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Solar Street Lighting – progress update

In February's edition of Out & About, MWPC shared some of the key areas we were looking into following feedback from the Community consultations on the proposal to install solar street lights between Green Road station and the end of Middle cut.

We have formed a working group and discussions have been progressing with a potential vendor, specifically looking at the questions raised in the consultations. A site visit is planned in the near future with the aim of clarifying the technical aspects to provide a suitable specification that meets local needs.

We look forward to sharing further details in due course.



Do you remember the bicycle event at Thwaites Village Hall two summers ago? **On Sunday 14th May we will be repeating the event at Thwaites Village Hall** so save the date for another chance to test your skills on a cycle slalom, obstacle course and slow race. There will be refreshments, cycle security marking and more. All we need is cyclists of all ages and some sunshine!

Contact contactoandacontact@gmail.com for more information.

This event 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.

March 23 Winners

1st no 79 Ceri Gibson £30

2nd no 26 Terry and Mel Wright £15

3rd no 60 Gary Moore £10

4th no 92 David Urwin £10

Thwaites 100+ Club - Need's your support - Last Call

This years form for the 100+ club is attached on page 7 - we appreciate your ongoing support in making this both a successful Draw and the financial help in contributing the running of the Village Hall.

A Helping Hand - Out And About

Out and About is looking for some extra hands to continue to support and develop the local magazine.

Help can come in many ways with maybe just a couple of hours to spare each month, will contribute to Out and About being more sustainable for the future.

So if you have a particular interest in offering some regular features or from time to time on a subject or topic that can contribute to the appeal of Out and About - we are keen to hear from you.

Or you are happy to support the compilation of the magazine - all help will be welcomed and supported.

Please contact us at oandacontact@gmail.com - we can take it from there.....



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.

**New
Government
Requirement
- Voting ID**

Weekly Activities

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

BOWLING April 3rd
from 1.30 to 3.30pm
**This will be the last meeting
until September**

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 -
FIOW 9.30am - 10.30am

Key Dates

WI Meeting
18th April



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 26th April 23**

SUNDAYS

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

News From The Hill



100 Club March Draw
1st prize £50.00 No33 John
Sutton

2nd prize £20.00 no102 Louise
Falconer

3th prize £20.00 no51 Sid
Brighton

4th prize £20.00 no95 Caroline
Usher

5th prize £10.00 no81 Cathy
Holland

6th prize £10.00 no79 Jeg Gray

7th prize £10.00 no115 Mur Cove

**Coronation Supper,
Friday 5th May**

7pm for a 7.30pm start

**2 courses £30 or 3
courses £35**

**Prior cash payment
required.**

**Please ring Sally to
book: 01229 775172**

Deadline 21st April



Sample Dinner Menu
Friday 6th May 2023

Starters

Pan Fried Duck Confit and Chive Cake with Pea Shoots, Garlic Mayonnaise and Chilli Jam.

Seared Scallops Wrapped in Cumbrian Pancetta, with Black Pudding, Minted Pea Puree, Rhubarb Jam and Wild Rocket.

Lancashire Goats Cheese and Red Onion Marmalade Tart, Wild Rocket, Truffle and Balsamic Dressing.

Cumbrian Smoked Chicken Breast with Apple, Spring Onion and Coriander Coleslaw with Devilled Tomato Coulis.

Main Courses

Cinnamon Slow Roast Belly Pork, Roast Shallots, Dauphinoise Potato, Fine Beans Served with Marsala Sauce.

Leek, Cumin Roast Butternut Squash and Goats Cheese Wellington with Roast Garlic and Tomato Sauce.

Pan Fried Salmon with Creamed Potato, Poached Asparagus, and a Roast Bell Pepper, Tomato and Mussel Sauce.

Cumbrian Air-Dried Ham Wrapped Chicken Breast, stuffed with Mrs Kirkham's Creamy Lancashire Cheese and tarragon, Dauphinoise Potato, Baby Asparagus, Redcurrant Jus.

Puddings

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce and Whipped Double Cream.

Bitter-Sweet Chocolate Torte with Raspberries and Toasted Hazelnut Cream

Tangy Lemon Tart with Berry Compote.

Green Matters..... Red Squirrels need your help



Red Squirrel - caught on camera in the Duddon Valley. Looks like a decent lunch has been layed on..to welcome such a great visitor.

Did you catch that glimpse of the ‘flying’ red squirrel in the opening images of Sir David Attenborough’s new Wild Isles series? Wouldn’t it be lovely to see more in this area? That could happen with your help.

The red squirrel is a native British species which once thrived in various parts of Britain. Cumbria is one of the few parts of the country where it is still seen – and there have been regular sightings recently in the Duddon Valley - but numbers have dropped sharply due to the threat posed by greys.

The grey squirrel is indigenous to North America and was introduced to the UK in the 1800s. Here greys outcompete reds for food and can spread the squirrel pox virus that doesn’t affect them but is deadly to red squirrels. In short, non-native greys are wiping out our native red squirrel population. Greys will raid nests to eat birds’ eggs and chicks, as well as causing huge damage by stripping the bark from healthy trees. That’s bad for the environment and for the economy: the timber and forestry industry stands to lose an estimated £37 million a year in England and Wales from damage grey squirrels cause to our woodlands.

The very survival of our red squirrels depends on the effective control of the grey population which is something wildlife, environmental and forestry organisations are engaged in. Tackling grey squirrels and their impact is also one of the aims of the recently published Environmental Improvement Plan as part of the government’s commitment to enhancing biosecurity and helping our native species to thrive. The single image of a red squirrel on the cover of the document sends a powerful message.

That red squirrels still exist in the North of England is down to the efforts of groups such as the South Lakes Red Squirrel Group (SLRSG) that has been monitoring and controlling greys for over a decade. Their fate very much lies in the hands of the human population and the actions we take to reduce the number of greys.

If you would like to get involved please email Jackie Foott at southlakesrsgroup@btinternet.com and have the satisfaction of knowing you’re helping to protect one of Britain’s most iconic wildlife species

An update from Nuclear Waste Services, the GDF developer:

Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) has started its initial investigations to begin to understand the suitability of hosting a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) in South Copeland.

The desk-based studies will look at the feasibility of delivering a surface facility connected to the geology of interest off the coast.

A GDF is an underground facility designed to safely and securely dispose of higher activity radioactive waste. It is made up of a surface site and a larger underground facility which would be linked by sloping tunnels and/or vertical shafts.

Illustrative view of a GDF

Deep geology beyond the coast is being considered for siting the underground elements of a GDF in South Copeland. This means a surface facility on, or near, the coast would provide access to a disposal area deep in rock beyond the coast.

Studies may take around 2-3 years and will look at a range of topics which have taken into consideration community feedback gathered since the formation of the Community Partnership.

The work will include looking at issues such as geology, labour & skills, local power supply and transport. Another study is accessways – which looks at potential options for underground tunnels linking a surface site to an underground facility. Contracts have now been issued to supply chain specialists to carry out some of this work.

A single surface facility would require approximately one square kilometre – however all the elements of the surface facilities may not need to be together in one place. The underground part of a GDF will be located at a depth of between 200 and 1,000 metres.

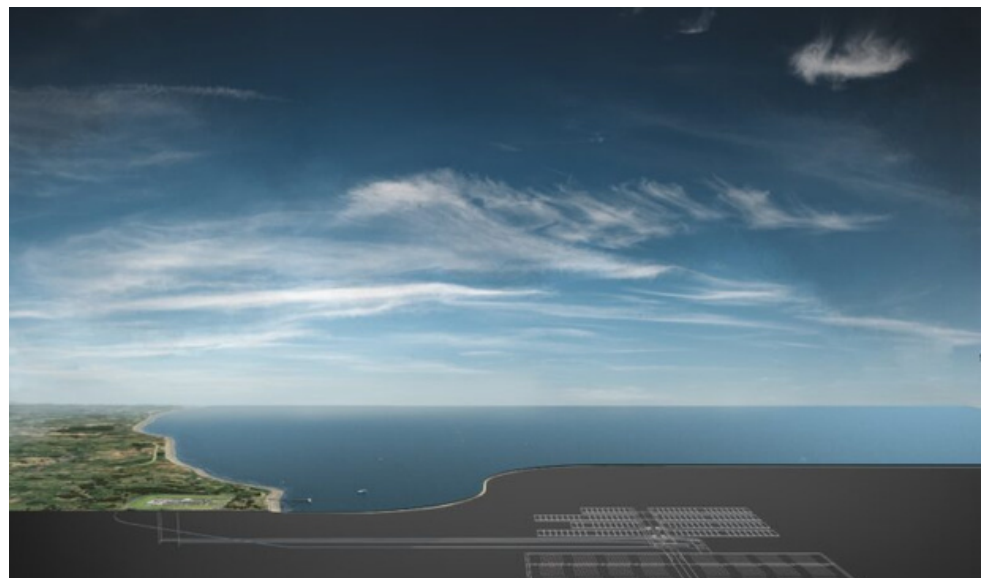
Simon Hughes, Nuclear Waste Services' Siting Director, said: "The work we've now started will address the most common topics to have emerged from our discussions with local people. It will begin to give us a much better understanding of the suitability of the area and enable us to consider how different elements of a GDF could be delivered in Copeland.

"A GDF is a multi-billion-pound infrastructure project, which could bring significant economic opportunities and thousands of jobs to the area which eventually hosts it.

"It's quite unique in having a construction and operation timeline of around 150 years, so we need to be thinking long term."

The Chair of South Copeland GDF Community Partnership, Ged McGrath, said: "We welcome news of the site evaluation studies commencing, as the information provided will help to answer many of the questions raised by members of the public and aid understanding as to whether South Copeland could be a suitable location to host a GDF. We will keep the community updated with the latest information as and when the findings emerge."

Illustrative view of a GDF



THE HILL 2023 PLANT & PRODUCE SALE

PLANT and produce SALE: MAY 19TH 2023

STARTS NOON

A reminder to put May 19th in your diary to help us support St Mary's Hospice at this year's plant and produce sale. We will be back in the layby at the northern end of The Hill on the main road: the flower pot man and signs will point the way. It is a cash only event and there will be a raffle with some great prizes.

Any donations of plants or baking or crafting will be very gratefully received. We need:

- Plants including cuttings, seedlings, divided perennials, and veg and house plants that you have spare
- Your home baking, cordials, jams and preserves
- 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"

Donations can be left in the layby from 6pm on the evening of Thursday May 18th for 45 minutes.

Please phone Sally on 01229 775172 if you have any questions or can pledge some support. 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!





LAST CALL FOR APPLICATION CLOSING DATE 5TH APRIL

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 5th April 23 - ready for the April Draw