroft and Grange-over-Sands, the Millom, Furness and Cartmel peninsulas and the Duddon, Leven and Kent river estuaries. The Southern Boundary Partnership was formed to learn more about what being in a National Park would mean for residents and businesses and to help build enthusiasm for this change.

A number of public events were held to involve the local community and answer their questions. The Southern Boundary Partnership group, together with Friends of the Lake District also engaged in informal discussions with local politicians of all parties, local government and non-statutory bodies including the NFU, CLA and Cumbria Tourism. Read more about Friends of the Lake District's proposal to extend the southern boundary of the Lake District National Park here:

<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/southern-boundary-extension> Friends of the Lake District submitted a formal request to extend the southern boundary of the Lake District National Park to Natural England (NE) for its consideration in June 2019.

Read the report: <https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/report-submission> For images of the proposed extension area see: <https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/images-of-the-extension-area>



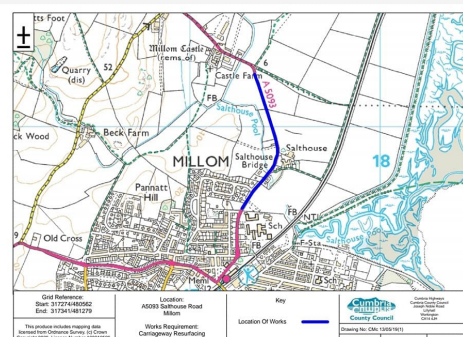
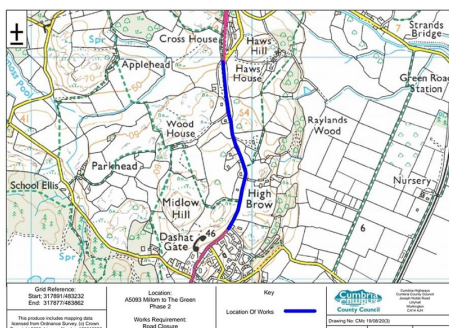
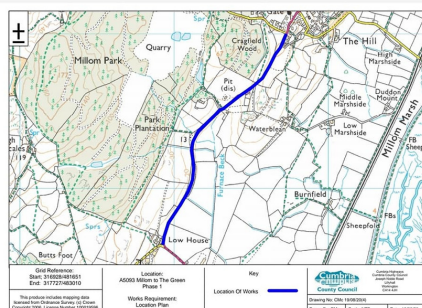
Millom Without Parish Council- Launch's New User Friendly Web Site

We are pleased to introduce a new version of our website for the Millom Without Parish Council. The website can be found at <https://millomwithoutparishcouncil.com/> or by clicking the link on our Facebook home page. The website has been redesigned to comply with Government accessibility requirements to aid users with disabilities or impairments to access the council's information. To further aid accessibility we have included a built-in tool which allows users to alter the appearance of the page in terms of colours, sizing and spacing as well as providing a screen reader, among other features. While we were carrying out the upgrade, we took the opportunity to refresh the whole of the site. We have added sections which allow us to post updates on the progress of the Community Plan, news about parish issues and details of events of interest. We hope that everyone will enjoy using the new website, visiting it regularly to find out about community and local government developments. We welcome your feedback and comments, particularly from any users with accessibility problems. Leave a comment beneath this post or use the "Send a Message" button near the top of this page for a private message. You can also contact us via the Clerk using the contact form on the website.

Road closures - Be Aware

Just a quick heads up to let you all know that advanced warning boards will be going up tomorrow (Wednesday) on the A5093 from Salthouse Road through to The Hill notifying of road closures for upcoming resurfacing works. There are three sections of the A5093 which will be closed; A5093 Low House Farm to School Ellis Junction, A5093 School Ellis Junction to Haws House, A5093 Salthouse Road. From Castle View Junction to Aggies Lonning Junction. These works will be carried out under road closures, with an official diversion route via the A595 through Whicham Valley.

It is anticipated that these works will take approximately 4 weeks in total scheduled to start on the 9th November. We will maintain access for school transport providers where possible, and those residents and businesses within the closure sections during these works. Access for Emergency Service Vehicles, pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times.





Community Volunteer - Support During Covid-19 Winter

The Parish Council is considering how to support the community during the period of Covid 19 restrictions that are anticipated to extend through Autumn and into Winter. During the Spring and into the Summer community volunteers provided help to shielding residents, principally by collecting prescriptions and shopping. This was secondary to, of course, to all the help that neighbours, friends and family provided in our community. Since the onset of Covid 19 restrictions local businesses have expanded their services for residents, and restrictions are not as absolute, but what might have been considered short term measures have extended to longer term. Consequently, potential impacts on residents will have changed from immediate practical needs to longer term isolation.

A lengthy directory of local and county wide services, compiled by Copeland Borough Council/Cumbria County Council, is provided with this article. This directory was issued mid-October and will be updated monthly by Copeland Borough Council/Cumbria County Council. If you have questions, issues, or concerns that are not addressed by the sources indicated in the accompanying directory then please contact 01229 716720 (9-5 only) or oandacontact@gmail.com. Alternatively, please leave your name with oandacontact@gmail.com if you are willing to continue being or become a community volunteer

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- **Next Month's will be a double issue covering December 20 and January 21**
- **Please send any articles/ notices to oandacontact@gmail.com by 25th of each month**
- **Now the magazine is e-version only - please ask any new neighbours or friends to have their copy issued by sending a request - again at oandacontact@gmail.com**