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Red Arrow pilots 6,7 and 9 complete their Heart manoeuvre in the skies over Windermere at the 2011 Windermere Air Festival - picture by Bill Smith (see story on Page Three)

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THE FIRESIDE BOOKSHOP is organising a Christmas Fair to promote local businesses on Saturday 17th December from 10am - 9pm at The Rayrigg Rooms in Bowness. There will be all sorts of stalls, live music and a Santa lucky dip as well as refreshments. For further information please email Martha Sheppard at randomkarma@hotmail.com or call 07868144208.

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Trust set up to honour Red Arrows Ace

THE RAF RED ARROWS Display Team has regularly thrilled thousands over the years at the Windermere Air Festival, so The Hub knows many, many of its readers will have been shocked and saddened by the news that Red Arrow Four, Flight Lieutenant Jon Egging, lost his life while performing at the Bournemouth Air Festival this summer.

Jon Egging's wife Emma has now set up a trust in honour of her husband which aims to give young



people from disadvantaged backgrounds new opportunities to help them achieve their potential.

The Jon Egging Trust is in its infancy, but if readers wish to make donations, they can contact the Trust via email at donations@joneggingtrust.org.uk

Flood alleviation - a new shelter and a cleaner Bay



HUB READERS will know only too well about the tribulations surrounding sewerage management in Bowness, especially around Bowness Bay itself.

As reported in our Autumn 2010 edition, Windermere Lake Cruises was just one of the tourism operators totally fed up with yet another sewer failure over the Easter weekend, saying: "As a tourism operator Windermere Lake Cruises cannot overstate the disappointment that it feels at having human faeces deposited across one of the prime visitor locations of the Lake District on an Easter Bank Holiday Monday."

At that stage United Utilities agreed to go ahead with works to resolve this issue. The works were scheduled to start this Autumn, and that is what has happened.

The plan is to build an underground chamber to hold sewer discharges in times of flood, instead of them surging across the roads and into the Bay. These spills will then be screened and pumped into the centre of the lake at Parsonage Bay, via a new underground pipe beneath The Glebe.

Once completed in the Spring of 2013, the only visible works will be a new control kiosk (see plans above) and hard standing alongside the tennis courts. The kiosk is a contemporary design, finished in a mix of traditional

local materials, and incorporating a new sheltered seating area.

In November United Utilities will be making boreholes in the lake bed in Parsonage Bay for the first half of the month. This will be done using a temporary barge, which will be floated up the lake from Lakeside. The boreholes will give accurate data about the lake bed which will help in the design and construction of the new outfall pipe. Construction work on the pipe will not start until the second phase of the scheme, starting in September 2012.

While these works are continuing, United Utilities is also investigating all the wider issues affecting water quality in Windermere, looking at the whole of the lake's catchment area.

They will consider:

- Phosphorous input into the lake
- Surface water infiltration into the sewers
- Potential for an additional sewage treatment plant

These studies will enable United Utilities to submit proposals to its regulators (OFWAT) for 2015-2020 and beyond.

Electric bikes create a buzz in Bowness



ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN is a new venture started by local duo Warwick and Julia Pickering. Based on Glebe Road in the heart of Bowness, Electric Mountain offers electric bikes for hire and sale, enabling visitors and locals alike to make the most of our spectacular landscape.

The high specification bikes are designed for on and off-road use, with a range of about 65 miles on a single charge.

Our picture shows Arnside resident Sue on her newly-acquired mount. Sue hired a Freego Eagle electric bike from Electric Mountain in July for a half day of biking around Hawkshead and Cunsey and was instantly hooked.

Sue had cycled all her life but nowadays she was finding the hills a real struggle. Sue purchased a new bike shortly after and has been out riding regularly ever since.

Sue said: "Crossing on the chain ferry back from Sawrey on my own bike was great fun - Warwick has been so helpful and patient, so huge thanks to him!"

"I have met so many people who want to know all about my electric bike. Now I can explore further afield and keep my interest going - it's a new lease of life for me!"

For a free introduction and a safe trial ride in a large enclosed car park contact Electric Mountain at Windermere Aquatics Complex, Glebe Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 3HE, tel: 07407 422 798 or email: info@electric-mountain.co.uk



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Santa is on his way!



One of Santa's littlest helpers with Edward the Donkey at last year's event

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING to Bowness and Windermere this year, to reward all good children - and their mums and dads! - with all sorts of lovely treats.

Join in the fun on Saturday 26th November 2011 with the Seeking Santa Cruise from Bowness Pier and the Sixth Annual Winter Masked Parade through Windermere village and the Winter Lights Switch-on. All this excitement will be topped off at the Grand Firework Finale in Queens Park!

The day starts with the sensational Seeking Santa Cruise, accompanied by Peter Rabbit and his story teller reading 'A Winter's Tale'. All this aboard a Windermere Lake Cruises steamer from Bowness Piers bound for a special rendezvous with the man in the red suit. On your return you will be met by Edward the Christmas Donkey and his Mini elves. There is also plenty of opportunity to get some Christmas treats in two of Lakeland's most scenic shopping villages.

Afterwards, make sure you get to Windermere Railway Station for 4.00pm where Moky Fitness will be warming up the crowds with some festive music and dance along with The Kookaburras. Santa on his sleigh will lead the Winter 'Sparkle' Masked Parade through Windermere, switching-on the Winter Lights along the way to Queens Park for the Grand Firework Finale with Milnthorpe Steel Band. Burgers, hot dogs, mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks will be for sale at Queens Park.

To book tickets for the Fantastic Seeking Santa Cruise email info@oldlaundrytheatre.co.uk, or phone 08445 040604 (Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm) or call in person at The Old Laundry Theatre Box Office at The World of Beatrix Potter Attraction, Bowness.

Cruise tickets prices are £11.00 adults £6.50 Children (The Parade & Fireworks are free of charge - but please give generously in the buckets on the night.)

The Passion according to St Mark

STAVELEY CHORAL SOCIETY invites the people of Windermere, Bowness, Troutbeck and Staveley to be part of an original performance planned for Saturday, March 24th at St Mary's Church, Windermere.

Taking as its starting point the story of Christ's trial and crucifixion, the performance will explore the Passion story through music, words and drama.

Everyone is invited to get involved in this community project - and you don't have to be able to act or read music to take part! Participation in the workshops or attending the rehearsals will be just as much a part of this exciting project as will the performance itself.

Preparations start early in the New Year. Singers will rehearse regularly with Staveley Choral Society on Monday evenings, and a workshop with an inspiring singing coach will help build confidence and skills. The dramatic element of the performance will evolve over

3 or 4 half-day workshops led by experienced facilitators.

Bach, Handel and even Andrew Lloyd Webber have all taken stories from the Bible and created some extraordinary dramatic pieces for performance. This is an opportunity for you to do the same!

Please contact David Wilmot on 015394 43032 or email vicarofwindermere@hotmail.co.uk

For more about the music contact Philip Burton on 015394 42107 or email enquiries@1parkroad.com

And if you'd like to find out more about the dramatic production please call Lucy Crispin on 01539 727295 or email lucyshine@tiscali.co.uk

Or alternatively come to a meeting on Tuesday 6th December, at 7-00 p.m. at St Mary's, Windermere.

Sign of the Times



THE WINDERMERE FAIRTRADE Group is delighted with three new signs proclaiming our community's Fairtrade status. The signs are on all the approach roads to Bowness and Windermere.

The group will be producing window stickers for any hotels, guest houses, cafes, restaurants and shops offering Fairtrade goods. If you would like one of these stickers please contact Jennifer Langley on 015394 44037

Olympic Torch comes to Bowness

BOWNESS IS TO BE HONOURED by hosting The Olympic Flame on its journey from Greece to the Olympic Stadium in London next year.

The torch will arrive in Bowness on Thursday 21st June 2012, to an evening of celebrations expected to attract thousands of visitors and locals. The large scale outdoor arts event will be organised by local experts Kendal Arts International, famous for Lakes Alive and Mintfest, the International Festival of Street Arts.

The free celebrations will include the world premiere of a show featuring original music, drumming and amazing pyrotechnics from the prestigious French performance group Les Commandos Percu. The evening will climax with the lighting of a cauldron from the Olympic torch, to mark the end of the day's proceedings.

Bowness is a tiddler alongside most of the destinations

scheduled on the Torch Relay route, but Julie Tait of Kendal Arts International is confident of creating an inspirational event any big city would be proud of.

In a double whammy for Bowness, the overnight stop on The Glebe coincides with the start-day of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad Festival, ensuring the international media spotlight is focussed on all things Olympic, including our little town!

The event is supported by the National Park, Cumbria Tourism and South Lakeland District Council, among others. SLDC leader Brendan Jameson said: "We are so pleased that Bowness has been chosen to be part of this iconic, important journey and national event. To be able to showcase South Lakeland to the rest of the UK and the world like this is just brilliant news."

Thursday 21st June 2012 - a date for all our diaries!

Twining News

DURING 2010 MANY OF OUR young people benefitted once again from the opportunity to take part in the exchange programme between schools in Windermere and its twin-town Diessen.

A successful new initiative this year also saw several students from both towns arranging individual placements for work experience.

There will be another Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th November from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Windermere Methodist Church room - all invited.

To round off 2011 Members and friends are invited to an afternoon at the Marchesi Centre on Sunday 4th December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm when we will be having a Bavarian style Advent Tea and entertainment.

The 2012 programme of events is now being arranged - it promises to be a busy year! For further information contact Jennifer Borer on 015394 44995.

Your local loo needs YOU!

BOWNESS & WINDERMERE Community Care Trust is seeking individuals who live or work near to one of our public toilets, or maybe even uses them regularly, to volunteer as 'Loo Ambassadors' to help it identify problems as soon as they occur.

Although the toilets receive a thorough clean every evening and a top-up clean during the day, things sometimes happen between these visits that might need urgent attention.

BWCCT is not asking for anything other than a quick visual check to ensure that all looks OK and to report back to them anything that needs immediate attention - graffiti, constantly running taps, vandalism etc.

If you are interested in helping BWCCT provide loos that are fit for purpose please contact David Thomas on davidandsuethomas@btinternet.com or telephone 015394 48415. (Full story on page 7)

Relief for Windermere's public toilets



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AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP between Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust (BWCCT) and Windermere Town Council has resulted in the transfer of seven of our local toilets to BWCCT operation on the 1st September.

Five of the seven toilets were threatened with closure following a decision taken by South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) in 2010 but, in response to the deep concerns expressed within our community about the impact of such closures, BWCCT formulated proposals to safeguard their future operation.

After extensive negotiations a deal was finally struck with SLDC that saw the toilets at Broad Street, Baddeley Clock, Quarry Rigg, Rayrigg Road, Rayrigg Meadow, Braithwaite Fold and Ferry Nab transferred from SLDC to the Trust via Windermere Town Council.

An extensive deep clean of all of the toilets has already been undertaken and, subject to the weather conditions, internal and external redecoration will be completed at some of the facilities. Cumbria Probation Trust have agreed to undertake this work as part of the Community Payback Scheme and **Jonty Mayo, proprietor of Musgraves in Crescent Road**, Windermere has kindly agreed to provide much of the paint required to undertake the task.

Gratitude is also due to a number of other local businesses who voluntarily open up the toilets every morning and help BWCCT monitor their condition. These 'Loo Ambassadors' include **Windermere Lake Cruises, World of Beatrix Potter Attraction, Brackens of Bowness, Bowness News, the traders at Quarry Rigg and the Corner Shop in Windermere.** BWCCT is still

seeking similar assistance at Ferry Nab and Rayrigg Meadow.

Although some funding has been provided by SLDC towards the operating costs of the toilets this is relatively short-term and it is essential that other means of generating revenue are identified.

Once the toilets have been brought up to a more acceptable standard BWCCT is intending to sell advertising space within the toilets and is already actively seeking financial sponsors willing to be associated with the ongoing provision of these important community facilities.

Consideration is also being given to the most appropriate routes to introduce pay-to-use arrangements at some of the toilets in order to generate more regular income and Windermere Town Council will be considering future allocation of its local precept to help sustain the operation.

As a charitable trust BWCCT has been able to secure 80% mandatory business rates relief and SLDC has just approved an additional 20% discretionary relief until March 2012. This provides an immediate and considerable saving on operating costs.

SLDC was not prepared to release the toilets at Bowness Bay and it will continue to operate these on a stand-alone basis.

For further information about the proposed advertising and sponsorship opportunities, or if you have ideas about how the toilets can be provided more cost effectively, please contact Bill Smith on bill@sldt.co.uk or telephone BWCCT on 015394 48415.

Blooming Windermere



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL has been very busy recently. The public toilets Partnership with Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust is now established and the Committee are working really hard to ensure that the toilets will improve. Businesses and organisations are stepping forward to offer resources and help - this is really good as it will help keep the costs down to the community.

At least one of the Toilets has land attached and if you are interested in gardening then I know some people who would like to hear from you! (Contact me on 015394 44403)

Windermere was the proud winner of Cumbria in Bloom Trophy and has been asked to put itself forward for nomination for Britain in Bloom. The Town Council has agreed to do this but recognises we will need to make even more effort next year if we are to hit the mark (see some of this year's award-winning gardens above).

Our own Windermere in Bloom Awards Event was a lovely evening and we gave out awards for those who joined the Spring Litter Pick too. If you would like to be responsible all year round for keeping an eye on a little area then please contact Steve Tatlock at the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA). Steve has equipment to lend out and is trying to assemble "Womble" Teams to care for specific areas so that care goes on all year round. (Contact Steve on tel: 01539 724555)

2012 will be an important year for us here in Bowness

and Windermere. Despite the work on the Glebe to cure sewage flooding (see this edition's page three story) we will be having the Olympic Torch pass through our community and an overnight stop will be hosted. We will be in the spotlight and it will be most important that our towns are looking their best.

We have been asked about having a Beacon for the Queens Diamond Jubilee on June 4th 2012. This could be a really lovely community event and we need to make sure the flags are flying and the community is in celebratory mood. What do you think?

LDNPA is busy with consultations on the Glebe and I know a number of people will have been to the exhibitions. They have also been sharing information about the Land Allocations for local affordable housing and business developments. The new Draft National Planning Policy framework has been out for consultation and LDNPA are looking at how they can work more closely with communities. Windermere Town Council will certainly see how it can contribute to this.

In the Spring the Town Council will be organising a conference for Community Groups and local people to see if we can help people to work together better and identify any gaps in services - more details soon.

We should all celebrate the wonderful community spirit in Windermere!

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Mayor and Chair of Windermere Town Council
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