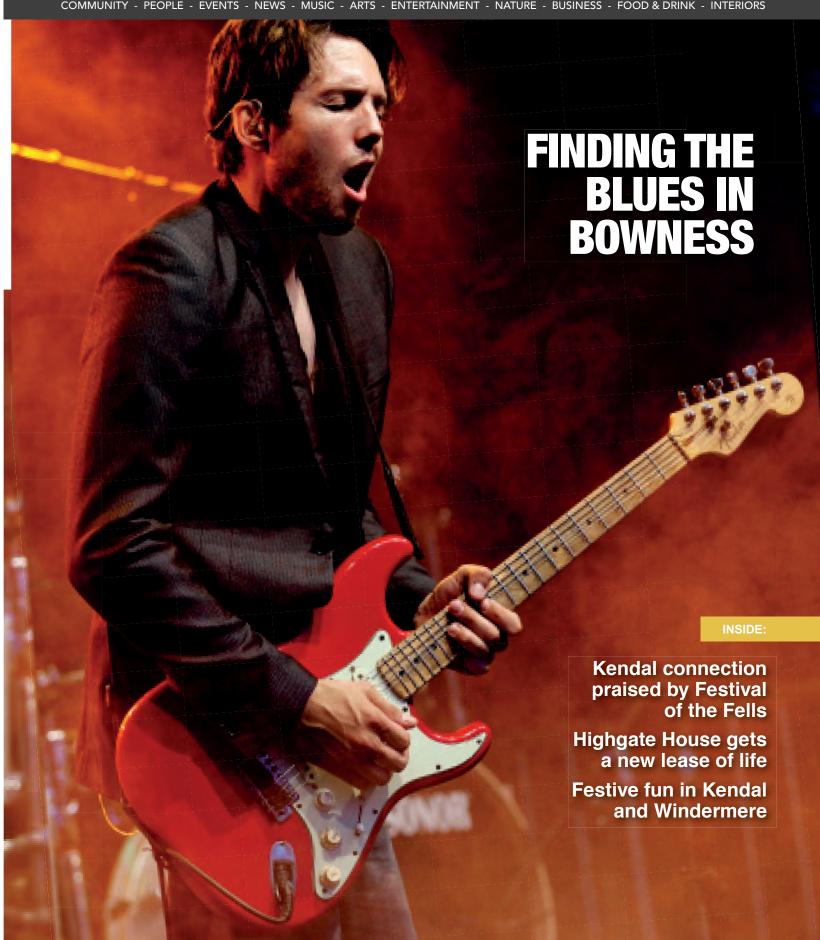


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31 Dec New Year's Eve service 11am

singing carols together, enjoying refreshment, quiet reflection, time for children....there is something for everyone this Christmas.

Letter from the Editor

Welcome to issue 31 of Windermere Now which has a few changes and surprises. For a start we have changed the name to Kendal and Windermere Now.

For Kendal residents who are receiving this for the very first time, welcome to your free editorial led community magazine, delivered through every letterbox in the coverage area. Local news coverage ensures the paper is read from cover to cover which is good news for both readers and advertisers.

Based in Grange, we employ only local people who live in Grange, Kendal (Editor), Ulverston and Windermere.

For this pilot edition (to Kendal) we have delivered to all of Windermere and Bowness and half of Kendal postcodes. For the next edition (if you like what you see) we will deliver to ALL of Windermere and ALL of Kendal - 22,000 copies and 100% coverage of the area.

From school reports, to local news and events, arts and music features and entertainment news, business insights and food and drink suggestions, it helps everyone to be better informed about what is going on. Who knows, you might even found out something new, be inspired to join a club, or visit a local event.

Our sister paper Grange Now serving Grange, Cartmel and all the Cartmel peninsula has been going for over 25 years. The third paper in the nowmags group is Ulverston Now. Between them we provide local news and information to over 30,000 homes in the South Lakes area.

So welcome again to our new look - new logo, new readers and more pages than ever in this festive edition. The next deadline for Kendal and Windermere Now is 26th January. If you want to find out more about all 3 papers in the nowmags group take a look at nowmags.co.uk.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas. Chris Plumb - Editor

p.s. Are you Interested in writing articles for Kendal and Windermere Now? If you have a genuine interest in helping your local community, then why not get in touch.

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Organisers of the second Festival of the Fells, held in and around Ambleside between September 21 and 23, have praised the 'Kendal connection' that helped make the event a huge success.

Kendal Mountain Festival kindly supplied 16 short films that were put together as one feature-length film and shown at Ambleside's Zeffirellis cinema.

"This was a very generous example of supporting fellow Cumbrian communities, and we would like to thank Kendal Mountain Festival for their support," said Robin Brackenbury, a member of the Festival of the Fells organising committee.

"We would also like to thank Kendal-based band Room Full of Mirrors, who proved that you don't have to worry about the rain to have a good time."

He was referring to the Mirrors' open-air performance at the Market Cross on the second night of the festival, when several hundred people watched their performance – and dozens danced in a downpour as Paul Harrison, Dawn Foster and Co. mesmerised everyone with their powerful blend of melody and beat.

"We're hoping that they come back again next year," said Robin. "We think they might."

This year's event featured a number of sell-out events, with talks from leading mountaineers Alan Hinkes and Simon Yates, and a fabulous double-header from Lakeland mines expert Mark Hatton, who packed out the Golden Rule pub with a talk and the next day was guiding an enthusiastic group around Coniston's coppermines valley.

There was also a huge turnout for The Great Ambleside Dog Walk, with more than a hundred dog owners bringing their pets from all over the country to go for a walk with the Lake District's celebrity social media springer spaniels

Kendal connection praised by Festival of the Fells



MAIN: Dancing in the rain.... as Room Full of Mirrors play

INSET: Freedom Wizard's Allie Pennington, left, and Jeanette Moore receive a cheque from Philip Fell, joined by Paddy and Max BOTTOM: Alfie (blue coat) meets his hero Max (orange)

Max and Paddy and their owner Kerry Irving.

They included Sue Ogilvie from Newquay in Cornwall, whose own springer spaniel Alfie soon became best pals with Max.

"Alfie's got his own Facebook page in Cornwall, and he told me he wanted to come up to Cumbria to walk with a real superstar," she said.

More than £1,000 was raised from the dog walk for the charity Freedom Wizard, which helps wheelchair users enjoy the great outdoors, and a further £500 boosted Freedom Wizard's coffers when Philip Fell, president of Windermere and Ambleside Lions, presented a cheque to the charity's livewire founder Allie Pennington.



Your county needs you!

Emergency taskforce volunteers needed



The British Red Cross has recently launched a Cumbria-wide campaign, to recruit hundreds of volunteers who are willing to drop everything during a major emergency.

The charity says 'Community Reserve Volunteers' will form a practical taskforce, working as a team to do anything from filling sandbags to sorting food for their flooded community.

It's hoped the new teams will be able to provide valuable help if emergencies like the widespread floods of December 2015 were ever to be repeated.

Simon Lewis, head of crisis response for the Red Cross said: "We've seen through the sad events of this year, including the Manchester Arena and London Bridge attacks and the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the extraordinary levels of kindness shown by ordinary people from local communities, when a crisis hits.

"It shows you don't need special skills to help others. Small acts of kindness, and coming together as a team, can make a huge difference.

"This project is a way of harnessing the goodwill and kindness of the public for future emergencies, by signing people up in advance. We recognise people have busy lives and can't always commit to volunteering all year round.

"We would only call upon people at times of major local crisis, which hopefully won't happen often, but when they do, and extra help is needed, people will have the opportunity to make a big difference. There are many different ways of helping your community, but this is a new one." People can sign up by visiting www.reserves.redcross.org.uk.

Volunteers must be over 18, have a mobile phone and be prepared to carry out practical tasks during an emergency.

Access all areas, mainly the North

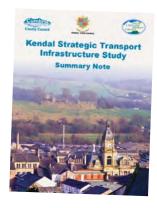
Local MP Tim
Farron says he was
"encouraged" after
meeting early this month
with the Transport
Secretary Chris Grayling
to discuss plans to
fund a new Northern
development route in
Kendal.

Tim was joined by the Deputy Leader of Cumbria County Council, Councillor Ian Stewart to make the case for a Northern development route in Kendal.

Tim said: "We had a very encouraging meeting with the Secretary of State who said the scheme was credible. We made the case that

a Northern development route would create jobs, relieve congestion, and improve the air quality in the town centre. There is so much potential and today's meeting was hopefully a big step forward to making a Northern development route in Kendal a reality." Speaking in the House of Commons in October Chris Gravling said that he was unaware of the scheme, but had set aside money for bypass roads in congested towns like Kendal. Mr Farron said: "This

route would ease congestion in our town and give a huge boost



to the employment areas off Shap Road and Appleby Road. The gridlock we've had when the M6 has been closed recently has made the need for this new road all the more obvious."





Graham Wilkinson, the Principal and Chief Executive of Kendal College, has announced that he will be retiring at the end of May 2018.

Graham, joined Kendal College in 2001, and during his time in charge, has transformed the College from its failing College status into the top performing, highly respected institution and leading training provider it is today.

He was instrumental in overseeing the investment of more than £27 million in state-

of-the-art college facilities and learning resources, including a new Creative Arts and Media campus, Engineering, Science and Technology Centre, and the innovative Castle Dairy Apprenticeship Academy for hospitality and catering students, which has helped to produce some of Cumbria's top rated and Michelin-starred chefs.

Prior to joining Kendal College, Graham had a successful career in the hospitality industry, training at a Swiss School specialising in culinary arts. As well as working as a chef in major 5-star hotels, he prestigiously also became one of the chefs to HRH Queen Elizabeth. Graham lived and worked at Buckingham Palace and travelled with the Royal Court to places including Sandringham House, Balmoral Castle and HMS Royal Yacht Britannia.

Graham plans to spend some of his retirement touring the UK and Europe in his new motorhome with his partner Jane and dog, Jack. He will also be available for consultancy work and special projects as well as pursuing a keen interest in photography and DIY.



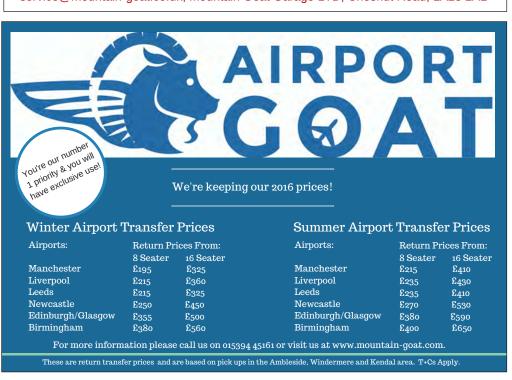
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Wainwright sleuth is on the prowl

Chris Butterfield lives in Edinburgh but spends half of his life in and around Kendal and Blackburn as he tracks down long-lost Alfred Wainwright memorabilia.

"It started a few years back when I first began to snap up stuff on eBay, but now it seems to have snowballed," said Chris. Snowballed it has, as anyone who visits his Facebook group – Alfred Wainwright Books and Memorabilia – will indeed find. Recently, he has secured a second signed Book One (the Eastern Fells) in excellent condition.

Chris secured some old holiday snaps of AW and Betty taken during a Scottish holiday at Durnish with his publisher Andrew Nichol and wife Bernice.

"These are fabulous," said

Chris. "The holiday took place not long after the Scottish TV series was aired. On the way, they made an overnight stop at North Ballachulish in a nice hotel, but AW hated it. Fine dining and nice furnishings were not to his taste. He preferred your average working men's club."

And where does he keep all his 'booty'?

"I've got a Wainwright man cave at home! Lots of pictures and posters on the wall, blinds kept shut to keep out harmful sun rays, etc," said Chris. "But we're looking at getting a bigger house."

So is his wife Priscilla okay about that? "I hope so." And spending several hundred pounds a month on AW memorabilia? "Hmmm . . . I'm not so sure about that."





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electricity meter alone could take some time to tell. We have been helped along the way by the County Council Highways team and by some grant funding from South Lakeland District Council.

However, the real stars are John Charnley, the local stone waller, who has done a superb job and Garv Hancox, our Town Steward, who has come up with such a beautiful planting scheme, inventive, natural and a joy to the eye. Thanks to all these people, Windermere now has a southern entrance to be proud of and a display of flowers that our lovely town deserves.

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And that's just what you can enjoy at Holy Trinity Parish Church, next to the Abbot Hall Art Gallery, through December. It's the sixth year they have held the community event which brings people and local organisations together to raise money for charity, help the local economy and share the joy of Christmas.

This year the church will be bulging with about forty trees lighting up the ancient interior. Each tree will represent a different charity or organisation.

For a seasonal treat



why not go along to the Festival, to wonder at the Christmas trees, enjoy a beverage and a piece of cake and perhaps attend one of the concerts.

The festival is open on:

- Friday 8th and 15th December 3.30 – 5.30pm,
- Friday 22nd December 1pm – 5.30pm,
- Sat 9th, 16th and 23rd December 11am-4pm
- Sunday 17th December 3pm – 5pm.

The concerts are playing during the festival, on

these dates:

- Saturday 9th December, The Young'uns (Best Group at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award in 2015 & 2016)
- Sunday 10th December, Kendal Choral Society
- Saturday 16th
 December, Burneside &
 Sedbergh Youth Brass
 Bands.

Admission, £1.00 per adult (accompanied children enter for free). There is nearby parking, disabled access and toilets.

Hundreds of years of yards in Kendal

A new book brings back to life some of the old haunts of Kendal, with a look at the town's once-bustling yards.

'The Yards of Kendal', produced by Kendal Civic Society members Trevor Hughes and Arthur Nicholls, is based on the research of more than 100 crofts and ginnels undertaken by the society's late chairman. Dr John Satchell.

The yards began as far back as the time of William The Conquerer, and by the end of the 18th century they comprised dozens of 'communities within communities' that today still means a trip to Kendal can be a feast for urban explorers.

The book went on sale last month.

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Back in business

The newly refurbished Post Office at Bowness has officially opened today.

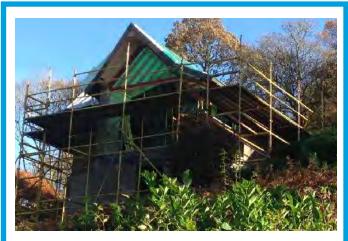
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- Develop closer links with voluntary, community and faith colleagues
- Look at new ways of working to make the most of resources
- Achieve healthier happier communities

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Intrepid Girl Guides

What was life like for women in Cumbria 100 years ago? How did daily routines differ from ours, and what were the similarities? And whose were the outstanding stories?

A Cumbria-wide initiative. "Women of Cumbria" is addressing these questions with the help of local museums and a wide range of women's and girl's organisations. The Museum of Lakeland Life and Industry in Kendal will be telling the story of how local women fought

for their rights, particularly the right to vote, and the John Ruskin Museum in Coniston will explore the Coniston Ruskin lace makers and some intrepid female pioneers.

Girlguiding Cumbria South is one of the groups who have been invited to interact with some of the local exhibits. Guides and Brownies from Hawkshead. Coniston, Windermere and Kendal were fascinated to hear about Elizabeth Smith, who, as a speaker of six languages, not only translated the Book of Job from Hebrew to English but who also walked the high fells in long Georgian dresses, and of Sal Madge

who wore male clothing and challenged men to wrestling matches.

The Guide units developed ideas and created drawings which reflect the museum exhibitions, making canvas banners painted with acrylic ink. These are essentially large panels which will become part of the museums' exhibits. Weatherproof versions will also be produced so that they can be paraded for International Women's Day in March of next year, when Girlguiding units from all over Cumbria will carry their banners through the streets of Carlisle.

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The Guide to Festive Fun in Kendal and Windermere

The shops are bedecked with colourful baubles, glittery tinsel and their very best gifts and produce, encouraging us to part with our hard-earned dosh.

Local hotels and pubs offer tasty Christmas Dinners and New Year's Eve parties and the Salvation Army plays Christmas Carols to hurrying shoppers. There's also lots to see and do so to help you decide, here are a few of my Kendal and Windermere favourites.

Kendal

Kendal is a really popular town for Christmas shopping with its eclectic mix of independent shops and high street names and it also has a full calendar of festive events. For a dramatic start to the season, how about Who Killed Santa Murder Mystery with drinks and dinner at the Castle Green Hotel on November 30th?

Look out for Santa on his sleigh saying "Ho, Ho, Ho," to the children (and grown-ups) of Kendal for two weeks from the 10th December. Every year Kendal and District Lions raise thousands of pounds for charity so give generously when you see him.

I used to love taking my son to the annual Christmas play at the Brewery Arts Centre. This year it's 'Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf' 19th - 31st December, described as 'a bold and highly theatrical re-telling of the well-known classic tale packed with music, dance and song.' On December 10th they're broadcasting The Nutcracker LIVE from the Royal Opera; an enchanting baller that's always popular at this time of year. Also on that date is A Family Christmas Showcase from Kendal Dance Academy at Kendal Leisure Centre.

Kendal Parish Church comes alive with the sound of music for the Kendal Choral Society Christmas Concert on Sunday 10th December. This promises to be wonderful evening to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in the splendid surroundings of this very fine church.

Windermere

The town's Christmas Lights are on and the shops are decorated in sparkling Christmas finery. Its many cafes and bars entice us with the promise of warming hot chocolate, exotic cocktails, mulled wine and bubbly to get in the festive spirit.

I'm really looking forward to Windermere Christmas Market, 9-10th December which focuses on 'food, drink and craft stalls from both local and national producers whilst now looking to expand the offering with an exciting programme of musical performers.' With involvement from local business including Booths, Windermere Lake Cruises, Lamplighters and the Good Life Lake District Cottage Company plus loads of volunteers it's going to be a very lively weekend.

Ding Dong Merrily on High with The Rotary Club of Windermere at their annual Carol Concert on 10th December at The Hydro Hotel. For something slightly more energetic, why not take part in Windermere Lions Jingle Bell Jog on Sunday 17th December? Open to all ages, don your Santa suit, elf costume or fairy wings and totter, stroll or jog along Windermere lake shore.

The Old Laundry Theatre is giving everyone A Christmas Gift (19-21 December) offering four famous Christmas stories magically bound together with music, storytelling, readings and a visit from Santa Claus himself. The very popular Santa Cruise on Windermere may be sold out but little ones can go along to the Father Christmas Tea Party (16-23 Dec) at the World of Beatrix Potter Attraction and, if they've got bored with their presents already, Peter Rabbit is holding his own Christmas Party there from 27-30 December.

Whatever you're doing, wherever you're going, have a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2018.

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Cumbrian filmmaker wins national media award



Terry Abraham, a
Cumbrian film maker,
known for his Life of a
Mountain series has been
awarded a prestigious
national accolade for his
film Life of a Mountain: A
Year on Blencathra which
aired on BBC Four.

The winners of the Travel Media Awards 2017 were announced in October at a sparkling ceremony at ME London Hotel. Over 270 people were present to see the best of the UK travel media honoured with an Award, including representatives of some of the UK's leading travel media and industry organisations. Terry's film was praised in the Broadcast Programme of the Year Award which celebrates the best in TV. radio and online.

The film, which sequels A Year on Scafell Pike, showcases spectacular scenes of Blencathra and the surrounding area. From spring lambs to winter's snows, it looks at the lives of residents, school children and visitors to the mountain with contributions from comedian Ed Byrne, broadcaster Stuart Maconie, mountaineer Alan Hinkes OBE and record breaking fell runner Steve Birkinshaw.

With Terry's project partly sponsored by The Blencathra Centre FSC, Head of Centre Tim Foster accompanied Terry to the ceremony.

He said: "The Blencathra film is the second in the Life of a Mountain trilogy, highlighting iconic Lake District mountains and this award builds on the anticipation for the third and final in the series which focuses on Helvellyn"

There is a chance to find out more about the documentary, the heritage of Blencathra and the life of the mountain at the accompanying 'Life of a Mountain: Blencathra' exhibition at Keswick Museum which runs until January 2018.





The New Union to Host Live Music

The New Union on Stricklandgate, Kendal, has regular music nights taking place featuring local musicians and acoustic acts.

There are gigs and also Open Folk Sessions and Jam Nights. Talented singer and guitarist Lauren Davey, also of Indie-Rock band Meds is the next exciting act lined up to perform! Pop in for a warm welcome, local real ales and a fine selection of gins and ciders. Forthcoming events include... 30th Nov -Lauren Davey: 7th Dec- Wayne Scurrah: 14th Dec- Acoustic Jam Night: 28th Dec-TBC. Check out the New Union's Facebook page for the latest gigs and events.

Full Moon Club at the Mortal Man

This ever amazing and long running Roots/Traditional music event moved its location to the Mortal Man at Troutbeck in September. Attracting performers from far and wide, and taking place once a month on the full moonthese nights hold a magic like





no other! Kendal based guitar/banjo duo Scrogans Run will play the next event on Sunday 3rd December. Please visit The Cumbria Full Moon Club Facebook page for more info. Other upcoming events at the Mortal Man include... 17th Dec-Peter Dilley/ 24th Dec-Open Session

Award Winning Folk Trio come to Kendal

The Young'Uns, two time winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk award for best group, will perform "We Three Sings: a Christmas Concert" at Kendal Parish Church on Saturday 9th December. Expect beautiful three-part harmonies, a 'Capella shanties and a mix of traditional and contemporary songs.

Saturday 9th December.
Tickets £17, doors at 7pm.
Tickets and more info available from www.lyonevents.co.uk
and also the Brewery Arts.

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"Bring Us Some Figgy Pudding"

The Staveley Choral Society Christmas Concert this year, on Monday, 11th December, is more of a menu than a programme! A theme that all love at Christmas time

Come and enjoy it with the children from Staveley Primary School. An evening of songs and carols, traditional and maybe not so traditional.

Where the smells, the tastes, the anticipation, the sharing together of delicious Christmas food and feasting feature throughout the concert. There will also be suitable festive refreshments included in the ticket price.

Monday 11 December: 7.30 p.m. Staveley Village Hall: Price: £8 adults; £4 child

Tickets: on sale at the door, from Choir members, and also at Staveley Pharmacy.

"Affordable Art" at Staveley Roundhouse

Members of Green Door, the region's leading artists' collective, are heading to Staveley Roundhouse for a weekend of Affordable Art, from 1 – 3 December.

With more than 200 pieces of work from Green Door artists, the exhibition includes paintings, prints, photographs, ceramics, glass, wood, jewellery, textiles and sculpture, all priced at £150 or less. There will also be cards, notebooks and other small items.

"We hope this exhibition provides something for all art lovers," said Green Door Administrator Janice Benson. "We have stained glass sculptures from Debbie Copley, wire drawings from Brie Wharf and wooden Shaker boxes from Keith



Shorrock. Angie Mitchell will be bringing her new printed lampshades, Jane Mallinson has felt accessories and jewellery, and Evelyn Sinclair has her painted 'tea bags'. We also have prints from Marion Kuit, Barbra Cropper, Sue David, Kath Lockhart and Marie Wright, and David Pooley's paintings of Cumbria landscapes

and wildlife. Mary Taylor and Maddy Wright will be showing their textile and embroidery work, and there will be mixed media work from Cally Lawson and Marjorie Park. It's the ideal place to do some Christmas shopping for that special gift or to treat yourself to a beautiful piece of work from a local artist."

Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf

Families will be able to take a fantastic, fairy tale journey through the deep, dark woods at Kendal's Brewery Arts Centre this Christmas.

Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf takes the classic story of a young girl's encounters with the eponymous vulpine villain on her way to visit a poorly Grandma, and gives it a fabulously fun twist for all the family, packed with music, dance and song.



Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf runs from 19-31 December. To book visit the website www.breweryarts.co.uk

From South Africa with



Kendal Leisure Centre Friday 8th December Tickets from Brewery Arts and Lake tickets



- Starring Felicity Kiran and Lauren-Lee Bock
- Hosted by the incredible Danny Matthews from The Bay Radio
- · Featuring the Amazing award winning Amabile choirs and the Dynamic
- StageCoach dancers.
- The primary school choirs from local schools winners
- · Sound and lighting from Matthew Ward
- Filming being done by the students at Kendal college
- An Awesome Raffle and Auction including meals, spa treatments, Champagne as well as quirky prizes!
- 10% going to the Kendal Organ Donors
- The South African ladies have among their accolades the honour of being on Beyonce's Wikipedia page and are signed to Orchard and Next Music for their digital music.
- This is going to be a quality show which includes a full audio visual display 16ft by 8ft
- Tickets from Brewery Arts Centre
- £5 £20 and £50 vip which includes canapes from award winning chef Andrew Fox catering Barrow, Prosecco and meeting the ladies and Danny.

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LAND I SEA I LIFE

This Autumn, Abbot Hall Art Gallery stages one of its largest shows in the last ten years with over 70 works by over 40 leading artists including Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Graham Sutherland and Laura Knight.

The LAND I SEA I LIFE exhibition highlights the very best of twentieth century art from The Ingram Collection of Modern British Art. Chris Ingram began collecting in 2002, and quickly created one of this country's most significant collections of Modern British Art.

Featuring paintings, sculptures and works on paper, visitors are taken



on an individual journey of discovery from Henry Moore's Reclining Figures to Laura Knight's breath-taking Sea & Rocks.

The Land perspective features atmospheric scenes by Alan Reynolds and Edward Burra, and urban landscapes by Keith Vaughan, Frank Auerbach and Carel Weight.

The Sea aspect is covered with works by Dame Laura Knight, John Piper, Terry Frost and Patrick Heron.

The final subject of Life brings together several sub themes including Still Life and the Figure displaying work by significant artists from the period such as Dame Barbara Hepworth, David Bomberg, Henry Moore, Eduardo Paolozzi, Ben Nicholson, Bryan Winter, Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, Eric Gill and Christopher Wood. Ingram himself has given advice on collecting. "The golden rule is only buy what you like and

enjoy. Regardless of what people tell you and what's fashionable. Always start with what you like.

The exhibition will also investigate the notion of collecting, comparing the personal motives of Chris Ingram with the Gallery Collection and exploring why we collect?

Helen Watson, Director of Programming, Lakeland Arts said, "Abbot Hall Art Gallery is delighted to be working in partnership with The Ingram Collection, to present a unique opportunity to see work by leading artists from the twentieth century."

Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal. Until Saturday 17 February 2018

I got the Blues in Bowness Bay, ya'll

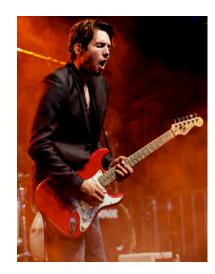
After this year's sell-out show BownessBayBlues will be celebrating its 7th event in 2018 on 23/24/25 March.

This event has grown to be a flagship of all that is good about blues music. The Rotary Club of Windermere are proud to have raised £12,000 from the 2017 event to donate to Ambleside & Langdale Mountain Rescue and Lancashire & North-West Blood Bikes

2018 has an even bigger and better programme including Ben Poole who is making massive waves on the continent, the very popular Jar Family, the amazing Sean Webster Band and - leaving the best to last, - finishing off with Aynsley Lister and his band.

Also playing, are Stoney Broke, Red Butler, The C Sharpe Band, Snakewater, George Shovlin, Gerry Jablonski, Redfish, Paolo Morena, Mark Pontin, Dean Newton, Secure Unit and Gus Munro

Ian Siegal, voted Acoustic Artist of the year in 2016 (for the third time) in the British Blues Awards, is flying in especially for a one-off gig on the ever popular Blues Cruise, sailing on England's largest lake, with scenic views of the Lakeland fells as a backdrop.



A new venue will be Storrs Hall Hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere where you can see George Shovlin and the Radars playing in luxurious surroundings.

The charities chosen for 2018 are Jigsaw (the Cumbrian Children's Hospice) and Cancer Active Cumbria so not only will you have a great weekend of music you will be donating to worthy charities too.

Take advantage of the earlybird price of £55 for a weekend ticket, which will be on sale until Christmas and would make an ideal Christmas present.

Check us out for news and updates on www.bownessbayblues.co.uk

Christmas Concert

The Ambleside and District Choral Society's Christmas Concert is on Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm in Ambleside Parish Church.

The main work is the Messe de Minuit pour Noël by the seventeenth-century French composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier, a charming work based on traditional French carol tunes. The programme also includes the very popular Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams and other Christmas works for choir (and for the audience). Tickets are £12 (including a glass of wine) and are available from choir members or at the door, or by ringing 015394 33944/32060. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge.





Cumbrian cider is one of the latest specialities to be added to the Low Sizergh Barn farm shop shelves.

It's made in Wigton using locally picked apples and is the perfect partner for partridge from Cartmel Valley Game, which is sourced from local shoots. Both ingredients bring vibrant flavour to the seasonal table and we've found a lovely recipe that combines them to make a fine supper for two.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 2

- 2 oven-ready Cartmel Valley Game partridges
- · 1 bunch sage
- 1 bunch thyme sprigs
- 1 garlic bulb, halved around its circumference
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 large knobs Winter Tarn butter
- · 100ml Cumbrian Cider
- 150ml double cream
- · 1 teaspoon dijon mustard
- salt
- freshly ground black pepper

METHOD

- 1. Heat the oven to 200°C. Place the partridges and herbs in a small roasting tray. Add the garlic and season well. Drizzle with olive oil and place a knob of butter on top of each bird. Roast for 20–25 minutes, until their skin is golden brown.
- 2. Remove the birds to a clean plate, turn them upside down and leave them to rest somewhere warm. Place the roasting tray over a medium heat, add the cider and bring to the boil. Add the cream and mustard. Bring the sauce back to the boil, then simmer gently for about 5 minutes, until nicely reduced. Season. Return the birds to the roasting tray along with any juices left on the plate.
- 3. Bring to the table in the tray, then place one bird on each plate and spoon over plenty of sagey, cidery sauce. Serve with buttery mash.

Low Sizergh Barn regularly stock partridge but please do ring ahead to reserve (015395 60426). Recipe adapted from Gill Mellor's cookbook Gather, which you can find in our shippon.





Food and Drink Guide

While Cumbria is one of England's largest counties, it is also one of its least urbanised, making its undoubted culinary prowess even more significant.

To celebrate the outstanding food and drink offering in Cumbria, Cumbria Tourism has launched their annual Food and Drink Guide. Introduced by restaurant proprietors, Liam and Kath Berney of the 3 AA Rosette The Cottage in the Wood near Keswick, the quide showcases some of Cumbria's best restaurants. pubs and local producers. A go-to guide for visitors coming to Cumbria, the Food and Drink Guide is distributed across the county as well as within a two and a half hour driving distance for visitors

on their way to the county.

Gill Haigh, Managing Director of Cumbria Tourism, said: "To have such a concentration of food excellence in the area is a prestigious honour for Cumbria's restaurant industry. It also means our visitors and residents have the luxury of choice for somewhere special to dine that is among the most select company in the country.

Cumbria is renowned for its original produce; Herdwick lamb, Cumberland sausage, sticky toffee pudding and Grasmere Gingerbread.

The Food and Drink Guide is a staple publication for the millions of visitors coming to Cumbria each year and we're proud to produce the extensive guide with our members."

Cumbria sits at the top table for restaurants

The Lake District has retained its named as one of the most prestigious foodie destinations in the UK, as well as being the best in the whole of the North West.

Cumbria's position on the nationwide food map in the Michelin Guide has been bolstered this year with The Forest Side at Grasmere and Hrishi at Gilpin Hotel & Lake House in Windermere retaining their one star, together with Simon Rogan's L'Enclume in Cartmel continuing to boast two Michelin Stars.

Since setting up L'Enclume in 2002. restaurateur Simon Rogan has been honoured by the Michelin Guide every year since 2005. Last year saw new comers Gilpin Hotel & Lake House and The Forest Side gain their star for the first year. Michelin star restaurants lure gastronomes from all corners of the globe and are famed for

offering the crème de

la crème of eating and

dining experiences

- particularly with

international visitors.



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Are you being fair?

WINDERMERE AND BOWNESS FAIRTRADE GROUP members will be contacting many local business in the area over the next few weeks to keep their records, regarding Fairtrade products that are available, up to date.

With the town's continuing Fairtrade status anyone who has these items available, be it a café, restaurant, shop or office are encouraged to make themselves known. It makes a huge difference to the lives of farmers who produce crops such as coffee, tea, sugar, cocoa and bananas to name just a few! If you are a local business owner and would like to make contact with the Fairtrade Group, please contact Theresa Wooll, coordinator for the group at: theresawooll@btinternet.com

Don't miss this. 2nd December!

Local Holme village girl, Kate Edmondson, has been chosen as a finalist in the Miss Cumbria Junior Competition, in Carlisle.

Kate is a 6th form student at Dallam school, studying A levels in Psychology, Biology and Business Studies.

Part of her entry has been to raise money in the area for the Children's Variety charity, one of Miss Cumbria's chosen charities. To do this she is organising a Christmas market on the 2nd of December 2017, 2pm-5pm at the Athenaeum in Heversham. In addition to this she is holding a Prize bingo on the same night to raise further funds. Kate said "I have had a wonderful response from local businesses, such as Booths, Sizergh Barn, Wolf house Gallery and The Leisure Centre, to name but a few."

You can find out more on her official 'Katie Edmondson Miss Junior Cumbria 2018 Finalist' Facebook page.

The Bay's own Dragons' Den, Bay Business Angels, hosted the second event in a continuing series of their new investment network, which has been set up in the Bay area by local business advisors.

There were 5 pitching businesses on the day with over 60% of them receiving investment offers, some more than one. This type of event usually attracts only 10% of investment marking the Bay Business Angels event a huge success. The investment meeting in September, was attended by over 60 invited guests. Pitches came from:-

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 wherever you live
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 guaranteed used car parts
- Simply Modular Ltd A new form of low cost housing production
- Mello Ltd A fast growing new soft drink and organic food business.

Huge investments by the Bay Business Angels



To increase focus on local businesses and entrepreneurs to get involved in the network, Bay Business Angels will be organising "investment readiness" events with Access to Finance that are set to be rolled out from December. Watch this space.

Jenny Pape from CLB Coopers added: "It was great to see showcases and pitches coming from home-grown talent from across the North West, with passion and entrepreneurial spirit evident throughout. With such a high proportion of the pitches receiving offers of investment, it is clear that Bay Business Angels is keen to support our local economy. All of the business partners are extremely proud of being associated with the network."

The next event is in March 2018 and applications will be considered for potential investee companies from December 2017. Those interested should contact Steve Wall at Access to Finance on 07824472105 or register their interest at www.nwbusinessangels. co.uk

Potential investors should access the "Looking to Invest" tab on that site.

Hotel most romantic in the UK

A sumptuous Grasmere hotel has been been officially crowned the most romantic hotel in the UK.

Michelin star hotel Forest Side, part of Cumbrian group Wildsmith hotels, was given the prestigious award by the Good Hotel Guide 2018 also appearing in it's 40th birthday edition. Cesar awards, named after Cesar Ritz of the Ritz Hotel are presented annually to the businesses which display excellence in their field. Head Chef Kevin Tickle and team, have also managed to retain Forest Side's much coveted Michelin star for a second year running. Hotel owner Andrew Wildsmith said "I am very proud of the team at Forest Side for the experience they have developed at the hotel. Grasmere is beautiful

and we aim to reflect the atmosphere and calm of the Lake District throughout the hotel and restaurant. To win a Michelin star takes a great deal of precision and rigour and the team deserve this very much."

The hotel has also recently been championed as one of the best places to stay for a perfect Christmas getaway by The Times and Sunday Times.



A new life for Highgate House

A prominent Georgian property at 134 Highgate, in Kendal, has been dragged into the 21st century by K-Town Properties (who already own Stramongate House).

Highgate House was was built in 1798 by John Davidson as a home. The building and the one next to it were designed by renowned architect of the time Francis Webster, who came from a family of masons and marble polishers. Webster has been described as "the first to introduce the public profession of architecture into Kendal"

134 Highgate became a doctor's practice sometime in the 1950's and then later an accountant's practice in the 1960's. The accountants practice remained on the site till it was sold in 2016.

K-Town properties acquired the house, intending to convert it into offices in the same way they had with Stramongate House, which has eighteen letting offices of varying sizes.

The building had suffered from subsidence back in the 1970's which had been dealt with effectively from a structural point of view, but nothing else had been done decoratively. There were cracks in the corners of rooms, across ceilings and down walls. Some of them up to 2" wide and 4" deep in the thick walls. Plaster was falling off walls where damp had penetrated.

On the second floor the floor joists were hanging out of the wall where the outer wall had bowed during the subsidence of the 1970's.

Builders, DH Willacy, started in January by fixing the leaks around the chimney stack before they could start on the fabric of the building.

Sash windows were repaired, glass replaced and the original shutters made functional again in all the rooms.



The building was rewired with a new data and phone network added, all the new lights are LED. A state of the art combination boiler was brought in to cope with the high outputs required to heat the high-ceilinged rooms.

All the features were protected and enhanced and in some areas, rediscovered. The exterior had benefited from a shop front grant and had the gutters repaired and decorated. Another Westmorland window had been saved with views onto the cobbled courtyard to the rear where car park had been sealed with porous tarmac and marked out.

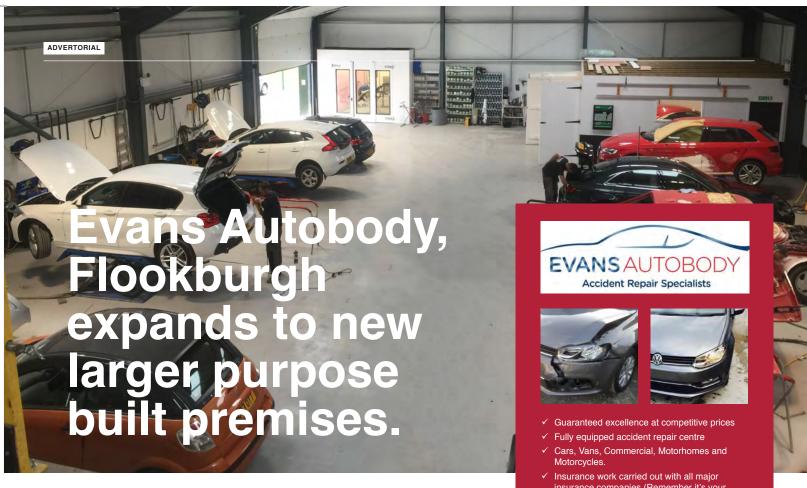
The project was finally complete six months later when the carpet fitters had finished, and the decorators had completed the final touch ups.

Highgate House, 134 Highgate, now comprises of 8 separate rentable offices with communal facilities. The original features enhance the rooms with original fireplaces, plaster work and shutters throughout the building. An office here will enhance any business at very competitive rates as rent includes utility costs and does not attract VAT.





For more details visit: www.ktownproperties.co.uk



In 2001 at the age of 21 Lee Evans a local Flookburgh lad took the plunge and started on his own carrying out vehicle body repairs in a small rented 75sq mtr farm unit on Cark airfield.

Lee soon got a name for doing a good job and his reputation started to grow over the years.

In 2004, Lee moved into another farm unit on Cark airfield just over double the size of his present unit and he bought himself a second hand spray oven to speed up the drying process of paintwork. As the business got busier Lee employed an apprentice to help him along the way of growing the business. As time went on the reputation of Evans Autobody was growing and Lee and his apprentice were becoming extremely busy so Lee decided to expand the unit he rented and also buy a second spray oven and employ a paint spray technician to help keep up with the amount of workflow they were getting through. As time went on and work got busier by 2011 Evans Autobody had a team of 4 staff and by 2012 Evans Autobody was growing at a excellent rate and now consisted of 5 staff. As Evans Autobody's reputation grew they started to build a relationship repairing damaged vehicles for Batemans Toyota and Hadwins VW/Audi then soon after they were also repairing vehicles for Batemans BMW.





Evans Autobody has become a preferred choice for many local people and businesses due to the professional high standard of work carried out and also their excellent customer service. They continue to keep a good relationship with all private and trade customers.

In 2015 Lee bought 1 acre of a field 3/4 mile down moor lane on the left hand side of the road with the intention to build a large purpose built accident repair centre. Lee applied for Planning permission but this was a rejected as the planners would not allow for building on this plot but Lee, not being one to let anything beat him fought the decision and eventually in 2016 was granted permission to build the new workshop he dreamed of since starting the business in 2001.

October 2017 Evans Autobody's new purpose built 700sq mtr unit is now officially open for business and has a fully qualified team of 9 staff, 12 vehicle bays, 1 valeting bay and 3 spray ovens.

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TESTIMONIAL

Over recent years Lee has restored my 1976 MG Midget, 1989 Audi 100 and more recently my 1994 Range Rover,

The biggest challenge was the restoration of my Range Rover, which once he dismantled it needed some extra work, but true to his word he finished at 4 pm on the day he said he would. And at the agreed price . All through the project he kept me informed , invited me to look at his work and finally when the job was complete, furnished me with a set of photos from start to finish.(nice touch)

The work was done to a very high standard and the compliments I get over its condition should make Lee very proud.

I know how hard Lee works and his success is a testament to his never ending quest to please his customers and give them their cars back in perfect

Lee's new premises are a sign of his professionalism and I am sure he will go from strength to strength

I know I'm not the only person who wishes Lee every success in the future, and if anyone is in doubt about where to take their beloved cars after a scrape or if they want just honest professional advice they need look no

Good luck Lee, Richard English -The Cavendish Arms Cartmel

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Keeping you updated while we're improving our wastewater network.

Thank you for your patience when we were carrying out our first season of work.

We've planned our work on the A592 to take place outside of the main tourism period when the roads are usually a little quieter. Although we do understand that roadworks are inconvenient regardless of when they take place!

Our team are now carrying out our second season of work to install further sections of a new 6.5km wastewater pipeline from our treatment works near Tower Wood, along the A592 towards our pumping station at Glebe Road.

How this will affect you

We'll have a number of locations where there will be temporary traffic lights in place. For the safety of our team and road users we'll have a 10mph speed restriction around the traffic light working areas.

From Tuesday 2 January a section of the A592 will be temporarily closed to all vehicles between the Beech Hill Hotel car park and the property called Moor Crag. We'll ensure residents within the closure points are still able to access their homes. A fully signed diversion will direct all traffic around our work via the A590/A591. The closure will be removed during the February half term holidays and then put back in place until the completion of our season two work (Easter 2018).

We'll also be carrying out connections and improvements at our pumping station located with the Glebe Road car park. For safety we need to close the entire car park from January 2018 until Easter 2018.

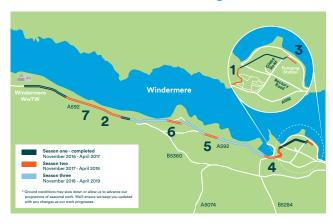
We understand this will be inconvenient and we're working with our stakeholders to look at the possibility of securing alternative nearby parking during the closure.

Thank you for bearing with us while we're improving our wastewater network.

You can find information about our work at unitedutilities.com/Windermere or call us on 0345 672 3723 quoting project number ADV 80040328.

We'll be happy to help.

Season two traffic management



- Ferry Nab car park restrictions
 September to October 2017
- 2. Traffic lights

 Moor Crag to Greenacres

 November to December 2017
- Car park closed
 Glebe Road car park
 January to Easter 2018
- Traffic lights
 Junction of A592/B5285 (Ferry Nab Road) to outside Windermere Marina January to Easter 2018
- 5. Traffic lights
 Cannon Close to 120m south of
 Ellerwood (Middle Entrance Drive)
 January to Easter 2018
- 6. Traffic lights
 Old Mill Crescent to outside
 Beech Cottage
 January to Easter 2018
- 7. Road closure

 Beach Hill Hotel car park
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 January to Easter 2018

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Not as daff as you may think



Classmates have planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs as part of the redevelopment of a small South Lakeland park.

Children from St Martin and St Mary C of E
Primary School in
Windermere were invited to help add a splash of colour to the patch of public open space at nearby Baddeley Clock.

They did it in record time too, planting and covering all 1,000 bulbs and helping to rake the soil in less than an hour. South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) has been thinning out trees and tidying up the park as part of a wider landscaping project which is expected to be completed by early next summer.

SLDC Councillor David Fletcher says the greenfingered children were hand-picked for the job.
"Some of the older children who took part in the bulb-planting are 'school eco-warriors' who are already showing real interest in green issues and

behaving in a way which contributes to maintaining and improving their environment. All their hard work will be rewarded when the daffodils reappear as the colourful centrepiece in the newly redeveloped park."

The redevelopment of Baddeley Clock park is the first project as part of SLDC's new partnership with the award-winning grounds maintenance, landscape construction and street cleansing company, Continental Landscapes Ltd.

Caroline Gooch,
Continental Landscape's
Biodiversity and
Community Relationship
Co-ordinator, said: "The
kids were fantastic, they
were so well behaved
and responsible and
worked so hard."

Kendal school Governor reaching out

Paul Johnson, a former primary school teacher in Cumbria, and now LA Governor of Sandgate Primary School in Kendal, witnessed too many children not fully engaging with learning by traditional means.

"Usually the children who weren't thriving tried to cover up their lack of understanding, rather than reach out to their teacher." he said. He believes this is because they have no vocabulary or baseline to begin to describe how they feel, leaving them thinking they are just not as clever as their peers. Incredibly, as many as one in three children in the classroom could have neurodiverse traits making it difficult for them to learn by traditional means: such



as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia, Attention Deficit Disorder and Autism.
"These are not disabilities, unless others make them so through their lack of understanding," explained Paul, "they are just different ways of being wired and of seeing the world."

So this former teacher decided to do something about it and earlier this year he set about publishing books, under the Your Stories Matter imprint, written from a child's perspective of what it is like to be neurodiverse. Paul is currently seeking collaboration with local primary schools to help develop a range of free teaching resources to be used alongside these books, in return for free copies.

He can be contacted at www.yourstoriesmatter.org

This half term, Key Stage 2 have been looking at World War 2. They have covered lots in that topic; including The War effort, Dog fighting, rationing, woman at work and evacuees.

In Literacy they have been reading 'Good Night Mister Tom', by Michelle Magorian. The children have really enjoyed the book and it's given them a great insight into what life was like during the war. Local man, Bill Aitken, who was evacuated from South Shields to Windermere in 1939 came into School and shared his tales as an Evacuee. It was amazing to listen to Bill and hear the stories from what Windermere used to be like during WW2. Children made gas masks to wear on a WW2 dressing up day. On this day, all the children dressed up as evacuees and the teachers were in

Knees up at St. Cuthberts



role too! On arrival in the church hall the children were registered with the Billeting Officer and given their identity labels and a profile of an imaginary family they would live with during their time as an evacuee. As the day went on, children wrote letters home as evacuees, made Anzac biscuits using rationed ingredients, and designed comic strips based on war humour. They also did singing and dancing with the children particularly enjoying

'knees up Mother Brown' and 'The Lambeth Walk'. During the day- several air raid sirens went off and the children needed to safely find cover. Although the children found this exciting, they also realised how scary it would have been, during a real air raid. In November pupils looked at local rivers and our wonderful weather. They also visited Manchester's Museum of Science and Industry.

Invitation to Kendal Schools

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Goodly Dale,Windermere



The Autumn term at Goodly Dale Community Primary School has seen the adoption of a new approach to teaching across the school.

Children are now taught PE, Computing, RE, Geography, History and Art by subject leaders/ specialists. This is ensures the children are receiving the highest standards of teaching across a broad and exciting curriculum. All the children also continue to receive Forest School/outdoor learning sessions each week at Goodly Dale. Recently the Year 6 children became local Netball Champions at the Lakes School competition and progressed to the South Lakes Finals at Cartmel. In English and Maths, provisional results for Year 6 show that the children at Goodly Dale exceeded the national average in attainment and more importantly made exceptional progress from their starting points. The progress made in reading puts Goodly Dale children in the top 10% nationally.



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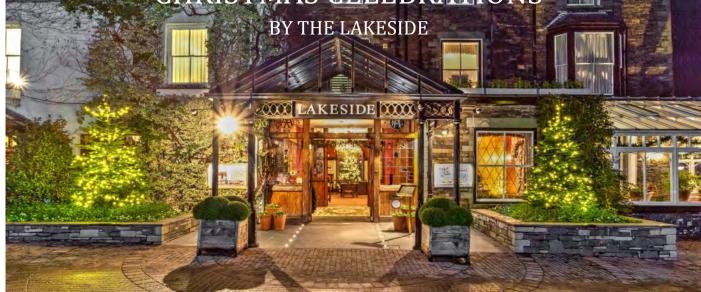
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The toughest walk I've undertaken this year was little more than 25 yards – from the side door onto the stage at Rheged for the 2017 Wainwright Memorial Lecture in October.

The Wainwright Society members who came to find out how the I'd been getting on revising the seven-volume Pictorial Guide to the Lakeland Fells know a thing or several thousand about Alfred Wainwright, so it was with some trepidation that I looked out into the big audience and asked them nicely not to send one of their number up to the stage with my P45!

One of the things I wanted to get across was that the updated guidebooks are no substitute for the real thing – that is, the original hand-drawn books Kendal Borough Treasurer Mr Wainwright painstakingly compiled between 1952, when he did his first ascent diagram, and 1965 when he completed work on his final fell (Starling Dodd) prior to publication of Book Seven: The Western Fells in 1966.

This is because the Wainwright Estate, in the form of AW's two stepdaughters from his second marriage, are determined to keep the original editions in print alongside the new books. Some people seem to think it is okay for Fix The Fells to update the Lake District's footpaths but not all right for the Pictorial Guides to be updated. Paraphrasing the great guidebook writer, what a frightfully untidy suggestion. The idea that the best guidebooks ever created about the Lake District mountains shouldn't be updated and should fade away gracefully, which would mean future generations of fellwalkers would never be able to rely on such masterpieces, is simply ludicrous.

There, I've said my bit – now I've got some walking to look forward to; over the next 12 months I will be out and about on the North-Western Fells (Catbells, Causey Pike, Grisedale Pike and the rest), which many visitors to the Lake District consider the most delectable of all. AW did . . . so who's a lucky boy, then!

Clive Hutchby, who contributes to Windermere Now, is revising Alfred Wainwright's seven-volume Pictorial Guide to the Lakeland Fells. Books One, Two, Three and Four (the Eastern, Far Eastern, Central and Southern fells) have already been published. Book Five (The Northern Fells) will be published next spring.

Coniston sailing club celebrates 50 years

Coniston Sailing Club have just enjoyed their 50th Anniversary year celebrating the development of this popular club on the west shore of Coniston Water, just south of Coniston village.

The club uses the old boat house of the Coniston Old Hall Estate, built in 1580.

Since their 1967 beginnings the club has acquired training boats and built a new jetty as well as an extension, containing new changing rooms, shower and toilet block, which replaced the old facilities.

This was a great start to their 50th anniversary year which culminated with their Annual General Meeting and prize giving in October at which 23 juniors received their RYA



following a very successful junior training year. Some of the juniors only started sailing this year after attending the club's 'Try Sailing' Open Day in May.

Other Club junior members have also celebrated sailing successes during the year, competing in RYA zone squads, school events. and National and World championships. The club has a varied calendar of organised sailing events, racing, training, open meetings and social activities.

Learn about
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Lakeland Canoe Club

Lakeland Canoe Club is a friendly club based around Kendal in the Lake District, offering many kayaking/canoeing opportunities for members. These range from river trips mainly in the Lakes and Pennines but also local weekends and longer trips to Scotland, sea trips on the Cumbrian coast and weekends in the North East of England and Scotland. New members are

always welcome, especially those who who are looking for more opportunities to kayak or canoe.

There are friendly and informal, weekly pool sessions at Kendal Leisure Centre from 9 – 10pm on Sunday nights which allow you to pick up or practice kayaking skills, play canoe polo and meet like minded people. There are also competitive polo matches organised for new and experienced

players, with inter-club polo tournaments as part of the Cumbria and the North West polo leagues.

On Sunday 3rd
December there is a
come-and-try kayaking
session for beginners
the pool at Kendal. Cost
£8. On Sunday 10th
the club is offering an
introduction to canoe
polo. Cost £8.

To reserve places for either, email lakelandcanoeclub@ gmail.com.



Badminton club celebrates 40 years

Strickland Badminton Club was formed over 40 years ago in 1977.

After a brief spell playing at the Parish Hall in Kirkland, it moved to the Market Hall (which now forms part of the Westmorland Shopping Centre). There, the members had the luxury of 3 courts but due to their Friday evening allocation, they were given the unenviable task, at the end of the evening, of setting out all the tables in position for the Saturday morning Market.

The construction of the new Westmorland Shopping Centre meant a search for a new venue. In September 1987, the club moved to the newly built Kendal Leisure Centre where they enjoyed the luxury of a purpose-built sports hall with a wonderful high ceiling and the bonus of heating. Many would say the golden era of Kendal badminton were those days spent playing on the freezing cold concrete floor



of the Market Hall huddled around the kitchen area drinking cups of tea but in truth, they have all become accustomed to the bright lights and modern facilities offered by the Leisure Centre today where they still play.

Strickland is a thriving and friendly club with 3 teams playing in the Westmorland Badminton League. In addition to league matches, the club enters local tournaments including the Albert Pearson Memorial Trophy, a handicapped

tournament held annually. The club meets on Mondays at 7.15pm and have the use of 3 courts until 10.15pm. For those members keen to continue playing once the main season ends in March, they also host an informal Summer Club allowing for fun, social badminton from June until August.

New members are always welcome and further information can be found on their dedicated Facebook page or website: stricklandbadminton.co.uk.

Rugby is officially OK



L-R: Jonathan Hodgson - WRUFC President, Liam Nichol - RFU Regional Development Officer, Cumbria, Tim Wragg - WRUFC Chairman

Windermere Rugby Union Football Club achieved RFU club accreditation status at its first attempt.

This means the club operates at a recognised level of competence and diligence recognised by the RFU and Sport England. All its systems and operations were audited and rated.

This is a positive step forward in the club's future.

On yer bike

Kendal Cycle Club has just celebrated its 2nd anniversary with the news that it now has over 500 members.

The popular Saturday morning road ride is a chance to meet up with similarly paced cyclists and enjoy coffee and cake after the ride. The club welcomes non-members on the first Saturday of the month (with a relaxed 9 mile ride for those new to cycling) and hosts weekly ladies only Breeze rides. Mid-week and Sunday mountain bike rides offer the chance to get muddy. The Go-Ride junior section



has introduced "Minis" sessions, and now caters for riders aged 4 to 14. The highlight of the year were the end-of-term Go-Ride races, where the children got to put their skills to the test in a competitive race. The introduction of weekend

junior mountain bike rides led by qualified ride leaders is allowing them to get out on the trails.

Whilst there's loads of great places to ride locally, it's good to get away. The club week in Mallorca proved so popular that the 2018 trip has already been organised! A ladies coast-to-coast ride held at the end of the summer also promises to become an annual fixture.

The club has been well represented in local sportives and races, with some riders competing nationally and internationally.

Kendal CC aims to be a fully inclusive cycle club for all ages and abilities, and supports Wheels for Wellbeing who provide adapted cycles and organise inclusive cycling events.

The club always welcomes new members. Further details can be found at www.kendal.cc

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9th. Five in a Bar Christmas Carols at Growing Well, Low Sizergh, Kendal .A cappella singers Five In A Bar present a programme of music and words for the festive season. 7.30 - 10.00pm. Tickets tel. 015395 61777.

9th. Christmas Art Market Holker Hall. Artists from Cumbria and the North West will display their work at this market dedicated to painters and printmakers. www.artcumbria.com

9th. Coro Christmas Festive Indoor Market at the Coronation Hall and street market. Festive stalls, food and entertainment, Christmas gifts galore. 10am - 5pm Tel. 01229 588994.

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11th. Blood Donor Sessions. Give blood and help save a life. Kendal Club Room, Castle Green Hotel, Kendal -1:45pm to 3:45pm & 4:45pm to 7:30pm. 0300 123 23 23.

13th. Comic maestro Stephen K Amos at The Brewery, Kendal. 7.45pm. Tickets £17.50. Tel.01539 725133.

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Windermere Christmas celebration

Windermere's Christmas Market has been renamed as Windermere Christmas Celebration.

And if this kind of market is right up your street then put the weekend of the 9th and 10th of December in your diary. There will be a whole range of stalls selling all sorts of gifts and products, food and drink with live music and entertainment to make it a perfect family day out.

The success of this year's event is set to be even bigger and better than last year's. Originally the market



was held on Victoria
Street, but due to a
significant demand for
stalls, the market will
spread across High
Street too and promises
to be a magical and
wonderful weekend.

On Saturday the 9th December the event will be open 11am to 8pm and on Sunday 10th December from 10am to 4pm.

It's a Wonderful Life!

It will soon be time for the Royalty's annual Christmas treat of "It's A Wonderful Life", starring James Stewart.

This uplifting Christmas film was released in 1946, but it continues to find a new as well as a repeat audience each year. It will be shown on Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm, with a short selection

of vintage clips in support, plus mince pies as well as traditional refreshments. "The film really gets you in the mood for Christmas," says the Royalty's proprietor Charles Morris. "After everyone has been rushing round doing their last-minute shopping, this is the time to wind down and start enjoying the festive season."



MORE EVENTS FOR THE DIARY...

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Fri 1st Dec- Ivy Leaf Club, Kendal Macaroon Ceilidh Band, 7.30pm, £5 Entry

Sat 2nd Dec- Ruskins Bar, Kendal Punk Night: The Crippens and Holiday, £3 Entry

Thurs 7th Dec- Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal Sound of the Sirens, £8 adv.

Fri 8th & Sat 9th Dec-Lowther Castle Night Under the Stars

Sat 9th Dec- Arnside Sailing Club, Arnside Room Full of Mirrors, £5 Entry

Sun 10th Dec- Bootleggers, Kendal Nine Lives Thurs 14th Dec- Bootleggers, Kendal Aynsley Lister, £12 adv.

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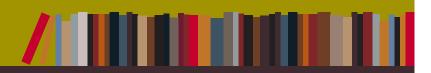
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