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Steamer celebrates 125th birthday!



The iconic 'steamer' MV Tern is the oldest vessel still operating on England's largest natural lake, Windermere, and celebrates her 125th birthday this June. Tern was launched on 27th June 1891 – the same year as Queen Victoria celebrated her 72nd birthday and the first ever Crufts dog show was held in the Royal Agricultural Hall.

The vessel was built by Forrest and Son, boat builders based at Wynhoe in Essex, and could originally carry 633 passengers. In recent years, Tern is famed for carrying the Olympic torch as part of the official relay in the run-up to the 2012 London Olympics. Tern has had a varied and interesting history throughout the 20th century. In World War II, the 'steamer' was moored at Bowness pier, where she was requisitioned as a sea cadet training ship and temporarily named HMS Undine after the submarine launched at Barrow-in-Furness.

During the filming of Arthur Ransome's 1973 Swallow and Amazons film, the crew of the Swallow narrowly missed colliding with Tern - an incident which resulted in an ad lib change in the script. Tern was also used in an episode of Agatha Christie's Poirot in 1996.

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Care Trust, schools and community

Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust and Windermere Rotary have recently funded "The Schools United Project" with three of our local primary schools in Windermere. The project commemorates England hosting, and winning, the world cup in 1966.

Local Community Artist, Donna Campbell was commissioned to work on silk paintings with each of the three schools. Windermere Prep school were the first of the schools to take part, there were 8 children involved in the project and the work was amazing.

St Cuthberts was next followed by Goodly Dale during June. Their finished work will be on display in the Phoenix Centre over the summer holidays. The photographs show the some of the steps involved in the process.



Pupils at Goodly Dale have also been working through an African drumming project funded by BWCCT with local musician Amy Boude. The children have experienced playing djembe drums over the 10 weeks. This project follows the successful Samba drumming project at St Cuthberts last year.

BWCCT is supporting Windermere Town Council by facilitating the organisation of the litter picking project known as Winderclean. The re-established project was launched on 19th May with the help of some of the pupils from St Cuthberts School. Pupils were out and about around Princes Road and Baddeley Clock to do their bit for this campaign. More recently Windermere Scouts have also been busy litter picking to coincide with the Clean for Queen campaign.



The Care Trust is hoping to attract more local groups to participate in helping keep on top of litter as it accumulates around the Parish and is able to make available all the equipment necessary to safely pick and dispose of the rubbish collected.



The YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY kindly donated some money to the Care Trust for the purchase of seeds and compost for a gardening project known as Young Buds. Two of the local schools, St Cuthberts and Goodly Dale, have both been participating in this project and have planted Busy lizzies, Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums and Lobelia. The children have cared for the seeds and will plant out in their school beds when they are ready. The Care Trust is grateful to Mr & Mrs Young who have assisted in this project.

For further information on any of these projects please contact **Simone Backhouse** on **07849 080709** or via **phoenixwindermere@gmail.com**

Inconvenient theft

Four of the local toilets operated on behalf of Windermere Town Council by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust were recently targeted by thieves who broke into the coinbox mechanisms.

The toilets at Bowness Bay, Braithwaite Fold, Rayrigg Meadow and Baddeley Clock were all affected and the cost of the damage caused was greater than the amount of 20 pence pieces stolen. It is believed that the thieves struck during the day between visits by cleaning staff with the thefts being discovered when the cash was due for collection. Removal of cash from all the toilets takes place daily, every day of the week.

If you have any information that might assist in identifying the thieves please contact **Bill Smith** on **015394 40020** or call the Police on 101.

Acres with a view

Holehird Gardens are holding an open day on Saturday 2nd July between 10am and 4pm. Come along to meet the gardeners at work in their lovely gardens!

Holehird Gardens has year round interest and covers 12 acres with spectacular views of the high fells and Lake Windermere. It is the home of the Lakeland Horticultural Society that has around 1600 members. Of these members some 200 are active volunteers. Holehird is unique in that it has no paid gardeners and relies entirely on volunteers.

The gardens are open throughout the year from dawn till dusk.

The volunteers have varying roles, including:

- Gardening - developing and maintaining the gardens
- Wardening - manning Reception from April till the end of October
- Running education courses and lectures
- Producing the LHS Journal, a garden guide, leaflets, and cards etc

There are tasks for all tastes, both for the fit and less fit. They maintain four National Plant Collections: Asfilbe, Daboecia, Meconopsis, Polystichum. They have a plant database and computerised plant labelling and also run a specialist library and operate a Met. Office approved weather station. Plants propagated by their gardeners are on sale at the Gardens.

Bring friends and family along on July 2nd. There are various children's trails to suit all ages. There is limited disabled access, including the Walled Garden. For more information look at their website: www.holehirdgardens.org.uk or **015394 46008**

MV Tern cont...

Today Tern sails two and a half times daily around Windermere from Easter to November ferrying passengers between Lakeside, Bowness and Ambleside.

She glides majestically along the lake, her iconic canoe shaped bow slicing effortlessly through the water - a testimony to the expertise of her Victorian builders and the dedication of her current owners Windermere Lake Cruises. Currently licensed to carry 335 passengers, she is manned by a crew of four.

Over the years she has hosted wedding parties, engagement parties, school trips, retirements and birthday parties, as well as being a 'Ghost Ship' on Halloween and carrying Santa and his elves at Christmas. There have also been a string of proposals on board and anniversaries celebrated.

Nature is best

South Cumbria Breastfeeding Support, which runs the breastfeeding support groups in Windermere and Kendal, has received funding from the National Lottery that will enable them to continue and extend the support that they offer to local mums. The funding, from Awards for All, ensures that their support groups will continue for at least another year, as well funding new workshops for mums who would like to support other mums with breastfeeding.

The groups are free to attend, though donations are always welcome. The groups have about 500 contacts per year with mums.

Ann Bruce, Breastfeeding Counsellor, says 'We're thrilled to have received this funding. We know that the groups are valued by mums in the area, and this funding gives us some much-needed security and the scope to develop what we can offer them.'

The Support Groups in Windermere takes place on Friday mornings between 9.30-11.30 at Windermere Manor Hotel, Rayrigg Road, Windermere, LA23 1JF. No need to book, just drop in.

You can find the groups on Facebook: Kendal and Windermere Breastfeeding Support Groups

For further information, contact ann@cumbriabreastfeeding.org.uk

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Cakeworks, Toffee Factory and Mintcake

Since the late 1800's the site now occupied by the Windermere Business Centre has been a focus of local employment. Over the years that part of the original building, now home to the Business Centre, has been modified and extended and the attached premises, understood to have once formed part of the factory, converted into cottages.



Since 1993 the first floor of the Business Centre has offered well provided individual office accommodation for a wide range of business ventures, including an important stepping stone for those seeking to move from a home based business into a credible business environment offering a 'proper' business address. During that time the ground floor has supported various business ventures from sun beds to a fitness centre, warehousing to training facilities.

Whilst the provision of individual office accommodation continues to be in demand the owners recognise that there is very limited choice locally to meet the needs of smaller business seeking to develop, or satisfying businesses that might locate to Windermere if suitable premises were available.

As a consequence an exciting investment programme is in hand that will see refurbishment of the ground floor into lettable office, meeting, interview and hot desking space. Parts of the old cake works will provide three distinct areas of self-contained open plan space of appx 62sq mts, 67sq mts and 103 sq mts that will be available individually, or in combination.

As to the past, if you have any recollections, photographs or anecdotes about the Cakeworks, Toffee Factory or Atkinsons please share them with us so that we can pass them on the owners who wish to ensure that the heritage of the building is reflected in the refurbishment.

Highways Hotline

The Cumbria County Council Highways Hotline number has changed. The new number is:

0300 303 2992

The hotline is one method by which the public can report issues with the highway. You can also report a highways fault by visiting:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/highwayshotline



Locally made goods from the 'Made In Cumbria' range are being sold in a new shop in the Windermere Information Centre in Victoria Street.

After storm Desmond the information centre wanted to do something to help local independent run businesses, they teamed up with Made in Cumbria to showcase local produce in the area which will be sold both to residents and tourists.



Amongst the supplies are Hawkshead Relish, Lakeland fragrances, Abbey Horn and many more. Coming on sale soon will be Kendal Mint Liqueur, Toffee Vodka & Damson Gin. They will also be doing hamper orders for those special occasions.

South Lakes MP Tim Farron attended the opening with other invited guests. "This is an exciting new scheme which will give local independent businesses a welcome boost following the difficult period they have been through. This sends a clear message that 'Cumbria is open for business' & provides a fantastic showcase for the local produce.

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New club, new focus

In the previous edition of the HUB we carried information about changes at the CAMEO project delivered at The Marchesi Centre.

Under its new management the name has also now been changed to reflect the wider appeal of the **Social Club at The Marchesi** which is now open to anyone over 55. The emphasis is on inclusion and socialising, with friendly discussions and opportunity to participate in a range of activities tailored to the requirements of those attending.

It is hoped to be able to expand the Club to three days a week and the transport already provided via a local taxi firm can be arranged for new attendees. For further information contact **Anita Baxter** on **07874009808** or pop in on Mondays and Fridays.

For a second year running, Ulverston's architectural metalworkers Chris Brammall have been commissioned as the 2016 Tourism Awards Designer with a brief to create an iconic and bespoke work of art to reward the achievements of the county's top tourism operators.

The hand-forged awards will this year feature one of the most iconic Lakeland landscapes – Great Gable – depicted by a copper ribbon running through the centre of a mild-steel plaque and burnished to give a distinctive mottled finish.

A traditional Lakeland slate insert by local company The Stone Workshop, scripted with the awards logo and category will add the finishing touch.

Chris Brammall commented; "I am delighted to once again be designing the Cumbria Tourism Award. This year, I've chosen to highlight my personal favourite Lake District landscape Great Gable, which for centuries has inspired many artists including myself. Each award will be individually hand-forged to create a beautiful, bespoke plaque to be proudly displayed in the award winning businesses."

This year, there are a total of sixteen Cumbria Tourism Awards categories including Wedding Venue of the Year, B&B of the Year and Guest Accommodation of the Year – all new for 2016. All of the winners will be crowned at a glitzy awards ceremony due to take place in June.

For more information please visit www.cumbriatourism.org/awards

Chris Brammall lives in Windermere and is one of the leading architectural and sculptural metalworkers in Great Britain. He trained as a Blacksmith at Hereford College of Art and Design where he discovered a natural affinity for the art of blacksmithing.

From a blacksmiths forge at Graythwaite his work developed from small scale private commissions and he now leads a twenty strong team from a purpose built studio and workshop in Ulverston.

His impressive and varied portfolio of art initiatives and public realm projects includes sculptures, bridges, street furniture and bespoke architecture as well as restoration and private commissions.

Many of his most iconic sculptures can be found in public spaces throughout the UK. Cumbria commissions include The Glebe Bowness-on-Windermere, Staveley Mill Yard, White Moss Rydal and Brockhole Jetty.

To see examples of his work please take a look at www.chrisbrammall.com

Music of the Lakes

Vaughan Kennedy has created a masterpiece of 'easy listening' and 'musical drama' by composing twelve original movie-theme-style orchestral tracks, each capturing a different aspect of the Lake District.

The album was conceived and planned in Cumbria by Malcolm Thorogood, who has been a Lake District resident for 17 years. Vaughan Kennedy is one of the UK's most talented composers of orchestral themes.

"Music of The Lakes" costs £9.95 for a double CD and can be bought from Windermere Tourist Information Centre, Windermere Lake Cruises Info. Centre, The Boatman's Cafe, Bowness and The Lindeth Howe Hotel.

Pounds for Millerground

The Millerground Enhancement Group community project, led by Windermere & Bowness Civic Society, has just been awarded a grant of £50,000 from the SLDC 'Locally Important Projects' fund. In addition SLDC has also committed a further £100,000 from its capital fund for 2017/18. Together with funds already raised, this will help the Group to achieve its aims of restoring Millerground and Rayrigg Meadow.

Much work has already been done by local students and volunteers helping National Trust rangers to plant wildflowers, bluebells, daffodils, clear undergrowth and repair pathways. This money will enable the lakeshore, footpaths, picnic area and playground to be restored, making the whole area once more a welcoming and attractive place for all local residents and visitors to enjoy.

The footpath from the car park to the lakeshore will be improved to allow much easier access for pushchairs and wheelchairs, and those who find steps and gradients difficult. This will be a great benefit to assist the elderly and disabled to enjoy this location. An exciting new playground will be installed offering natural themed adventurous play for all ages and abilities.

The lakeshore around Rayrigg jetties will be substantially improved to provide family-friendly access to the edge of the lake. The view from the top of the bank will continue to be opened up and new seating and picnic benches will be installed to appreciate the view. Detailed planning and additional consultation will take place in 2016 with the main work happening in early 2017.

Millerground will host the very popular free of charge 'Swim Safe' event this summer from 4th July to 13th August. Please visit the Swim Safe website: www.swimming.org/swimsafe

For more information please email John Saunders at millerground@windermerebownesscivicsociety.org.uk

Stop & go on the Glebe

The Optimising Connectivity Enhancement scheme on Glebe Road in Bowness being undertaken by Cumbria County Council has been halted and work will not start again until Autumn 2016.

The site has been made safe to enable the area to be opened up to the public. Cessation of the work follows an unexpected issue affecting United Utilities assets in the area of the works.

Given the timescales of determining satisfactory resolution to the problem, and the disruption that would be caused if construction work took place during the summer, the decision to postpone construction of the scheme seems the best solution.

In the meantime, further consultation has been undertaken on behalf of Cumbria County Council with key landowners and affected parties to draw up proposals for future enhancement to the pierhead area between the Belsfield Hotel and the lake.

We are advised that public consultation will be undertaken during the summer to determine a favoured scheme although, in advance, Cumbria County Council are submitting a funding application for the scheme to the Local Enterprise Partnership.

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Blooming sponsorship

Windermere Town Council have been using this period to plan for Windermere in Bloom. They have appointed a new contractor to plant, erect and water the 108 hanging baskets & tubs in Windermere & Bowness throughout May and will last throughout the Summer months.

They have a list of regular sponsors but could always do with more. It costs a business or an individual just £50 to sponsor a basket or a tub for the whole season and a name plaque is attached as a thank you.

If you are interested in sponsorship for Windermere in Bloom, please contact the Town Clerk **Julie Wright: clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk or 07951 402372**

Gary, the Town Steward, has been planting up quite a few of the currently "abandoned" planters around the area with the hope to have some good sustainable colour throughout the Summer.

Windermere in Bloom judges will be out and about in the local community during August and will leave a "calling card" to properties that have been judged – no applications needed. The presentation evening will be held on 22nd September, at the Ladyholme Centre and invites will be sent nearer the time.

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From the minutes...

A large focus of Town Council meetings recently has been developments at the Glebe, both the proposals to improve access to the area by Cumbria County Council and the arrangements for "Rock on Windermere" in June.

The dates of our forthcoming meetings are 8 June, 22 June, 13 July, 27 July, 10 August and the agenda is posted around the whole area, including Windermere Library, Ladyholme Centre, Bowness News, Troutbeck Bridge Services and Langstone House.

All residents of Windermere & Bowness are welcome to attend and have a say in our public speaking slot. We currently have 5 vacancies on the Council, it is very rewarding and not too demanding (honestly!).

If you are interested, contact the Town Clerk **Julie Wright: clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk or 07951 402372**

Litter picked

Lots of residents are concerned about litter spoiling the beauty of the local area. The Town Council have responded by extending the hours of the Town Steward, Gary, to do more litter picking particularly in "hot spot" areas.

If you see Gary out and about and are aware of any eyesores, let him know. He wears a Windermere Town Council Hi Vis vest so he should be easy to spot!

Working with the council, Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust have resurrected "Winderclean" to help combat the increasing amount of litter. They are putting together a list of volunteer groups to participate in the scheme.

If you are interested in joining in please contact **Simone Backhouse** or **07849080703** or email **phoenixwindermere@gmail.com**. All equipment and instructions are provided!

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All go at St Cuthberts

Pupils from Windermere School and staff from the Yorkshire Building Society have recently been helping out in the community to move some mulch around the Catholic Church in Windermere onto Father Kevans garden.

There has also been a parish meeting at the catholic church where the newly installed sound panels at Maryholm have been fitted thanks to the joint efforts of proceeds from the parish 100 club, Father Kevan and the Parents Friends Association of St Cuthberts School. These sound panels have made a huge difference to the hall and made the room a calmer place when the children are using the hall.

The PFA at the St Cuthberts School have also been busy with their fund raising efforts by organising an Easter Draw, the first prize was signed limited edition of a picture of the RAF Red Arrows 2015 team. This was won by head teacher Peter Harrison. This event raised over £600 including the refreshment sold at the draw.

The Windermere Town Twinning Association have recently teamed up with the PFA at St Cuthberts and together organised a coffee morning (Saturday 21st May) at the Marchesi centre. The funds from the event will be for the school music department.

Recently St Cuthberts were successful in their grant application to Windermere Town Council for the purchase of some glockenspiels for the younger children to use. The PFA match funded the project and 12 were bought for the children. The children played their glockenspiels alongside the Diessen Blassergrupe when they visited recently at an assembly in Maryholm.

Thanks to a successful grant application to the Cumbria Community Foundation all the children at St Cuthberts will now be able to experience six sessions of Forest school with 'Natural Connections' at the Footprint building project Patterdale Road Windermere. The children will attend the sessions during September and October.

For further information on any of these projects please contact **Simone Backhouse** on **07849 080709** or via **phoenixwindermere@gmail.com**

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Allot on offer

Calling all potential allotmenters. Windermere Town Council recently held the Orrest Drive Allotments AGM. The site of 14 allotments, which was created and is run by the Town Council, is thriving. There are two plots vacant, so if you live close to Orrest Drive and are interested in growing your own, get in touch with the Town Clerk, Julie Wright: **clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk** or **07951 402372**.



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