



Hub



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Natural Footprints



The Footprint, a National Trust straw baled Eco building, found in the beautiful woods of St.Catherines in Windermere, will be running some wonderful events this year. They are offering lots of activities based on Deepening Connections with Nature and would love the local community to come and get involved.

They have lots of Green Wood and Whittling courses going on all year and a Permaculture Course starting in March. They also have Bushcraft activities for young and old and a monthly Bushcraft club for children. You may also like to join them on one of their Footprint Fridays, a 2 hour session, doing activities from Campfire Treats to Self Sufficient Gardening. If you fancy something wild, then their Canopy Camps and Midweek Refreshers may be the thing for you. Participants can go and sleep in hammocks in the canopy of the trees (high and low level camps available), waking up to birdsong and a campfire breakfast! But if you would prefer to be inside, sitting by the fire doing some craft, then look out for their Community Craft Share, which happens once a month.

If you would like to know more, please contact: **Debbie Riviere** on **015394 88409**,
email debbie.riviere@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit
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Langstone New Role?

Langstone House in Broad Street has provided the base for local democratic process for the Windermere area since the days of Windermere Urban District Council and, amongst other facilities, houses the Council Chamber still regularly utilised by Windermere Town Council.



However, the building has been deemed 'surplus to requirements' by South Lakeland District Council and is most likely to be considered for conversion into affordable homes. Provision has to remain in any proposed alterations for retention of the Council Chamber for use by the Town Council.

Should other suggestions come forward as to how the building could be converted to provide for the benefit of the wider community consideration would need to be given to them but, at this time, affordable housing presently appears the only consideration.

If you have any thoughts about an alternative use for this building share them with the Hub by emailing editor@hub-news.org.uk from where they will be passed on to Windermere Town Council.

Big changes at RWYC

The clubhouse of the Royal Windermere Yacht Club, built in 1965, is currently undergoing major refurbishment along with the installation of a new lift, to give the building a 'facelift' and provide better facilities to members. Family membership has increased significantly over the past year and six new dinghies have been bought for use exclusively by youngsters. Adult and Junior Training for sailing and racing continue to play an important role in the Club's activities.

The Club is being given a generous donation by a local charity to promote sailing amongst youngsters, building upon our success with the RWYC Youth Squad and the Summer Junior Training Programme. They plan to work with local schools, providing training in dinghy sailing and water safety, supporting youngsters who'd otherwise lack the opportunity to get out on the water. They also hope to find and develop future world champions!



Contact The Hub!

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Messiah at the Lakes

Staveley Choral will be performing Handel's The Messiah on the 5th April at The Lakes School. This will be a very different performance as it will be a theatrical/operatic production with lavish sets and costumes bringing to life the drama and passion of the story of The Messiah. Handel was a composer who never missed an opportunity to convey the drama of a story. In his music for The Messiah, using Charles Jennens libretto, who was a passionate evangelist living in the 18th century, Handel didn't disappoint in conveying the drama of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Following their successful production of Carmina Burana they will work with the drama department at Kendal College under the direction of Hilary Pezet, Head of Theatre. Philip Burton, conductor of Staveley Choral, says "This will be quite an event. The last time anyone performed a theatrical interpretation of The Messiah was the English National Opera 2009. The sets will be designed by students from the college who will also provide stage management and lighting. We have four excellent opera singers as soloists and there will be opportunities for non-singing performers in the crowd scenes – in addition to Staveley Choral, of course!"

Tickets will be advertised and on sale in Windermere from March. For more information contact **Viv West on 015394 44129.**

"I'm a big, old lake!"

Windermere Reflections has lots of projects which aim to raise awareness of the issues and provide opportunities for local people to help reduce the impact on the environment. Lots of the projects and activities are fun and involve learning more about the local area.

Lots of us live in the Windermere water catchment area so water flows from your property, down drains and outflows, and eventually makes its way into Windermere. Windermere and the other lakes in this area are facing problems which are not immediately obvious.

For Top Tips to help you 'do your bit' visit the Windermere Reflections website at **windermere-reflections.org.uk**

Heard the **Windermere Song**? It's a 3-minute video describing some of the issues faced by the catchment and how we can help address them. It's sung by 'Lady Windermere' and if you haven't seen it it's worth a look! There is a link on their website. If you would like to know more call on **015394 34401**.



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Twinning News!

Although now well into the New Year, we felt that this picture of the choir of St Martin and St Mary C of E Primary School should be shared in appreciation of their splendid interpretation of the Christmas Story for the Advent afternoon in early December, enjoyed by many parents, grandparents and friends at the Marchesi Centre - well done everyone!



The 2014 Twinning Programme is now in hand and will include the annual exchanges between schools, with a group from the Carl Orff School in Diessen coming here in early April and the Lakes School group returning early July for a cultural visit to learn more about our Bavarian partners. They also have some students arranging individual exchanges and 'penpals' keeping in touch with each other.

The 'Blasergruppe' - Diessen's brass ensemble - will be here for four days from 6th June providing traditional entertainment in various venues including an Evening Concert at St Mary's Church on 8th June and a concert with Kendal Concert Band on 9th June. More details in the May Hub.

If you would like to know more about Twinning activities or would like to host one of our visiting guests in June, please contact **Jenny Borer 015394 44995** or email **jsborer@fiscalli.co.uk**

Wood you help us?

School Knott Community Woodland was planted by South Lakeland District Council in 2002 and it has grown very well. Local people have been working with the Council and Cumbria Woodlands to find ways that the woodland can be improved for wildlife and people's enjoyment.

Litterpicks, a woodland crafts day and a woodland management course have all taken place so far. If you would be interested in helping with this work or learning about future events, please call 015394 88261 and leave your name and email address.



Litter-picking volunteers

One of the aims is to increase the amount and variety of plants and wild animals which live in or use the wood. Plans are afoot for planting some wild flowers and installing some bat and bird boxes. **Can you help?** Advice is needed as to what bird and bat boxes would be best, and where they should be located in order to be most useful to prospective winged home owners!

If you can offer any advice or help with this, please call **Mr Greaves on 015394 42720**.

Superfast Broadband

Is your hotel or B&B making the most of your Wi-Fi? Most businesses have an internet connection and many also have an internal Wi-Fi system, but are you making the most of yours?

Don't forget that your Wi-Fi is about more than internet access, there are probably ways that it could be helping you to save money or make more money. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Saving on your phone line rental costs by using internet phones (VoIP)

Reducing the costs and increasing the efficiency of your CCTV by using Internet CCTV

Protecting your Wi-Fi connection from excessive and illegal use by guests and anyone else who may be using it by installing a Wi-Fi Hotspot

Operating your Wi-Fi on a 'Pay-As-You-Go' basis with a Hotspot giving you an additional revenue stream to add to your business

Improving and updating accommodation facilities by installing Smart TVs (TVs with integrated Internet capabilities)

If you'd like to discuss ways that your internet and Wi-Fi can provide more value for your business, or you'd like to move to superfast broadband now, Kendal-based Kencomp can help.

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The advertisement for Special Spaces by lakeland fells furniture features a dark header with a pink house icon containing a white heart, followed by the text 'special spaces by lakeland fells furniture'. Below this are four rounded rectangular images showing interior spaces: a kitchen, a bedroom, a living room, and an office. Each image is captioned in pink text: 'creative kitchens', 'beautiful bedrooms', 'luxury living', and 'organised offices'. At the bottom, the text 'Special Spaces' is followed by the address 'Overbeck Woodland Road, Windermere, LA23 2AH', the phone number '015394 40030', the email 'info@lakelandfellsfurniture.co.uk', and the website 'www.special-spaces.co.uk'. A small heart icon is at the bottom right, and a footer bar contains the text 'creative kitchens • beautiful bedrooms • luxury living • organised offices'.

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Advertise in the HUB

The HUB is directly delivered by Royal Mail to over **5700** homes across the LA23 postcode area.

We offer a range of advertising opportunities and will gladly supply a rate card and details of our specially priced 'support your local independent' feature in the next edition. Just contact editor@hub-news.org.uk or telephone **015394 40020** for details.



Wonderful things are happening at the Footprint and in St. Catherine's Woods in Windermere this year, exploring our **Deepening Connections to Nature**.



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Fruity Windermere

A small group of local residents have been hard at work for the past three winters on a 'Fruity Windermere' project with the aim to increase the amount of locally grown food. They have planted fruit trees and bushes in places where anyone can help themselves. So if you notice apple or plum trees or fruit bushes in places where you hadn't spotted them before, they are there for you!

For the next planting season (2014/15) they intend to have a year off planting and will concentrate on maintenance by pruning and replacing damaged or lost trees. They also plan to have an apple pressing event in the autumn of this year so if you have an abundance of apples they can be turned into apple juice.

They have had some generous support from The Taverners, the Coop, Lakeland Landscapes, SLDC and United Utilities. They are also really appreciative of the help given to them by Continental Landscapes who have very kindly dug a lot of holes, a thank you to Will Hicks for providing mulch and to John Brockbank for making and erecting the wonderful guards around the trees in Birthwaite gardens and Queen's Park.



2013/2014 'Fruity Windermere' plantings:

Ghyll Road: Taylor's Favourite apple and Belle de Louvain plum

School Knott Drive/Limethwaite Road: Charles Ross apple and Monsieur Hatif plum

Queen's Park, near bowling green: Golden Hornet crab apple

Oldfield Road: whitecurrant, gooseberry and blackcurrant

Upper Oak Street: four blackcurrants, four redcurrants, two gooseberries and Proctor's Seedling apple

Orrest Drive, near Cross Street: Bramley apple and Discovery apple

Planned plantings for 2014:

School Knott Drive/Limethwaite Road: two Black Worcester pears, Victoria Plum, Howgate Wonder apple and Lord Lambourne apple.

Birthwaite Flats: Ellison's Orange apple, Egremont Russet apple, Proctor's Seedling apple, Ashmead's Kernel apple and Purple Pershore plum

School Knott: Elstar apple, James Grieve apple, Lady Sudeley apple, Red Falstaff apple, two Westmorland damsons

If you are interested in joining the group to help with the planting please contact **Debbie on 015394 88261**

On course at Windermereals



The hot meals delivery service recently launched by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust is set to grow.

Providing a three course freshly cooked meal for £5.00 to the over 60's within our community, that might otherwise go without, the service is reliant on volunteers to help deliver the meals, prepared by The Elleray Hotel.

A recent increase in volunteers now provides opportunity for expansion of the scheme and anyone interested in receiving a meal from the Windermereals team on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays should contact **Angela at The Elleray on 015394 88464.**

Keep Active!

The Phoenix Centre is already home to a varied selection of activities but the excellent Activities Hall is available to hire most mornings of the week.

If you are seeking a venue to deliver some form of activity where a high ceiling, sprung wooden floor and excellent facilities are on hand why not consider The Phoenix Centre. The hall is large enough to accommodate a bouncy castle and is ideal for children's parties.

Hire of the hall for a 5 hour session is available from £25.00, part sessions may be available for considerably less. Interested, then just call Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust on **015394 48415** to find out more.

Spare time = Care time

The Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust is a charitable trust with the objective of making a positive contribution to the wellbeing of our local community. From operating The Phoenix Centre to managing all of the local public toilets, a weekly luncheon club to Windermereals the Trust is reliant on voluntary assistance to ensure that it can continue to play its part and expand its contribution within the community.

If you would like to find out more about becoming involved in the Trust, maybe as a Windermereals volunteer or as one of their Trustees please contact **Bill Smith**, Honourary Chairman on **015394 48415.**

Diamonds on Droomer

"Digging for Diamonds on Droomer" is a project about the history of the Droomer Estate from its beginnings to the present day. If anyone has any information or is interested in becoming involved in the project please contact **Trevor Avery on 07876433490** or leave details for his attention at Windermere Library.

Mayor's message

It doesn't seem five minutes since I was sitting here racking my brain for something to say, when here I am again doing exactly the same thing!

First of all, I must welcome our newest 'recruit' to the Town Council, Amanda Davies, who has bravely stepped in to fill a vacancy in Bowness South. She brings a wealth of business experience which I am sure will add an extra dimension to the Council's knowledge and expertise.

Unlike some parts of the country, we seem to have escaped the worst excesses of the weather, for now, at least and I am sure many reading this are preparing for the forthcoming season and the regular invasion of visitors. It's difficult to predict how things will go with the global and national economies seemingly in constant disarray but I'm confident all the hard work put in over the last couple of years and headline events like the Tour of Britain will attract new and returning visitors alike.

There will be challenges ahead but I think that with a measured approach and involvement by all stakeholders – official bodies and residents alike – we can make Windermere and the surrounding area a destination of choice for families and activity-seekers for years to come.

Allan Winrow
Town Mayor

As ever, details of Council meetings and previous minutes are on our website, and you can keep abreast of official musings by following us on Twitter @windermereTC or online www.windermere-tc.gov.uk

Little Henry online

In the Spring 2013 edition we reported on the publication of a number of stories based on the activities of Border Terrier 'Henry' written by local resident Victoria Howarth and wonderfully illustrated by Mary Lauritzen.

Five books have now been published and the life of Henry has gone online with the creation of the website.



To purchase individual books, or the entire collection visit www.mylittlehenry.co.uk or follow on twitter @mylittle_henry

Natural explanations

The **Ambleside Natural History Society** meets in a spirit of friendship and goodwill to share in all aspects of natural history, geology, the countryside, its scenery, its flora and fauna, its use, its buildings, its history, the activities of its inhabitants.

Visitors and Members are always welcome.

Annual Subscription of £11 for adults and 50p for under 25s is due each January. Attendance Fee per meeting is £1 for Members, £3 for Non-Members, under 25s are free.

All meetings are in the Ambleside Centre, Vicarage Road (adjacent to St Mary's Church), Ambleside LA22 9DH at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated.

Friday 14 March 2014

Conserving our Red Squirrels
Speaker: Stewart Sutcliffe
Grasmere Red Squirrel Group

Friday 28 March 2014

Joint meeting with the RSPB
RSPB Investigations
An Illustrated talk by Alan Firth, RSPB Enforcement Officer for the North of England

For more information telephone the Secretary, **Gillian Bell** on **015394 32730** or the Treasurer, **Anne McVey**, on **015394 42767**. www.anhs.org.uk

Miss Saigon



After their resounding success with The Phantom of the Opera, The Lakes School have embarked on their next musical production, 'Miss Saigon'.

The musical reaches its 25th anniversary in 2014 and the school edition has been released. They are one of the first schools to perform this edition.

The cast has been selected and 40 of their students will be on stage, with others involved in the important backstage work and some of their musicians in the full orchestra. Mr Theobald, producer and music teacher is arranging for them to have professional West End scenery brought in!

Look out for car boot sales and other fund raising events and activities, which they hope you will support as well as coming to see the production in November, dates to be arranged!



Peter Brendling (left), Commercial Director at Mountain Goat, with Paul Milling (right) of Windermere Food Bank.

Local minibus operator Mountain Goat, have provided Windermere & District food bank volunteers with ten new fleeces. Robin Tyson, Marketing Manager at Mountain Goat said 'we are really pleased to support such a worthwhile local cause'. More information on the food bank can be found at www.windermere-district.foodbank.org.uk

Return of the Reds

The Westmorland Red Squirrel Society made excellent progress with its red squirrel conservation work during 2013. After fifteen years absence they thought that reds would never return but the little animals have been proving them wrong and are once more making their homes in local woodland and gardens.



To find out more about the work being done locally by WRSS and ways you can encourage red squirrels back into your own garden please come along to their public meeting at the Phoenix Centre on Thursday 3rd April at 7.30pm.

Leaders required.

Girlguiding is the largest female only organisation for girls and women aged 5-70 in the UK, and they need your help to keep our local units open.

Could you spare an hour a week to enable your local guides to have fun and experience new and exciting things all within the safe, supportive environment of Girlguiding? No experience is needed and full training will be given; they just need volunteers with a willingness to offer time.

To find out more email lakesdivision@yahoo.co.uk or phone Marie on 07811 017316.

Bowness Bay Blues 2013 was hailed as a great success and **Bowness Bay Blues 2014** is set to be even better.

There will be top-quality music on offer all weekend - ranging from sizzling electric to mellow acoustic blues and foot-tapping R'n'B - in some wonderfully atmospheric venues surrounding Lake Windermere.

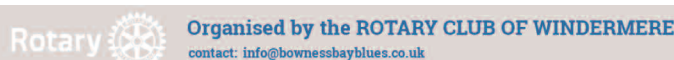
They look forward to seeing you on 11 to 13 April 2014!

Headline acts:

- The Marcus Bonfanti Band (leading exponents of the new generation of British blues)
- Sean Webster (known for his inspired guitar playing and passionate vocals)
- Midnight Train (featuring some of the best names on the circuit, including singer Debbie Giles and drummer Sam Kelly)

NEW FOR 2014: Music workshops for singers, drummers and guitarists, offering unique opportunities to learn from the professionals.

Follow festival news on Twitter @BownessBayBlues
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Royal Windermere Yacht Club



Learn to sail... take part in races.... celebrate in the bar... dine with family and friends... get involved in running the Club... have fun on England's largest lake....

To find out about:

- the 'Youth Squad' for 8-14 year olds, meeting weekly during term-time
- free 'Taster Sessions' to try some sailing
- Junior & Adult RYA **Sailing & Powerboat training courses** this Spring & Summer
- **Social activities** for non-sailors

visit our website, or just drop in at the Clubhouse. *See you soon!*

RWYC, Fallbarrow Rd, Bowness -on-Windermere, LA23 3DJ
www.royal-windermere.co.uk 015394 43106



Railings!

Discover more about red squirrel conservation
and work being done locally by the

Westmorland Red Squirrel Society



Public meeting in Windermere
7.30pm - Thursday 3rd April 2014
Phoenix Centre

Phoenix Way, Windermere, LA23 1BZ
Tea and coffee will be served

Work commenced by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust to tidy up the grounds around the public toilets at Bowness Bay has recently been completed. Clearance of the overgrown area to the rear of the toilets has created more accessible public space which has recently been complemented by the installation of traditional style railings alongside the steps leading down towards the toilets.

The project was funded by a grant obtained by BWCCT from the National Lottery and it is hoped that future planting and additional seating in the area will further enhance this previously very untidy corner close to The Glebe.

BWCCT operates all 8 of the public conveniences in Windermere and Bowness on a not for profit basis but is hoping that it will be able to attract investment that will enable the outdated facilities at Quarry Rigg to be refurbished.



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