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**Lady Hall open  
gardens on 5th  
May for**



**Christian Aid**

**Visit several Lady Hall gardens -  
Causeway Cottage, an adjacent  
vegetable garden and Newton Barn -  
on 5th May from 13:30 to 16:30. There  
will be tea and cakes and a plant stall  
with donations for Christian Aid.  
Parking will be available as directed.  
(Kindly note - No Dogs)**



**Annual Parish  
Meeting**

**Tuesday 17th May 2022  
THWAITES VILLAGE HALL  
COMMENCING 7.00 PM**

**ALL PARISHONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**Speaker: Kelly Anderson, Community  
Engagement Manager  
Ged McGrath, Chair of the South Copeland GDF  
Community Partnership  
Will present an overview of the process for the  
location of a GDF and how  
communities can engage in the process**

# News @ Thwaites Village Hall

If you wish to book the Hall, please contact Chris on 773284.



## Thwaites Village Hall

### 100 Club Winners - April 22

1st No 126 David Urwin £30.00  
2nd No 40 David Ross £15.00  
3rd No 109 Peter Hambly £10.00  
4th No 39 Marjorie Long £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 25th May 22



**May 5th - Village Hall will be open to  
support the Elections for the new Unitary  
Council - Cumberland**

## MONDAY

### ADULT & TODDLER GROUP

From 10.00 to 12 noon

BOWLING from 1.30 to 3.30pm

SCOUTS from 7pm (Term time only)

TUESDAY 10th and 24th  
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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
evenings

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

## FRIDAYS

Fit Friends from 9.15 to 10.15

SUNDAY Evenings from 7 to 8pm  
Table tennis team practice

**Key Dates**  
**For Your Diary!**



## News From The Hill

### The results of the April 100 Club draw

**1st prize £50.00 Victoria Guyatt no 104**

**2nd prize £20.00 Helen Guyatt no 39**

**3rd prize £20.00 Stephen Howse  
no101**

**4th prize £20.00 Alan Moore no106**

**5th prize £10.00 Stan Towndrow no  
61**

**6th prize £10.00 Jeg Gray no 79**

**7th prize £10.00 Gabi Napoletani**



### The Hill Village Hall Community Supper

This year there will be a Jubilee theme with a 'Royalty' quiz.

Saturday 14th May, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Cost is £16 per head for a two course meal (main and pudding)

BYO Drinks.

**Please book ASAP with Sally 775172 or Alan 772515**

Menu as follows:

Main 1: Oven Roasted Chicken Breast Wrapped in Pancetta, Parmesan Crisp, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Roasted Butternut Squash Puree, Tenderstem Broccoli, Rich Chicken Jus.

Main 2: Duo of Pork, Slow Braised Pork Belly, Roasted Pork Fillet, Grain Mustard Mash, Spinach, Crackling, Cider Sauce.

Main 3: Pan Fried Seabass, Braised Spinach, Fine Beans, Pancetta, Garden peas, Cereriac Purée, Roasted Sliced Potatoes, Red Wine Sauce  
Main 4: Roast Mushroom, Caramelised Onion and Gorgonzola Wellington, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Tenderstem Broccoli, Balsamic Gravy.

Dessert 1: Lemon Curd Tart, Macerated Strawberries, Blueberries and Mint

Dessert 2: Double Chocolate and Orange Tart, Orange Syrup and Vanilla Creme Fraiche.

Dessert 3: Cheese and Biscuit Platter



## PLANT and Produce SALE:

**JUNE 11TH 2022**

A reminder to put June 11th in your diary to help us support St Mary's Hospice at this year's plant and produce sale. Doors will open at 9:30 am on the Saturday at The Hill village hall.

If you can help us by donating plants or baking or crafting we would be really grateful. 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 at the village hall from 6pm on the evening of Friday June 10th for 45 minutes for you to bring any donations.

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

## Save The Dates



**Save Saturday 27 August** for Millom and Broughton Show, scheduled this year after 2 years of coronavirus restrictions. Take the opportunity now to start growing produce and flowers for the ever- popular horticultural classes. You can also hone your baking skills and embark on or finish a craft project for the industrial classes. More details can be found at <https://www.millomandbroughtonshow.com/>

**Keep Saturday 18th June** free for a community garden party at Thwaites Village Hall. This format, rather than the traditional Thwaites Gala, has been chosen to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will be fun, food and entertainment for all ages!

The Social Committee are looking for volunteers to help on the day - please contact [oandacontact@gmail.com](mailto:oandacontact@gmail.com) if you can support.



## ASIAN HORNET

*Vespa velutina*

### What is it?

An invasive non-native hornet originally from Asia. Suspected records should be reported immediately. A highly aggressive predator of native insects, posing a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. Accidentally introduced to France in 2004 and spreading rapidly. Not yet present in GB but likely to arrive soon.



### Where might I see it?

Most likely to be seen close to bee hives - bee keepers should be alert. Active from February to November in suburban areas in the south of England and Wales, or around major ports.

### What does it look like?

Distinctive hornet, smaller than our native species. A key feature is the almost entirely dark abdomen, except for the 4th segment which is yellow.

- > Slightly smaller than native hornet
- > Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow
- > Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- > Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)

Asian Hornet abdomen

Native Hornet abdomen



- > Makes very large nests



- > 'Hawks' outside honey bee colonies killing bees as they attempt to defend their hive

### **DANGER!**

This hornet stings. Do not disturb an active nest. Seek advice using the details below.

For more information or to report any sightings please email:

**[alert\\_nonnative@ceh.co.uk](mailto:alert_nonnative@ceh.co.uk)**

# Green Matters.....

## No Mow May!

Plantlife's No Mow May campaign doesn't ask you to do much. In fact, it asks you to not do anything at all... Just lock up your lawnmower on May 1st and let the wild flowers in your lawn and the road verges bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators. Full details of the campaign, to be run in association with Lidl, including a wide range of new resources for download which will be added regularly at <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may>

## Himalayan Balsam

Himalayan Balsam (see image) is a serious invasive plant species and it tends to grow in damp and shaded places, especially by watercourses. In our area can be found along Black Beck. If you see this plant and you are sure the landowner won't object then please remove this invader.

Control is best carried out in early summer (when it's starting to flower), but always before the plants set seed. It can be cut down, but it's probably better to pull it up if possible. If the plant is found locally, it is advisable to check where it has come from, otherwise any time-consuming management work will be made worthless, by further invasions in the following years from adjacent land. Note that longer term, it may be possible to control the plant by infecting it with a rust fungus. This is an experimental method at the moment.



## Sunflower Competition

The sunflower challenge has started! This is your chance to demonstrate gardening skills, show solidarity with the people of Ukraine, provide nectar for pollinators towards the end of the summer, and grow your own bird seed or nutritious snack.

It is certainly not too late to sow your seeds (you can obtain a pack of sunflower seeds from a local garden centre, directly from the organisers ([oandacontact@gmail.com](mailto:oandacontact@gmail.com)) or look out for sets of seeds at The Punch Bowl and other community venues). Sow your sunflower seeds using preferably peat free compost in a small pot (reused garden pot, recycled yoghurt pot, wrapped newspaper pot or bathroom tissue tube will all work).

The plants shown below germinated in a week or so, much to my delight.



However, a slug also found delight in my sunflowers and only one survived so I have started again.....

We are still sorting out competition details but we will have multiple prize categories – tallest, shortest, youngest and oldest entrants, most seeds, and so on -so grow now. Growing tip: sunflowers like rich soil in full sunshine (and don't like slugs). Please share updates ([oandacontact@gmail.com](mailto:oandacontact@gmail.com)) on your progress



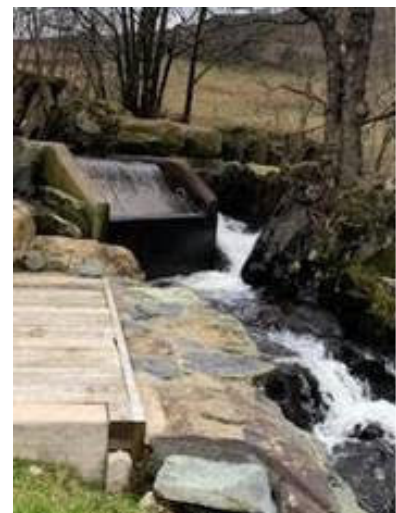
# Hydro-electric schemes

Many of you will be aware of the hydro- electric projects that are in operation in our area.

This one, in the Duddon Valley, is a great example of a low impact, low visibility scheme providing low carbon energy for up to 60+ years. This is a National Trust scheme completed in 2019 at Crosby Gill. It's an example of a great scheme, done very sensitively in an area that has SSSI designation and also an area of ancient woodland that the pipes go through –they are twin pipes, so where they can't be buried in the ancient woodland floor they will collect forest debris and disappear over time.

We were wondering if there are any other hydro-electric schemes in the Duddon Area which could be developed, potentially as a community owned scheme? A scheme for Black Beck was investigated but was not considered to be viable. However, a scheme on the River Lickle may be feasible and to that end Sustainable Duddon has secured Government grant funding to pay for an feasibility study into a scheme along this river. The first issue will be permission for the Environment Authority to abstract water. For this studies will need to include fisheries, geomorphology, hydrology and ecology. Other issues to be considered will be the siting of the installations and how connections to the grid will be made.

‘It's very early days, but there is the potential to provide the community with lower cost electricity from a hydro generator, thus help to lower our ever-increasing energy prices and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels’







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PLACE EDUCATION

## Millom Iron Line

### Latest engagement events

**Come and share your views on the latest ideas and proposals. Visit in person or engage online.**

**Friday**  
**6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Pop-up at Tesco Millom**  
**1pm-6pm**

Drop by to see the new images and proposals and share your thoughts. No need to register.

**Saturday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Drop-in at Millom Guide Hall**  
**10am - 3pm**

Drop by to see the new images and proposals and share your thoughts. No need to register.

#### **Can't attend an event?**

Share your ideas online at:

<https://www.placed-engagement.org.uk/iron-line>

Email Sam at [sam@placed.org.uk](mailto:sam@placed.org.uk) for info on the project and events, or if you have difficulty accessing the website.





**Cumbria Wildlife Trust  
DUDDON SUPPORT GROUP**

Thwaites Village Hall  
The Green LA18 5HJ

**HELPING HAVERIGG DUNES**

Friday 6 May, 7.30 – 9.00pm



Dynamic Dunescapes is a project to restore sand dunes for the benefit of wildlife, people and communities. With a focus on Haverigg dunes, discover from engagement officer, Eve Mulholland, how new conservation and habitat management methods are helping to protect Cumbrian dunes and increase biodiversity.

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

Members and non-members welcome

**WALK ON HAVERIGG DUNES**

Friday 20 May, 3 – 4.30pm

Take a close look at some of the flora and fauna that live in these coastal areas. We will explore the pools and wildflowers and learn about the importance of these special places. Led by Eve Mulholland, the walk is on uneven ground for up to two miles.

Booking is required as places are limited.

To book please contact Lynette Gilligan  
E: [lynette@gilligan.org](mailto:lynette@gilligan.org) T: 01229 716914

**ALL WELCOME      FREE OF CHARGE**