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Conservation Conversation

THE NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY is organising a further opportunity for local people to comment on proposals that part of Windermere village should become a conservation area.

An exhibition will be held on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at the Marchesi Centre from 6pm to 9pm. Views and comments should be returned to David James at the LDNPA, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal LA9 7RL or email david.james@lakedistrict.gov.uk by Friday 25 March 2011.

National Park Conservation and Design Adviser David James said "We are holding a further exhibition as we want everyone to appreciate what a conservation area would involve and have the opportunity to have their say about the proposals."

A detailed appraisal of Windermere's special qualities has already been produced to highlight what makes the area worthy of being designated as a conservation area. Full details - including maps of the proposed Conservation Area boundary, a suggested management plan and an explanation of the proposed benefits of a conservation area - can be found at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/windermereca and an online survey questionnaire is also available.

"A conservation area would help conserve historic buildings and trees and provide opportunities for further enhancement. With tighter budgets, future funding for enhancements, such as further improvements within the town centre, are likely to be targeted toward designated areas", David added.

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Did You Know?

WINDERMERE-DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION is always keen to attract new members. If you would like to know more contact Jennifer Borer on 015394 44995 ????

TACT is organising a special showing of the film 'In Transition' on Thursday 3rd March at the Ladyholme Centre on Lake Road. Delicious soup and home-made bread from 6.30pm; film showing with popcorn at 7.30pm; Towards a Community Transition AGM at 8.30pm. For details call Debbie on 88261 or www.tact-windermere.co.uk

TRADITIONAL PANCAKE RACING will be happening on March 8th (Shrove Tuesday) at 2.30pm in Troutbeck Town Square. Supported by the Troutbeck Village Association, entry is free and there are prizes donated by local inns, hotels and individuals. More information from Tony Legge on 015394 33356 or 07802 188106.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL Club of Windermere & District recently raised £500 to purchase a personal alarm for a victim of domestic abuse and £300 for the Ulverston Hospice.

PLACES MATTER! is organising a free one day introductory workshop on Urban Design at The Macdonald Old England Hotel in Windermere on March 22. To book a place contact Places Matter! on 0151 703 0135.

THE INNER WHEEL CLUB of Windermere is organising a fundraising evening 'Fun with Food and Flowers' at 7pm on March 24 at the Ladyholme Centre. Tickets (including a glass of wine and savouries) £6 from Fleurtations or Inner Wheel members.



WINDERMERE MODEL BOAT CLUB is holding a Model Boat Fest and BBQ on Saturday June 18 at the Steamboat Museum. There will be model steam and electric boats, model yachts and yacht racing on the Lake. More information from club secretary on 015394 88715 or email totalshell2@tiscali.co.uk

BTCV VOLUNTEERS completed a whopping 1,797 working days in Central Lakes last year, doing everything from fencing, tree planting, walling and much more. If you are interested in practical conservation work contact Rachel Miller on 01539 742612 or email r.miller@btcv.org.uk

Santa sparkles as Lakeland twinkles

ONCE AGAIN THE STERLING CREW of volunteers who organise our Winter Lights festivities did a fantastic job in 2010, aided by some of the best winter weather for years. Santa's Cruise was in brilliant sunshine and the Parade and fireworks were offset by the first crisp snow of the season - before we all got fed up with the stuff!

The event costs thousands of pounds and hundreds of hours of volunteer time to put on, so Sharon Wright, Chair of Windermere and Bowness Winter Lights committee, is keen to emphasise that without the generosity of many folks the show simply would not go on. Sharon said: "We are really happy with the way that the community have pulled together to continue to improve the Winter Lights celebrations. Last years flooding and the current economic climate emphasises the importance of occasions like the Winter Lights Parade for the community to come together to celebrate the start of the festive season.

"We are really grateful to all those who donate towards the cost of the Lights and to grant-giving bodies for continuing to offer their financial support to improve the Lights, despite difficult financial times.

"The nine volunteer residents and traders on the committee work very hard, but it is worth it when the towns are transformed as the lights go on, thanks to the efforts of the many, many people who help out."

For more information about the Winter Lights go to www.windermerewinterlights.org



Santa on his Cruise - all part of the Winter Lights project
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Question Time for our MP

PUPILS FROM FOUR Windermere schools gave Tim Farron MP a grilling recently as part of the Windermere Preparatory School Environment Day and Climate Change Workshop.

Windermere Preparatory School pupils were joined by Year 6 students from St. Cuthbert's CP Primary School, Goodly Dale Primary School and Windermere CE Junior School for the event. Tim was asked questions about light pollution, public transport, flood warning systems, offshore wind farms and increasing the region's broadband speed.

Tim Farron said "It was a wonderful opportunity to talk to pupils from Windermere about what the government is doing to tackle climate change. When I do events like these I'm always struck by the young people's passion; it's refreshing to hear their optimistic and practical approach to the vital preservation of our region and ultimately our planet. If we caused it, we can fix it."

Andrew Greenway, Year 6 teacher at Windermere Prep said "The children's questions were of a very high calibre and demonstrated genuine commitment. Mr Farron impressed us all by being an expert in everything from bees to buses."

Make your own Fruit Trees!

'FRUITY WINDERMERE' organisers the Windermere Food Group is masterminding a fruit grafting workshop at the Ladyholme Centre on Sunday 13th March, starting at 10.30am.

Grafting involves fixing a fruit variety of your choice on to a new rootstock to ensure healthy growth of the right-sized plant. It is not difficult and is a cheap and easy way to create your own fruit trees. There will be apple, plum and pear varieties available for grafting, together with suitable rootstocks.

It will cost £3 for the grafting tuition, with an extra charge if you want to take your handiwork home. You will need to take a sharp penknife or Stanley knife and some gardening gloves.

There will also be a talk on Cumbrian apple varieties by South Lakeland Orchard Group. For more details call Debbie on 88261.

Mountain Goat reaches the Top



LOCAL MINICOACH OPERATORS Mountain Goat Tours and Holidays were proud to be awarded Route One Magazine's Minibus Operator of the Year 2010 in November last year.

The award recognises the professionalism of Mountain Goat in providing a personal service to all their customers and giving an 'off the beaten track' option for many large coach operators who want customers to see areas of the Lake District that bigger vehicles cannot access.

Director Stephen Broughton said it was an honour to be recognised by the Industry and is great for the team. "We are there for the visitors to the area as well as being able to work for locals by providing transport and holidays."

Mountain Goat was founded in 1972 and provides guided sightseeing tours, private hire services, touring holidays and breaks around the UK, walking tours, local transport services for staff and what is recognised as one of a very few successful integrated local bus and boat transport services along with Windermere Lake Cruises and other transport operators.

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WINDERMERE TACT (Towards a Community Transition) is hoping to set up a pay-as-you-drive car club, and is looking for people willing to share their car to save money.

If you lease your car to the Car Club, you get:

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- 40 hours free usage per month, carried over if not used
- Car parked less than 1km away - possibly at your own home
- You will be paid 25% of any hourly usage revenue generated in excess of £2000

A Car Club works by people joining and paying a membership fee and then using Club cars on an hourly basis. The cars can be booked by phone or on the internet. Car Clubs are popular as they save you money and reduce pressure on parking space.

Kendal and Staveley are also looking at setting up similar schemes. Cars will be fitted with equipment to link in with a computerised booking system. The Windermere Car Club needs people who are willing to lease a car to our system – could that be you?

If you are interested in the idea, please complete and drop off this form at Windermere Library, or South Lakes Development Trust office, Langstone House, Broad Street LA23 2AB (next to the Council Chamber).

Osprey getting ready for Re-launch

LAKELAND ARTS TRUST has been working hard on a project to replace the old Steamboat Museum buildings and reopen the site to the public.

The project will enable visitors to see the collection of vessels dating from the Middle Ages through to the 20th century, finding out who owned them and how they were built and used on Windermere. Visitors will be able to watch and learn about the process of boat building and conservation in the workshop, explore the wet dock and jetties and see different boats demonstrated or take a trip on an historic launch. There will also be opportunities to learn about the heritage through workshops, activities and talks as well being able to enjoy being on the site and its beautiful location.

Adrian Stone started in February 2010 as the Museum's Conservation Workshop Manager, getting to know the collection of some 40 vessels that all need caring for. Windermere steam launch Osprey is now being restored in the workshop on-site. Adrian is currently sourcing teak and oak to replace hull planking and structural elements, although a large proportion of the



Conservation workshop manager Adrian Stone sets to work on Osprey

original planking will be preserved. Work will continue on Osprey over the coming months and she will hopefully be re-launched later in 2011.

Whilst this development work continues throughout 2011, the Trust will be offering opportunities to visit the site through guided tours and open days. Further details about these will be published locally and on the website, www.steamboats.org.uk in the spring.

Mayor's Missive

WE HEAR MUCH in the news about the opportunities that will be available through the Localism Bill, published by Government in December 2010.

This Bill will allow a shift of power from central government into the hands of individuals, communities and local councils. As the foundation level of local governance, Town and Parish Councils are well-placed to respond to such a shift and should be able to help communities respond positively to such opportunities.

What better way to be part of this change than by becoming a Town Councillor at the forthcoming elections early in May? Windermere Town Council is non political and represents the interests of the community across Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge. Nomination forms for the 20 seats will be available towards the end of March and it would be tremendous to see real competition for these positions. Find out more by attending a Council meeting to see what goes on. We normally meet every 2nd Wednesday and 4th Monday of the month - you would be most welcome.

Whilst on the subject of change, Brian Whittaker will soon be retiring from his post as Clerk to the Council. Brian has diligently undertaken this role for 25 years

providing invaluable support to the changing faces on the Council over that time. We all wish him well - his knowledge, guidance and support will be missed. Brian is known to many as a local solicitor and this role will not be affected by his retirement from the Council.

Town Council already has Tracy Fletcher in post as Clerk Designate and Tracy will be assuming the position of Clerk to the Council from 1st April. Tracy has spent the last few months shadowing Brian and progressively taking over his support activities. The Council looks forward to working with Tracy in the future.

There are few who do not believe that the year ahead will be challenging but it will undoubtedly present new opportunities and it is my belief that if we, as a community, can properly position ourselves to identify and respond proactively to such opportunities, a great deal can be achieved.

Bill Smith, Mayor, Windermere - bill@sldt.co.uk



Windermere Officer named Cumbria PCSO of the Year

WINDERMERE POLICE Community Support Officer Sarah Blacow has been named Cumbria Constabulary's 2010 'PCSO of the Year'.

Sarah scooped the award following a nomination for her commitment to the local community.

Sergeant John Stephens of Windermere Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "Sarah has been with us for four years and in that time, has made a real difference to the community of Windermere by spearheading local initiatives and strengthening our relationships with all members of our community.

"Sarah really cares about her community and has the absolute trust of local residents. Her friendly approach and the fact that she is willing to help anyone has made her a very popular and valued member of our team.

"Her community work has greatly contributed to the reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour in the area."

PCSO Blacow said: "I don't just work in Windermere, I live here too and I'm passionate about the area and people. I love my job and it's a privilege to be able to improve the quality of people's lives – whether it's just



Sarah receives her award from Chief Constable Craig Mackey

stopping to say 'hello' or working with partner agencies to come up with solutions for community problems.

"I couldn't have done my job without the fantastic support and encouragement from Sgt John Stephens and my colleagues at Windermere Police Station."

PCSOs work as part of Neighbourhood Policing Teams and are focussed on working with local communities to identify the issues they face and work with them and partner agencies to tackle those problems.

Calling Marafun Runners

AMBLESIDE KIRKSTONE ROTARY CLUB is keen to encourage Windemerians to join in the 2011 Marafun.

The Race comprises teams of five runners, each person running a fifth of the 26 mile course from Rothay Park, Ambleside up to Grasmere and back. Last year some £20,000 was raised for the Westmorland General Hospital Oncology unit and the British Heart Foundation. Tim Farron started the run and also ran one leg himself together with almost a 100 teams from Clubs, Health Centres and by people of all ages.

This year's event will be on October 9 and full details are available from Alison or Roger on 015394 33241, or from Ambleside TIC.

Fairtrade Fun

Bowness and Windermere Fairtrade Group organised a Fairtrade Fun and Fashion Morning at the Hydro Hotel last December. Despite the weather, the event was well attended and supported by local shops including Breeze, Farrers, Hubble Bubble Organics, Manuka Health Store and Style Trading. The highlight was a mini fashion show by Breeze of Bowness. Members of the Fairtrade group modelled Fairtrade, organic and ethical clothes.

A Flash in the Pan

Plans to secure the future delivery of nine toilets across Windermere and Bowness, by developing a partnership between Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust and South Lakes Development Trust, have hit troubled waters.

A decision taken by South Lakeland District Council on lease terms for three toilet blocks means that the plans developed to attract upgrade investment for the most well-used toilet blocks to justify a 'pay on entry' service are no longer viable.

As a result the partnership would not be able to generate the income needed to subsidise the operation of the remaining six facilities.

The consequence is that the only realistic option (as we go to press) would be a major hike in Town Council taxation, putting the costs of operating the toilets on local people, rather than on those using the facilities.

The partnership is still hoping that SLDC will work towards a deliverable social enterprise solution. But without an offer from SLDC of all nine toilets on secure leases, the opportunities to keep all our toilets open look slim.

County Council seeking major savings

SAVING £44 MILLION

Cumbria County Council's government funding is set to reduce significantly, so the council has been consulting with people about how to save £44 million on its budget.

Feedback is being collated as The Hub goes to press - Cabinet will consider the feedback before it agrees a final council Plan and budget to recommend to Full Council in late February.

LOW COST BUS FARES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

South Lakeland young people can take advantage of low cost bus fares with the new A2BNoW scheme.

A2BNoW offers young people aged 5 to 18 fares of up to £1 single or £1.80 return on any journey in South Lakeland. A2BNoW smartcard holders can use them on any return journey to Penrith, Keswick, Barrow, Kirkby Stephen and Lancaster, as long as their journey starts in South Lakeland. The card costs just £5 as a one-off fee, and can be used anytime except during school term times before 9:30am and between 3pm and 5pm.

Get an A2BNoW card by picking up an application from your local library, online at

www.cumbria.gov.uk/a2bnow or by calling 01539 713180.

CENTRAL LAKES NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The latest Forum took place in Ambleside. Residents at the Forum also heard about the work of the 'Restorative Justice' team which works with young people who have committed a crime to help them repair the harm done; a new credit union for South Lakeland; an update about the University of Cumbria; the need for Meals on Wheels volunteers; and an update report from the National Trust.

The next Forum is on 14th March, 7pm at Grasmere Village Hall. If you are involved with a community group in need of a Forum grant please call Debbie Binch on 01539 713180.

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Goodly Dale Wins Award

Pupils at Goodly Dale School have been celebrating their recent award for 'Outstanding Development of the International Dimension in the Curriculum'.

The award reflects the breadth of international activities in the school curriculum. Pupils have been forging links with the Kinamba Nursery Project in Rwanda, celebrating Chinese New Year, learning Spanish, hosting a visit by Swiss students and finding out about French language and Culture. Pupils also participated in sponsored 'Walk for Water' events to raise funds for countries where better water provision is desperately needed.

An 'International Day' in school included many pupils wearing national dress from other countries, preparation of international foods, displays of dance and art and the enthusiastic involvement of parents.

"The pupils have not only enjoyed all these and other related activities, but very clearly feel that they have learned a great deal about how different and difficult life can be in other countries," said Chair of Governors Dorothy Hill. "Pupils described the 'Walk for Water' as life changing and increasing their awareness of the need to conserve water. They also discovered how difficult it is to carry quantities of water for any length of time!"

Pupils commented: "It feels good to help somebody else do something", "You feel good about yourself" and "It will help me to understand the world as I grow up".

Hedgerow Heaven

LOCAL LASS and culinary whizz Naomi Darbishire is developing several exciting new products to add to the Agnes Rose range of award-winning fruit vinegars and infused oils.

This extraordinary range of locally handmade all-natural oils and vinegars uses old family recipes coupled with Naomi's passion for good food and for foraging in Westmerian hedgerows.

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Now Windermere traders Claytons Butchers are advertising free delivery to homes and businesses within five miles of their Windermere store. This useful service helps busy people continue to use local shops, and is a boon to the less mobile.

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Claytons prides itself in offering top quality local beef and lamb from Mill Brow Farm at Skelwith Bridge, totting up a total of just 29 food miles!

Delivery rounds are also more efficient than filling local roads with private cars, so The Hub would love to hear from other local businesses that offer a similar service.

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