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## Is 20 Plenty in Windermere?



### Windermere Town Council would like to know your views about the possible introduction of 20mph areas in Windermere and Bowness?

With the exception of the A-roads, which would remain at their current limits, would you agree to the rest of Windermere and Bowness becoming a 20mph area to enhance the quality and safety of the town for both residents and visitors? It is not intended that there would be speed bumps.

For more information visit [www.windermere-tc.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.windermere-tc.gov.uk/20mph) and [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk)

Please send in your comments by **31st December 2015** to:

The Clerk, Windermere Town Council, Langstone House, Broad Street, Windermere, LA23 2AB

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# Lakes School

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In the heart of the Lakes

On October 8th Lakes School celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The day provided opportunity for much celebration and gave opportunity for old boys and girls to meet with current pupils at the school. The online Lakes School News carried a resume of the day and reproduced below are items extracted from the publication summarising the day:

Early morning on October 8th 2015, Mike Zeller from BBC Radio Cumbria broadcast from reception at The Lakes School. It was wonderful to welcome Mike and his team. Mike is talking to Emily and Matthew about productions, musicals and life at The Lakes School. Both Emily and Matthew were featured on the show playing the piano and violin respectively. Thank you both for coming in to school at 7am!



Mrs Liz Bagnall, Chair of Governors at The Lakes School, welcomes invited guests to our formal proceedings, remembering fifty years of The Lakes School.

Denise Jones, nee Firth, was the first Head Girl at The Lakes School to spend her entire school career at the school having joined in 1965 in Year 7. Denise had our invited guests in stitches remembering fond memories of life at The Lakes School.



Jennifer Holden, Head Girl, and Sam Richards, Head Boy, gave inspiring speeches to the whole school and invited guests that hit just the right note; remember the school that has done so much for them in the past and is still going from strength to strength. The praise they have received for their speeches has been overwhelming.

Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mayor of Windermere and Troutbeck Bridge, talks about his experiences of life at The Lakes School.



The Governors of The Lakes School have funded the installation of this plaque, commemorating our 50th anniversary. The plaque is placed in reception beneath the plaque commemorating the opening of the school in 1965.

Michael Cumming, an ex student and award winning TV and film director, produced a wonderful film celebrating many memories of The Lakes School from ex students and staff.

**Across A Lake Below The Hill** is available via the school website [www.lakesschool.com](http://www.lakesschool.com)

## We're going on a tree hunt...

The children of St Cuthbert's Primary School left more than footprints at the National Trust's Footprint Building. They spent a day outdoors as part of the school's development of Global Learning and outdoor education. Headteacher, Peter Harrison was keen to organise a whole school event for a full day working and learning together in an outdoor setting. "We cannot thank Friends of the Lake District, Natural England, Woodmatters and the National Trust for coming together to support this event. Experiences such as these are always memorable for children."

The children spent the day outside with talented and experienced leaders and ecologists, Gareth and Ro from Woodmatters exploring the woods, learning about the importance of trees locally and globally. A big part of the project has been to inspire a connection, respect and love of woodlands and the natural environment. The children explored the woods using their senses and discussed the way being in the woodland made them feel, "look at the colours, there are so many".



Key learning from the day were the anatomy of trees and the process of photosynthesis. They discussed different uses of trees by humans and other animals and plants in the ecosystem. When talking about different species of trees and photosynthesis the children explored different leaf shapes and created flags using the natural dye from the leaves. After discussing the use of wood as a fuel both for warmth and cooking, the children learnt how to effectively light a fire without matches. The children looked at how in many parts of the world, wood is the main fuel for cooking and we enjoyed some popcorn we cooked on the fire! The older children then used saws, splitting tools and potato peelers to whittle their own wooden butter knife from hazel.

And if ever people ask what are the benefits of children learning outdoors, then look no further and hear the words from the children themselves:

"Without trees we would not survive" "I thought it was going to be boring but this is amazing"  
"Trees are beautiful" "Woods are nice to walk in" "Beauty and calm"

## Bowness Bay Blues

TICKETS are now on sale for the fifth **Bowness Bay Blues** Weekend, 18-20 March 2016.

A brilliant line-up of blues musicians in the heart of the Lake District. Bowness Bay Blues has built a reputation as 'a flagship for the very best of British blues'.

There are two new features for 2016:

A two hour Twilight Blues Cruise on Windermere, featuring a unique acoustic collaboration between top blues musicians Jon Armor and Sean Webster.

There will also be a Free Fringe Festival in Windermere, with live blues music in four venues: Grey Walls, The Lamplighter, Queens Hotel and The Elleray.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Windermere and held the weekend before Easter, Bowness Bay Blues is a 'feel-good event' in more ways than one.

Every year the festival raises several thousand pounds for charity. The 2016 charitable causes will include St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston and the Lake District Calvert Trust.

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## We had no idea!

In addition to operating The Phoenix Centre Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust (BWCCT) have for many years provided a **Luncheon Club** every Tuesday at the Carver Church Hall, developed and operate **Windermeals**, the 'fresh meals to your home' service cooked by Windermere School, and offered a weekly **Drop-In** at The Methodist Church Hall in Windermere.



Recently the two long standing volunteers who supervised the Drop-In decided to 'hang up their teapot' and a small celebration was held at their final session. Gladys Langrill and Sylvia Fairbrother have been stalwarts of the Trust for some 20



years each and will be greatly missed. It is hoped that activities at the Drop-In will be recommenced once a new volunteer is identified to take over the mornings activities. The photographs shows Gladys and Sylvia receiving a small token of thanks from the Trust.

## Care continued

Recently BWCCT have also funded a 10 week Samba Drumming course at St. Cuthberts School. Twenty children between the ages of 7 to 11 signed up for the sessions and, considering that none of them have drummed before, their progress has been outstanding. Headteacher Peter Harrison has been thrilled by their progress and has even been tempted to have a go!



Hopefully you may have heard the band playing at the Christmas Lights event on November 28th.

It is hoped that more schools can be involved in an extension of the scheme that BWCCT will be funding early next year.

Another project to be jointly funded by BWCCT and Windermere Rotary is Schools United 2016. The project will target some of the junior children at our local primary schools. This project will encourage them to research their local history and celebrate their findings in way that everyone can see. Ultimately we want to develop and cultivate good citizenship, sportsmanship and promote social inclusion for all regardless of ethnicity and background. We believe this can be achieved through sport and the Arts.



The concept was prompted by the forthcoming celebration of the fifty years that have passed since England hosted the World Cup, a period during which many things have happened that the children will be enthused to research.

Working jointly with Dignity in Dementia it is also hoped that an inter-generational gardening project can be established and BWCCT is currently awaiting a decision from the Big Lottery Fund as to whether financial assistance would be available.

More exciting project are under development and will be reported in the HUB as more details become available. Of course it is also BWCCT that help ensure that all our public toilets remained open and the Trust has now been managing them for over 4 years. Some 350,000 people use the toilets every year.

If you would like more information about the trust visit **www.bwcct.co.uk** or to find out more about our projects contact **Simone Backhouse** on **07849 080709** or email **phoenixwindermere@gmail.com**

## Snippets from the minutes

Windermere Town Council has recently expressed extreme anger about the potential magnitude, and subsequent impact, of proposed funding cuts to Cumbria Police due to a change in the national funding formula. The change would see funding moved away from Cumbria to other forces resulting in direct impact on the level of policing available across the County.

The concern was expressed in a letter sent to the Rt.Hon Mike Penning MP, Minister of State at The Home Office, and was copied to Tim Farron MP, The Chief Constable Jerry Graham and Richard Rhodes, Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner. Should the cuts become reality Windermere Town Council will seek to investigate what could be done on a local basis to safeguard community policing across the Parish.

On a positive note Town Council has complimented Cumbria Highways about recent resurfacing work to Crescent Road/Main Road which was completed in the timescale advised and undertaken by operatives who were helpful and polite.

Recent decisions taken by the Council have included the placement of a plaque on a seat at the war memorial to commemorate the 6 Riflemen who died in 1945 on manoeuvres in Windermere.

Over the last two years our Town Steward, Gary Hancox has cleared the woodland floor in the 26 acres of Elleray Woods managed by Town Council. Wildlife is starting to return in droves, this dormouse nest



is a positive sign. Gary has also put in extra paths, made of bark and tree branches and has opened up views from the woods. Town Council has more plans for the future (walk guides, possible interpretation boards etc) but that will depend on funding and suitability. The main aim is to preserve and enhance the woodland for the people of Windermere and Bowness.



Town Council cannot function properly without the commitment given by those serving as Councillors. Amongst other activities the Council is responsible for Elleray Woods and Orrest Head, the War Memorial, Windermere in Bloom, Baddeley Clock, Langrigge Play area, the Allotments and, through Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust, all our public toilets. Being a Councillor does not have to be all consuming and, beyond attendance at the two evening meetings per month, involvement can be adjusted to suit an individuals interest or availability.

There are currently 5 vacancies on the Council and anyone interested in finding out more should contact **Julie Wright**, Town Clerk via **07951 402372** or email: **clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk**

## Keep on running!

Get involved in Brathay's anniversary fundraising challenge and help transform 1,000s of young lives. The 2016 Brathay Windermere Marathon and Half Marathon will take place on Sunday 22nd May.



Brathay's flagship fundraiser is 10 years old and has generated over £1million to help vulnerable children, young people and their families over the years.

Experienced and novice runners are being invited to get involved in their bumper anniversary celebrations to help them raise £150,000 through next year's events.

Sign up for the Brathay Windermere Marathon, praised for its friendly marshals and also known as 'The Beautiful Marathon'. You'll get lots of support and encouragement as you make your way around a 26.2 mile anti-clockwise lap around Lake Windermere.

Or why not have a go at a their half marathon – a brand new event for 2016. You'll take in the stunning lakeland scenery on a 13.1 mile route through the beautiful village of Hawkshead, onto Esthwaite Water, returning with views of the iconic Langdales and the surrounding fells.

Or come along to their Family Fun Day on Sunday 22 May with stalls, entertainment and activities for supporters and runners and make it a family event by involving your under 8s, 12s, 14s and 17s in their junior races.

The organisers say those who commit to it now have time to train, an incentive to eat healthily over the festive period and a fundraising opportunity to swap card and gift-giving with a donation request.

Race Director Jon Owen from Brathay explained:

"It would be great to see local people pledge their support now to help even more local youngsters. As we enter the festive season, followed by a gloomy few months of the New Year, this is a feel-good opportunity that benefits everyone."

Those who sign up for either event by Monday 4 January 2016 will qualify for a money saving early bird offer.

Further information and details of how to enter can be found at **[www.brathayrunning.com](http://www.brathayrunning.com)**





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- Keep your freezer and fridge door closed to prevent defrosting
- Leave a light on so you know when power is restored
- Use a battery operated or wind-up torch. If you don't have access to either, please take care when using candles
- Check on your elderly or sick neighbours and relatives
- Make sure electrical appliances such as cookers are turned off

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Parish priest Father Kevan Dorgan asked for some help this summer to get his overgrown and forgotten garden looking loved once again. Simone Backhouse rallied round and gathered some willing volunteers to help make a start. The following businesses have given time or donated things to make his garden look better than ever.

Father Kevan and Simone would very much like to thank:

- Windermere Round Table did the clearing out and sweeping up of over grown plants and bushes and cleaned out the gutters on the roof of the church;
- Will Hicks donated mulch and chipped a lot of branches;
- Stuart Wilson split a lot of logs on his log splitter;
- Steve Killiner, painter, donated paint;
- Emma Clarke gardens gave advice and over 1000 daffodils and her mum gave 20 plants;
- William Chapman, gardener, has given time, flags and weed killer;
- Gordon Greaves has donated a new sign for the Maryholm Centre for the side of the church;
- Glenn and Margaret George, local residents, gave plants;
- Ken Auphign cleaned and buffed the all the floor in MARYHOLM and the church;
- BWCCCT donated the use of their floor buffer;
- Andrew Backhouse, chimney sweep, has given time, stain and door stops.

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## Message from the Mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for Christmas and the year ahead.

Since becoming Town Mayor in May I have had the good fortune to represent Windermere at the second Inter lakes Europe conference in Iseo Italy. I enjoyed three days in the town where I met the Mayor of Iseo and representatives from Austria, Spain and 5 ex Soviet States. The focus of the conference was to identify how lakeside towns such as ours could obtain grants for community events from EU funds.



During the summer I represented the council at the Lake District Boat Club parade and, for the second year running, I presented the trophies. There were some wonderfully dressed boats and a good time was had by all the entrants. In late summer I attended Kendal torchlight event, another great success. The night stayed fine and all taking part in the procession looked spectacular.

Walking with the wounded came through Windermere in September and I was proud and very humbled to meet people who had lost limbs and suffered severe injuries in the service of their country.

In October I attended the Lakes School 50th anniversary celebrations and was asked to speak as both an 'old boy' and Mayor. I vividly recall the first day the new school opened in 1965 and shared some of my recollections during my speech. Everybody who attended the two days thoroughly enjoyed meeting with old school friends and teachers to reminisce.

In November I took part in the Remembrance Day service, laying a wreath on behalf of the community. The weather was atrocious but the ceremony at the War Memorial and the service that followed was well attended.

I have very much enjoyed representing Windermere at these, and other events to which I have been invited, and look forward to attending more during my time as Mayor.

**Councillor Leith Hallatsch**

## The Benchmen

Work is ongoing to refurbish benches across the Parish thanks to a team of committed volunteers led by Ian Irwin and John Brockbank. With support from PCSO Sarah Blacow and Simone Backhouse repairs to three benches on Shammies, Lickbarrow Road should have been completed and the benches reinstated by the time you read this newsletter. It is then intended that further benches be targeted for refurbishment. Many thanks to all involved.

## Signs of development

Millerground is one of the few 'natural' public access points on the eastern shore of Lake Windermere, 2km north of Bowness. Windermere & Bowness Civic Society is working with SLDC, National Trust, local school students and other local groups to refurbish this much loved area.



With funding from GoLakes Travel and support from SLDC, Windermere & Bowness Civic Society is pleased to announce that two new Information Boards have been installed to help all visitors get the most from this beautiful area. A map of Millerground and Rayrigg Meadow is included, with photographs of scenic highlights and of plants and animals to look out for during your visit.

There is also a 2km self-guided walk designed by Windermere & Bowness Civic Society. Details of the walk and interesting facts and history about the area are on the website. If you'd like to get involved in this project please contact:

[millerground@windermerebownesscivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:millerground@windermerebownesscivicsociety.org.uk)

## Healthy Hearts

For the past three years my wife and I, who are in our mid eighties, have participated in the "Healthy Hearts" exercise sessions at the Carver Church organised by Cumbria County Council Adult Education Department and it is amazing how much fitter we are because of it. The highly experienced trainer Libby Dixon arranges exercises totally appropriate to those attending and she pushes us, gently, a little more each week yet we never suffer any ill effects and it's a lot of fun.

If you are feeling a little stiff and unfit I recommend that you should give it a try and I would assure you you don't have to wear a leotard! Brian Jowett

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## New venue for L.H.A

A decision to hold Cumbria's only annual hospitality trade show at a new venue - the Rural Auction Centre, J36 of the M6 - is already proving popular. Fifty-seven businesses from Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria have signed up to attend the 41st Lakes Hospitality Show which takes place next February (Weds 24th and Thurs 25th). The organisers expect another 60 to have registered by the time the event opens.

The Lakes Hospitality Show is the focal point for the region's hospitality businesses. It coincides with the pre-season period when many plan their next round of investment. For some it could be expanding their premises, renovating rooms, or extending their offer with a new product. For others it could be finding a new supplier or buying-in services to improve the way they run their business.

As organiser Nick Hood explained: "The hospitality industry plays a vital role in the local economy. We create jobs, buy services and products and ultimately bring people in who spend their money locally. It's important we provide a high quality experience, run successful businesses and always look to invest and improve. This is the place to find out how to do just that."

The 2016 Lakes Hospitality Trade Show takes place on the Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th February 2016 at the J36 Rural Auction Centre, Crooklands - just off junction 36 of the M6. For more information visit [lakeshospitalitytradeshow.co.uk](http://lakeshospitalitytradeshow.co.uk) or telephone 015394 44495.



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