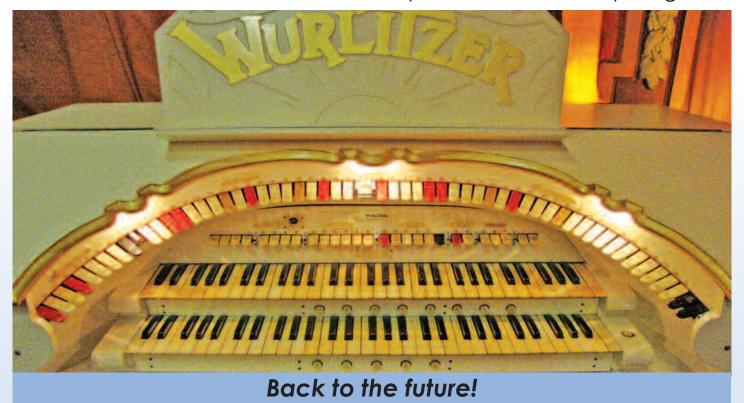






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The Wurlitzer began it's life in America in 1927 to accompany silent films but with the introduction of the 'talkies' in the 1930's it found its way to the UK. It was used until the 1970's 'bingo' era faded and was put to rest and sadly deteriorated in storage. The Furness Theatre Organ Project group, led by Mark Latimer, purchased the organ in 2010 by which time it was in a very sorry state. Much needed restoration began, undertaken by a small team of volunteers. This huge programme of restoration has taken five years to complete and the Wurlitzer is now fittingly installed in the Royalty Cinema, Bowness-on-Windermere's 1927 Auditorium. The Wurlitzer is a real asset for Cumbria as it is the only Wurlitzer organ situated in a working cinema in the whole of the UK so it is hoped that organ enthusiasts will head to Cumbria to see and hear this magnificent instrument!

It is hoped that using donations and fund raising events this wonderful vintage Wurlitzer will entertain audiences with a unique and nostalgic experience for many years to come. A small team of organists will be playing the organ before some films and special concerts, with performances from organists from around the countrybeing a regular feature.

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The Windermere and Bowness Civic Society aims to promote civic pride by caring about the appearance of Windermere and Bowness, by voicing opinion to the local authorities about planning applications, road signs, and street furniture. It tries to make our villages attractive, distinctive and enjoyable places to live.

The Windermere and Bowness Civic Society is a member of Civic Voice, the national charity for civic movement in England, and is independent and non-political. Locally, it is involved in the protection of green land, responding to consultation documents, and has instituted schemes to improve the appearance of Windermere and Bowness such as daffodil planting, Sheriff's Walk paths and Birthwaite Gardens.

Sounds good so far? If so, then become a member of the Society, receive the quarterly newsletter, and be involved in other Society activities including outings, discussion meetings, lectures, treasure hunts and educational courses.

www.windermerebownesscivicsociety.org.uk info@windermerebownesscivicsocity.org.uk

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Fun in the mud!



Bumps and Babes



Windermere Bumps and Babes is a breastfeeding support group that meets weekly, all year round. The group provides support and information to local mums (and dads!).

Affiliated to the Association of Breastfeeding Mothers, the group is run by a trained Mother Supporter. The group can help with all kinds of challenges, such as slow weight gain in babies, painful feeding, colic and introducing solid foods.

Any mum or mum to be is welcome to drop in to the group. The group meets at Windermere Manor Hotel on Friday mornings from 9.30-11.30.

For further information you can ring Ann on 015394 42593 or follow the group on Facebook.

Santa cruise!!

Make all your Christmas dreams come true on Saturday 24th November 2012.

Board the Windermere Lakes Cruises Steamer from the pier in Bowness for your special rendezvous with



Santa! Special passengers on the boat will be Peter Rabbit and his creator Beatrix Potter who will read "A Winters Tale" aloud to the children.

Be on the lookout for Santa as you steam down the lake to collect him. Once he's on board, there is an opportunity for every child to visit him and receive their specially wrapped gift. After the cruise there's an



opportunity to do some Christmas shopping in the two of Lakeland's most scenic villages and Windermere & Bowness Community Choir will entertain you with festive songs before the Winter Lights Parade which commences at 4.30pm

parade on his sleigh together with his reindeer friends, switching on the Winter Lights along the way. The parade ends at Queens Park where you can enjoy mince pies, mulled wine and watch the Grand Firework Finale! **Cruise Tickets** Adults £11 (Including a drink and mince pie)

Children 0-16 years £6.50 (including gift, drink and biscuit) Cruise 10am (Bowness Pier)

(from Windermere Railway Station) Santa will lead the

Book your tickets online at www.oldlaundrytheatre.co.uk By telephone on 08445 040604 In person from The Old Laundry Theatre

(Opening hours Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm) For more information visit www.windermerewinterlights.org

Excellence Rewarded

The Lakes School Awards Evening held on September 20th reflected the excellent work by students and staff in the previous academic year.

Returning to the school following a 12 month secondment to Ofsted, Headteacher Dr David Selby commented that the experience had given him personal opportunity to compare Lakes School with many of those he had visited, experience that demonstrated the very high standards achieved by all at the School.

Guest speaker Tim Farron MP provided an inspiring address to the many students, parents and guests and then he presented the awards.

Christmas Shopping Trips



Dates available in November & December, locations include amongst others, **Blackpool & Illuminations Chester · Bury Mill**

Manchester European Markets Carlisle Christmas Market

Prices from £13.00



For further details and to book, please call 015394 45161 or email: enquiries@mountain-goat.com

Pick up points at Coniston, Ambleside, Bowness, Windermere, Sta

Have a safe Christmas!

Christmas is a busy time of the year for everyone, including the criminal. However, a high percentage of crime is opportunist in nature and so this Christmas I am seeking your assistance in preventing this type of crime.

Your Car

Keep Presents out of sight, if they can be seen they can be stolen.

Never leave keys in the ignition or leave unlocked or windows down.

Park if possible in well lit areas.

Remove or hide SatNavs.

Your Home

Make sure Doors and windows are secured Presents should be kept out of view.

Going away - consider using automatic lights, cancel milk, papers, and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your houses. Only open your door after identifying the caller.

Your property

Lock all bicycles and have them marked with post code or an identification number.

Don't leave your chequebook and card together, and keep your pin number confidential.

Beware if you are offered a quality product at a bargain price, ensure the source is genuine.

If you would like any further advice please contact your local Police on 101 or in an emergency 999.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Inconvenient Activities

During July six of the eight toilet blocks operated by Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust were broken into and a substantial quantity of money stolen from the 20p 'Pay to Enter' mechanisms.

Unfortunately the thieves not only broke into the coin boxes but caused considerable damage to some of the equipment rendering it out of commission whilst new parts were obtained. Other incidents of 'vandalism' as people try to squeeze through the mechanisms to save paying 20p also temporarily broke some of the equipment.

The 20pence entry charge is an essential element of revenue creation required to sustain the ongoing operation of the toilets and, given time, intended to generate sufficient surplus to enable further investment in upgrading the toilets. The theft and associated costs for repairs has therefore seriously impacted on this objective this year.

and cleaning up!

Whilst expecting people to pay 20p to use the toilets it has become very apparent during the 'summer' period that the high volume of visitors using the toilets has created major challenges in keeping the toilets clean.

As a consquence Andrew and Isobel Barr of Bowness based LDA Cleaning have been appointed to take responsibility for more efficiently keeping the toilets clean, stocked and refreshed throughout the day.

Bill Smith, chair of BWCCT told the HUB "We took over the toilets from SLDC with very little information about the number of people using the facilities or the volume of consumables required to service them" he added "it has been a steep learning curve this year but we now feel far better positioned to ensure that the we can sustain operation of all of the toilets and provide those using them with facilities for which a 20p charge provides good value"

Bowness and Windermere Community Care Trust work closely with Windermere Town Council on a 'not for profit' basis to maintain toilet provision in Windermere & Bowness.

Strictly "tea" dance

Age UK South Lakeland are holding a Tea Dance on Friday 9th November between 1pm and 4pm. Admission and refreshemnts are **FREE** entertainment provided by organist Ian Midgley. The event takes place at The Marchesi Centre, Holly Road, Windermere.

For more information call Tony McMichael or Sue Rimmer at Age UK South Lakeland on 01539 728118

Wood anyone?

The NT forestry team based at Boon Crag in Windermere manages 120h of woodland in the Ambleside/Troutbeck/Windermere area for access, conservation and timber.

These woodlands require ongoing management to ensure that they remain as features in the landscape and this requires some tree felling to open spaces for new trees, allow light to improve ground flora and to remove invasive non native trees. As a result of this work we are able to supply firewood locally at a competitive price – however, please look at our advert on page 8 and be aware that the firewood comes in length and is not split ready for use on the fire. Also, reasonable access is required for a tractor/forwarder as well as a place to stack the timber.

Want to know more? Martin Thwaites, Head Forester on: 017687 81925

emailmartin.thwaites@nationaltrust.org.uk

PB = More Input

Could some local services be run more effectively if local residents had more say in the money spent on them and how they were delivered?

This was one of the issues discussed at a pilot meeting held on 19th September with South Lakeland District Windermere Council, Town Council and representatives of and business community organisations met to investigate opportunities for 'Participatory Budgeting' (PB).

One of the first challenges facing SLDC in discussing such opportunities is for them to isolate what is actually spent on service delivery in Bowness and Windermere, rather than across the District as a whole, and they were asked to identify such costs in relation to various areas of their overall budget before another meeting was held.

One initial area identified by those attending as one where a real difference could initially be made was in relation to street cleaning, and maintenance of our parks and open spaces. These are therefore just two of the budget areas now to be more thoroughly analysed before another meeting is held.



A bunch of trophies

Windermere and Bowness enjoyed success at the recent Cumbria In Bloom Award Ceremony winning the South Lakeland District Council's "Best In Borough" trophy with a Gold Award. Other successes were in the RHS's "It's Your Neighbourhood" category for the Orrest Drive Community Allotment Group with other winners/runners up announced at the ceremomy including Fallbarrow Caravan Park, Bowness; Nine Oaks and Thornton House, Windermere; Carver ECO Church, Windermere.Windermere was runner up in The GlaxcoSmithKline Trophy for Best Town.

Mayor Alan Winrow welcomed everyone at the Windermere in Bloom Award ceremony and commented on the "very hard 'growing season' this year and also how proud he was the effort put in by the residents and businesses to "showcase" the area." Cllr Greasley gave a brief synopsis of the years' events which included work with the schools, youth organisations, library staff and the police. She went on to say "how delighted she was that many visitors had commented on the colourful floral displays throughout the community." and added that "the Judges of Britain In Bloom had very much enjoyed their visit and the media coverage by the TV." The result of Britain in Bloom would be announced in October.

The following trophies were awarded:

Leith Joseph for Domestic Tubs and Hanging Baskets to 19 Mill Brow. Windermere Parish for Terraced Garden or Back Yard (Domestic) to 21 Broad Street

The Bowness and Windermere Civic Society for Best Domestic Garden to 80 Droomer Drive.

The Soroptimists for Best Kept Garden to High Fells, Windermere Park. AJHN Shield for Alternative Gardening to Nine Oaks & Thornton House.

Windermere in Bloom Committee for Best All Year Round Garden to Ravensworth Hotel.

Rayrigg Motors for Most Colourful Display to 34 Thornthwaite Road.

Windermere Parish for One Off "Wow" Factor to The Albert Hotel.

Windermere In Bloom for Special or Outstanding Feature to 13 Fairfield Road.

Staveley Crystal for Residential Open Category to Rockwood & Lucerne. W/mere Town Council Pat Holmes Cup for Small Guest House or B&B to Beckmead & Overbeck.

South Lakes Tourism for Hotel or Large Guest House or B&B to The Howbeck & The Glenburn Hotel.

Lakes Hospitality for Inns and Pubs to The Queens Hotel.

Windermere Lions for Café Or Restaurant to Hyltons & The Ship Inn. Windermere & Bowness Chamber Of Trade for Hanging Baskets Boxes and Tubs (Commercial) to Beechwood Hotel.

Tesco for Best Decorated Shop to St Martin's Parade.

Lakeland Ltd for Commercial Or Non-Commercial to Sunny Bank & Sunny Holme.

Windermere In Bloom for Contribution To Community to Quarry Rigg Shopping Arcade.

Time to spare?

Age Concerns newly refurbished shop in Main Street, Windermere, has recently re-opened with a smarter image and they desperately need volunteers.

As little as 3 hours a week will make a huge difference.

Please consider helping them—you won't regret it! Pop into the shop to pick up an information pack or contact Jean Park, Volunteer Support Officer 01539 728118 or jpark@ageuksouthlakeland.org.uk

Earth movers

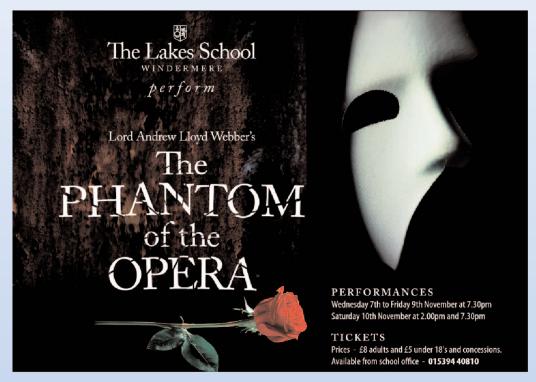
Windermere's new allotments win praise from Cumbria in Bloom. Since the allotments opened in July, the new allotmenteers have started to turn a patch of grass into the beginnings of a very productive area. Everyone has taken a different approach with some starting small and expanding out gradually, with others going straight in and moving huge piles of earth to create their dream patch.

The new site was entered into the Cumbria in Bloom's 'Its Your Neighbourhood' category, and received high praise from the judges. One aspect they commented on was the water-saving system which is to be installed shortly and which was donated by United Utilities.

More people are still looking for an allotment, if you have any ideas for suitable plots of land, please call Debbie on 015394 88261.

Trophy Winners at The Hydro Hotel on Tuesday 11th September 2012.





School first for Phantom!



The Lakes School is proud to announce that its school production this year will be Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber's **The Phantom of the Opera**, which will be performed at the school from Wednesday 6th November to Saturday 11th November.

The rights to perform this famous modern musical have only recently been released and The Lakes School is thought to be the first school in Europe to be given permission to stage this prestigious production.

This is a hugely ambitious project for the school and already more than 60 students are involved in the production, both back stage and as performers. The main cast members have been in rehearsal since last November. The news that the school is performing The Phantom of the Opera has already sparked significant interest in the local community, with many offers of help and support being forthcoming. BBC Radio and local newspapers have already carried several features about the production.

Tickets for the production, priced at £8.00 and £5.00 (concessions) are available from the school office from 9.00am to 4.00pm on school days (telephone 01539440810).

Message from our Mayor

Writing this article at the tail-end of summer – such as it was – allows me to reflect on what has happened and what is still to come.

The big summer occasions passed off successfully, and I was pleased to attend the formal opening of the allotments in July, but missed the unveiling of the new Orrest Head viewfinder by being on holiday.

Once again the town acquitted itself well in the Cumbria in Bloom competition, and Windermere in Bloom lived up to its usual high standard despite being a challenging growing year. By the time this edition is published we should know the results of the Britain in Bloom competition also – fingers crossed!

Looking ahead, the Council is involved with a pilot scheme to participate in setting the District budget (more details elsewhere), developing contingency plans should winter hit hard again, and working to resolve many parking issues affecting the town. In

addition we are putting the finishing touches to a dedicated Town Council web site, and hope to launch it in the next few weeks.

In the last edition I asked for ideas concerning bus shelters and Ellerthwaite Square; we've received several replies already, but would welcome still more. Please contact your local Councillor or the Town Clerk with your comments.

Council meetings are open to members of the public, and Councillors are always pleased to welcome interest from 'outside' – you may even have an opportunity to address the Council and ask questions of the Councillors. Please see the notice boards for details of meetings, or contact the Town Clerk.

Don't forget the Council now has a Twitter account also. The account name is **@WindermereTC** so why not log in and follow us?

Reflective mood

Windermere Reflections - Linking Lakes, Landscapes & Lives

Windermere Reflections is a 3 year partnership programme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. They have 19 projects offering exciting opportunities, bringing long term benefit to the area, and increasing understanding of environmental issues within the Windermere Catchment. The catchment covers an area of 235km2 and in addition to Lake Windermere includes Stickle Tarn, Easedale Tarn, Grasmere, Rydal Water, Elter Water, Esthwaite Water, and numerous smaller tarns too! From their Ambleside office the Windermere Reflections team, along with their delivery partners, will roll out a programme of wide ranging activities including tree planting and river restoration, heritage surveys, arts events and initiatives to help us all reduce our environmental impact. There are also opportunities to pick up new skills by enrolling on free courses, or by taking part in any number of volunteering opportunities.

In addition to HLF the core funding partners are the Environment Agency, Lake District National Park Authority, the National Trust, and the University of Cumbria. Our additional delivery partners are South Cumbria Rivers Trust, Nurture Lakeland, Friends of the Lake District and Windermere Rotary.

Update from our County Councillors

'Connecting Cumbria'. 'Superfast Broadband' is on its way to Cumbria as part of the Connecting Cumbria Strategy which has now been awarded to BT. Working alongside the BT the 'connecting cumbria' programme will seek to deliver long term benefits for businesses and communities alike across the County.

The aim is to ensure that over 93% of the county has access to superfast broadband by the end of 2015. Enhanced broadband speeds will lead to increased economic activity, helping local businesses to compete, create jobs and training opportunities and improve digital inclusion amongst our communities ensuring that households have access to an acceptable level of broadband service.

Details regarding the roll-out process are still to be finalised but you can keep up to date by going to the following website www.connectingcumbria.org

Supporting Local Communities – Community Grant Opportunities

Are you looking to raise funds for a local project? Does your project benefit the wider community? Are you based within the Central Lakes area? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a grant from the Neighbourhood Forum. Grants are available for voluntary, non profit making community groups and organisations who can demonstrate that their project will benefit the local area. If you would like any further information as to how to apply please contact Kelly Alty on 01539 713447 or kelly.alty@cumbria.gov.uk.

The next Central Lakes Neighbourhood Forum will take place late November in Windermere. If you have any burning issues or topics you feel would make an interesting agenda item please do not hesitate to get in touch with Kelly as above.

Winter Maintenance

Several plans have been agreed to support this years Winter Maintenance across the County including gritting routes as well as schemes for local communities to have greater involvement in the service in their own areas.

One of those schemes will involve the recruitment of 'Snow Champions' who will be involved in the treatment of snow on agreed lengths of footway. Volunteers will be given suitable equipment, vetted to ensure suitability and also given induction training in the lead up to winter. This is the first scheme of its kind to be trialed by the County Council.

As a member of the community if you notice that your Grit Bin is in need of re-filling please get in touch and let us know. Contact the Highways Hotline on 0845 609 6609.

Opportunities & Support for Young People

As mentioned in our last article Cumbria County Council's Local Committee for South Lakeland continues to support a variety of initiatives aimed at supporting the development and attainment of young people locally. One of those initiatives included the provision of funding to support 14 businesses and organisations to take on an apprentice. Businesses are now recruiting their Apprentices through the National Apprenticeship Service website. It is hoped that a number will be recruited.

The popular A2B Now Card continues to run until March 2013, if you are aged between 5-18 and live in South Lakeland you can purchase a travel card for a one-off cost of £5. This will enable you to pay a maximum of £1 for a single journey or £1.80 for a return. For further information either go to your local library or visit www.cumbria.gov.uk/A2Bnow .



Jo Stephenson Hazel Bank, Hazel Street, Windermere 015394 45448





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Cumbria County Council support the production of The Hub.

Fairtrade this Summer



Windermere & Bowness Fairtrade Group have had a very busy summer. In May we celebrated World Fairtrade Day by joining together for breakfast at the Bay. We gave out our own fairtrade town leaflets and met many interesting people from all over the world and in June we held a Strawberry Tea Party.

On August 27th walkers on the Fairtrade Way travelled through Bowness. We met them at St Martins' Church and enjoyed a Jacobs Join meal in the evening. The Fairtrade Way is the first Fairtrade walk in the world starting in Garstang, the worlds' first Fairtrade town, and ending in Keswick. Leading the walk was Bruce Crowther, head of Fairtrade towns, and Pushpanath Krishnamurhty, an Oxfam worker who previously walked from Oxford to the Copenhagen Summit to protest about climate change. At 8:30 am on August 28th the walkers met MP Tim Farron who wished them well for the last 2 days of their journey.

Brockhole evolves

Brockhole Visitor Centre is changing. Read all about the future of Brockhole and what they hope to create by following the link below to a Blog that the planners are using to circulate information on the Brockhole Masterplan: vision4brockhole.tumblr.com/

You can also have a look at The National Parks vision for Brockhole via: www.lakedistrict.gov.uk

Care trust looks forward

Addressing the future needs of key sectors within our community has taken a step forward following the appointment of Gill Baines by Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust.

Gill will be working with the Trust to help develop and implement opportunities identified in a recent Strategy Review undertaken by BWCCT that prioritised issues relating to meeting the needs of younger and older residents in our community

Projects being developed include routes to improve social support to the increasing number of older people who choose to be looked after in their own homes and investigating ways to providemore centralised and diverse youth facilities than those presently available at the BWCCT owned and operated Phoenix Centre. BWCCT will be working with existing support organisations to help identify and fills gaps in support and activity provision.

Gill will also be responsible for helping to increase the range of activities available through The Phoenix Centre and welcomes enquiries from those seeking a regular base for activities where a modern sports hall style facility would be appropriate. Existing activities include Silver Web Academy of Dance, Rhythm Time, Mini Movers, Ladies Volleyball and Windermere Judo Club. The hall is also proving increasingly popular as a basefor children's parties where the hall and associated facilities make it an ideal venue.

Gill can be contacted via info@bwcct.co.uk or via her mobile 07501 453054

Nine Oaks Housing Trust,

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nineoakshousing@googlemail.com

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