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## *Goodly Dale's Hidden Idyll*



The original Almshouses provided by Goodly Dale Cottage Homes were constructed by Pattinson's in the early 1930's to provide homes for those meeting strict qualifications in relation to their age, character, local origin or longevity of local residency.

The original cashbook entry from that time identifies the total cost of the development as being £15,149 and 15 shillings. An original agreement for one of the houses at Dale End to an Isabella Drinkwater identifies the rent as being Four shillings per week.

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# Where's Windermere?

A rare limited edition map of the Lake District on which Windermere doesn't appear is to go on sale for charity at a hotel in the heart of the town.

The map was created in 1843 before the building of the railway, and with no station, there was no town of Windermere at the time.

Now high-quality copies of the map are being sold at the Cedar Manor Hotel to raise funds for the Calvert Trust.

The original linen-backed map, once folded but later framed, is a family heirloom belonging to Windermere resident Stewart Greaves. Hoping to have a wider audience for the fascinating piece of local history, he had the original scanned and copied to a very high specification.

"It is a marvellous piece of map-making," said Stewart. "It shows the road which used to cut across Thirlmere, before the dam wall was built, and numbers underneath the key towns indicate the distances from London. The map was created before the railway came to the Lakes, so there is no Windermere town, just the lake and the village of Bowness."

Jonathan Kaye, owner of the Cedar Manor, is now displaying a framed copy of the map at the hotel. "Our visitors, especially the ones from America, are absolutely fascinated in the history of the Lake District," he said. "This is particularly interesting for us because our town doesn't appear. In fact, our hotel wasn't built until 11 years later, in 1854."

The 10 mile long railway line from Oxenholme which opened on 20 April 1847 was originally built as the Kendal and Windermere Railway and at its southern end connected into the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway. The town of Windermere developed around the station.

An American print and online news magazine recently listed the Cedar Manor in its top ten of "adorable English inns and cottages".

Sales of the map will benefit the Lake District Calvert Trust which runs challenging outdoor adventure breaks for those with disabilities. Jonathan Kaye and his wife Caroline are long-time supporters of the Trust; Caroline ran the London Marathon in April to raise funds for them. They also host one of the 61 painted Go-Herdwick fantasy sheep which stands under their eponymous Cedar tree at the entrance to the hotel. Named Beatrix, she was painted by Kendal artist Thuline de Cock.



A spokesman for the Lake District Calvert Trust said: "We are delighted to have the continued support of Caroline and Jonathon at Cedar Manor. The Calvert Trust works with over 3000 disabled children and adults each year. To enable us to keep the centre running we need to fundraise around £450,000 every year. Please be assured that if you purchase one of these maps, your donation will be helping to change lives."

For further information please contact **Eileen Jones 07791 178903**

Photo shows Stuart Greaves with his map.  
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## NEW VENUE

This year the Windermere in Bloom awards presentation will take place at the **Ladyholme Centre** on September 22nd at 7pm.

Light refreshments will be available.

All welcome- award winners will already have been notified.

## Just the job

### Goodly Dale Cottage Homes

Full time Resident Warden to provide the support and assistance required to assure the well being of residents at the 20 cottages operated by this local Almshouse Charity. For full details contact **louise@tr-w.co.uk** or telephone **01524 64187**

## Clerks comments

For all of us in Windermere & Bowness, August was a busy month – lots of visitors, children to entertain, gardens and allotments to keep under control and the delights of our changeable Lakeland weather to contend with.

As part of the Town Council's commitment to keep the town centre looking good, we have agreed to support a renovation of the Ellerthwaite Square Island. This work will be undertaken in partnership with the Civic Society and involves creating a walled surround, disposing of the concrete containers, filling the central area with soil and planting some good quality perennials which our Town Steward, Gary, will maintain.

The Town Council committed funding to this at the meeting on 27 July and have also taken responsibility for planting up lots of flower beds and planters in the town centres which were abandoned following a decision taken by South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). We hope you enjoy the flowers!

The Town Council are responsible for one playground at Langrigge, and this needs some replacement play equipment. We have chosen to provide more equipment for younger children, which will include a smaller climbing frame and some lovely colourful springers. These should be on their way and installed in the Autumn.

More funding has been secured from SLDC to support a Shop Front Improvement in Windermere & Bowness. A reminder – shops and businesses on the high street (not B&Bs I'm afraid) can access grants of up to £500 to assist with renovation, painting and enhancement of their frontage. If you are interested contact the Clerk for an application form – contact details are below.

Judging has been completed in the Windermere in Bloom competition and it will soon be time to decide and announce the winners. Invitations will already have been received by award winners and, this year, the ceremony will be held at the Ladyholme Centre on 22nd September, a definite date for your diaries. Please join us and help us celebrate our lovely area.

Local residents are always very welcome to attend our meetings and we welcome applicants to be a Town Councillor – a new Councillor, Ross McMillan was co-opted to represent Bowness South in July but a few vacancies still remain.

Our meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month and commence at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Langstone House, Broad Street.

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## BEM for Trevor

Trevor Avery, Director of the Lake District Holocaust Project, was awarded the BEM (British Empire Medal) in the 2016 New Year's Honours List. The award was for services to heritage in the Lake District and was presented by the Lord-Lieutenant, Claire Hensman with her deputy, Dianna Matthews in attendance.

Trevor said he felt immensely privileged and humbled to receive such an honour. Trevor has worked in matters concerning migration and refugees for over thirty years and stories of the Holocaust have been ever present in his life from childhood through to the present day.

He has met with and interviewed Holocaust Survivors in extraordinary circumstances the length and breadth of the UK, the stories are compelling and thought provoking.



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## Windermere 'biscuit' centre

The man behind the map at the heart of a new charity fundraising effort is a Windermere resident with a fascinating history of his own.



Stewart Greaves, whose high-specification copies of an 1843 map of the Lake District are being sold to help the Calvert Trust, is best known in the South Lakes as the former owner of Sheila's Cottage restaurant in Ambleside but Mr Greaves, who was a pupil at the Windermere Boys' School on Woodland Road, worked for a year as a young man at Atkinsons of Windermere known as the "Cakeworks" making Kendal Mintcake – and a top quality confection called a Brexuit.

"The memories came back when I saw that very similar word Brexit," said Mr Greaves

He recalls the two-storey building, now occupied by the Windermere Business Centre, employed up to 50 people and was a hive of activity. "It was a very busy place. It was the sort of work where you were kept busy all day long; you had to be doing something all the time." Ingredients for the various confectionery items, including white and brown mintcake, were stored on the upper storey, and the packing department was below, from where parcels were made up and distributed to shops across the region. But the Brexuit, a very posh biscuit, was made for Fortnum and Mason in London, and other high profile shops.



Mr Greaves went on to run the hugely successful Sheila's Cottage from 1964 until his retirement in 1998. He recalls that early items on the menu were basic recipes such as steak and kidney pie, and chicken casserole, and that a three course dinner would cost ten shillings (50p).

It was following winter ski-trips to Switzerland with his wife and another couple that he decided to add more exotic dishes to the menu, including a Swiss-styled raclette cheese dish. The restaurant was so popular that on some nights a queue would stretch outside the door to the archway at the top of The Slack. The award of Egon Ronay's "Tea Place of the Year 1988" for the afternoon teas gained lots of publicity and new business

"We went to great lengths to get the right products," Mr Greaves recalls. "I used to go to London to buy the Gruyere cheese, and bring it back by train to Oxenholme." Over the years he served many TV stars and other personalities, including the scientist Professor Stephen Hawking. "There were not so many restaurants in Ambleside which opened in the evenings," said Mr Greaves. "Apart from Dodds, in the early days there was little competition." COPIES OF THE MAP CAN BE BOUGHT FROM SPECIAL SPACES SHOWROOM, WOODLAND ROAD, WINDERMERE, £20



# Old College memories

Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust have recently come into the possession of some fascinating documents relating back to the 1920's which were found in an old suitcase discovered by the buyer of a property in Dorset.

The documents relate to a pupil at The Old College in Windermere and include letters to his mother and his school reports from June 1927 (when his age was shown as 8½) until 1930.

The young man concerned was a Richard Raikes and, in a post script to one of his letters home dated January 1925, he makes a plea to his mother...

Please could you lend me a hot water bottle as soon as possible as it is cold  
PLEASE

In another letter dated July 1927 he reproduces a poem and includes the results of recent cricket matches, his report from the Summer term of the same year records him as being "very keen & promising as a cricketer"

The Old College  
Windermere  
July 24. 1927.  
My dear Mother, This is the poetry.  
The fountain in our garden  
Seems to me a royal thing  
Just by our garden  
Is a statue with one wing.

Included within the documents were two images, one of The Old College and an earlier one carrying the title The College, Windermere.



If you have any information about Richard Raikes or recollections about The Old College that you would like to share with the Hub please email [editor.hubnews@gmail.com](mailto:editor.hubnews@gmail.com)

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## New footie kit

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Robin Tyson said "It's great as a local business that we have been able to support a local sports team."



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## Sainsbury's local

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The new convenience store will trade from 7am until 11pm, seven days a week, offering customers a wide range of groceries and fresh foods. The store features include an in-store bakery, ready meals, fresh fruit and vegetables, sandwiches and chilled beer and wine.

Robert Collyer, Roger Pickup and search dog Ted from Langdale Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team joined store manager David Catterall to cut the official ribbon of the new store and declared it open for business.

Commenting on the opening, store manager David, said:

"As the new store manager of the Windermere Main Road Local, I am extremely proud to be opening our new store today. Colleagues and I have been looking forward to welcoming our new customers and showcasing the great range of products we have on offer.

I would like to thank Robert, Roger and Ted who joined us today for the ribbon cutting, we hope to continue working closely with the rest of the local community."

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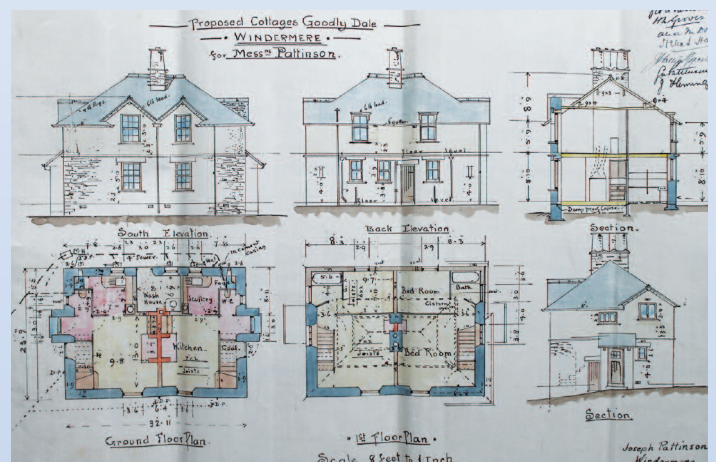
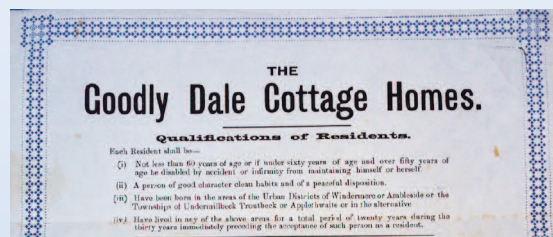


Four new bungalows were built in 1972 bringing the number of cottages to 18 and a further development in 1975 saw the construction of two more bungalows, a communal lounge and laundry facility and guest bedroom. A three bedroom Wardens bungalow was also constructed at this time.

Today the Almshouses continue to provide 20 homes with very similar occupancy qualifications to those established in the 1930's and are occupied by a mix of single and married couples with resident warden support.

The original cottages are often accidentally discovered by tourists seeking the Sheriffs Walk footpath and over the years many photographs of the cottages must have found their way back to destinations across the world.

Recent discovery of some original documentation is helping to shed further light on the history of the Almshouses, including Rules and Regulations from 1937 and original drawings of the properties created by Joseph Pattinson dated November 1930.





## 3 peaks solo

**Owen Jones** has local connections to Windermere and at the time the Hub went to print, he had just begun the 3 peaks challenge.

He is hoping to have climbed the 3 highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales using cycling as a means of transport between them, solo and unsupported and all in 3 days.

Owen is fundraising for the charity CALM, the campaign against living miserably, which offers men support and information when they're down or in crisis at [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net)

"I've chosen to do this challenge solo and unsupported because of how closely related it is to the topic of mental health. When suffering from mental illness or depression, individuals feel completely alone. As so many of us have, I've struggled in the past, but I have found strength in my physical capabilities which has lifted my psychological wellbeing."

You can read all about his adventure and donate at Owen's justgiving page:

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## Mayor's message

I was very glad to be re-elected in May for a second term as Mayor and as such have been very busy attending various events around the local area. Highlights would include presenting the medals and trophies to the Windermere Triathlon athletes, the annual boat parade on Windermere and I was also given the opportunity to attend Rock on Windermere, what a fantastic event it was and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Windermere in Bloom will have been judged by now, there will have been some worthy winners, Windermere certainly did put on a floral show, congratulations to everyone involved and thank you for your hard work in making Windermere bloom. I hope to see you at the Ladyholme Centre for the presentation evening.

I'd like to remind you all to have a look at the Windermere Town Council website as it's full of information about our town, with details of our local councillors and upcoming town council meetings to news and events that are taking place in and around the local area.

I do hope that you have enjoyed your summer and thank you for your continued support. Leith Hallatach, Mayor

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We look forward to seeing you all in September!

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