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Flowers of Auschwitz



A marquee on the grounds of Windermere Library was the venue for the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the arrival in the Lake District of three hundred child Holocaust Survivors who arrived from the horrors of Eastern Europe on the 14th August 1945. *The Windermere Boys*, as they became known, were provided accommodation at the then Calgarth Estate, now the site of Lakes School, and they hold many memories of the welcome they were given. Trevor Avery & Rose Smith are the first British artists to gain access to, and be given permission to film, the greenhouses of former German Nazi concentration camp Rajsko, now returned to its original name of Rajsko, sited near Auschwitz State Museum in Poland. The film, and that of film intervention "Nacht und Nebel" by internationally renowned artist Miroslaw Balka (courtesy of the artist and White Cube) was shown as part of the exhibition.

The title for the specially produced exhibition and outdoor garden project at the Library helping to commemorate the arrival of the boys is inspired by the book of drawings of children made by Zinovii Tolkatchev, soldier, artist and liberator of Auschwitz. Limited edition prints by Alex Salgarth, inspired by a visit to Auschwitz with Lake District Holocaust Project, will be on display amongst the main permanent exhibition "From Auschwitz to Ambleside" now housed at Windermere Library. Amongst the invited guests attending the commemoration were a number of the 'Boys', their children and grandchildren. Ben Helfgott MBE who is Chairman of 45 Aid Society for Holocaust Survivors, President Holocaust Memorial Day and a Windermere Boy was one of the key speakers at the event. Flowers of Auschwitz is on show until the 31 October 2015 Opening times: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 0930-1700, Wed Closed, Sat: 1000-1300. Sun Closed (although viewing can be arranged by appointment).

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Commemorating 50 years

A community celebration is planned to mark the **50th anniversary** of the opening of **The Lakes School**.

The Troutbeck Bridge based school was opened on October 8 1965 by the then Secretary of State for Education, Tony Crossland. He wanted to open the school as it was one of the first purpose-built comprehensives in the country.

Fast forward 50 years and plans are well underway to help celebrate its half century of achievement. There will be a formal marking of the opening on Thursday October 8, exactly 50 years on, and on Saturday October 10 there will be a school and community celebration involving current and former school members.

Headteacher Andy Cunningham said: "This is a great opportunity for us to reflect the work the school has done over the past 50 years and the achievement of its pupils, past and present".

Present pupils will be involved in several school based activities throughout the year to help mark the special event. Ideas include replicating learning from past history topics and activities, taking an 11 plus exam, a 1960's themed sports day, the technology department sourcing old tools. Retro-timetables will be issued in student planners in September and the kitchen will do a 1960s themed service during the week of celebrations in October 2015.

It is hoped there will be events running throughout the day on October 10th, such as performances from the choir and orchestra, local bands from now and then, with equipment made available for impromptu performances. There will be photos and videos on display and also the opportunity to have a look through the school's own archives of photos and newspaper articles - you might spot a familiar face or two! There is still time to get involved in the planning and share in the contribution of photos, memories, old uniforms, stories and items. If you'd like to be involved in any way please email the school 50th@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk



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Waterbird takes flight

Windermere has a proud aviation heritage which lasted until the departure of the last Windermere-built Shorts Sunderland flying-boat in 1945. Windermere's story of aviation started when two friends, Edward Wakefield and Oscar Gnosspelius attended Blackpool Airshow in 1909.

It occurred to them that flying from water would be safer but experts at Blackpool ridiculed the idea. The pair were undeterred and returned home to put their ideas into practice. Both achieved success, with Edward Wakefield's "Waterbird" taking the honours on 25 November 1911.



On 30 July, Lancaster Military Heritage Group presented an illustrated talk by Waterbird Project Director Ian Gee. Ian's talk showed that importance Windermere played in British naval and civil marine aeroplanes and explained the origins of flying from water.

The Waterbird replica seaplane is due to fly from Windermere in September with its inaugural flight scheduled for **Thursday 17th September**.

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1984 Bought JT Parsons, College Road, Windermere.

1987 Joined Sterling Super Group.

1995 Bought JW Carlise, Kendal.

2010 McClures, College Road, Windermere redevelopment completed.

2015 Keith McClure, President of the Cartmel Agricultural Show celebrated McClures 70th anniversary with invited guests at the show on 8th August.



Keith McClure with sons Ben (left) and Matthew



Bill McClure

From the archives



Loo news

The toilets at Quarry Rigg in Bowness have turned out to be much busier than expected but are only accessible via steps, they do not offer disabled facilities and are well beyond their best before date.

Plans are now well advanced to materially alter the internals of the building to provide up to five separately accessible unisex toilets, each offering disabled facilities. By turning the entrance to the toilets to face Lake Road level access can be provided.

The development of the toilets is being managed by BWCCT and fully funded from reserves accumulated over the last few years from entry charges and grant receipts.

The 8 toilets cost approximately £115,000 per year to run and are used by over 350,000 people.

A wooer goes a-wooing

Staveley Amateur Operatic Society will be performing 'Yeomen of the Guard' by Gilbert & Sullivan from the 16th to the 19th September at Staveley Village Hall.

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Cake by the Lake

This September families and music lovers are invited to a 'Music & Cake by the Lake' fundraiser organised by the Ambleside based charity, Brathay Trust.

Highlights of this family day out, backed by local family businesses and raising money for Brathay's work with young people, includes music to suit all tastes. The line-up of local talent includes performances by Furness Building Society Charity stars, Disney characters 'Elsa', 'Rapunzel' & 'Captain Hook' and Becki Fishwick with retro and modern songs.

There will be a baking competition for under 16s, judged by local WI cake expert Dorrie Galbraith, and contributions from Ambleside's Apple Pie Shop, Lakeland and Carlisle based Pioneer Foods will keep cake and food fans happy!



As well as a tots fancy dress sing-along there are traditional children's games, fun interactive baking demonstrations and lots going on in this breath-taking location on the northern shores of Windermere. Thanks to sponsors Glaxosmithkline and Bluefin Insurance entrance to the event is FREE and some parking is available.

For more information please visit brathay.org.uk or @brathay #music&cake

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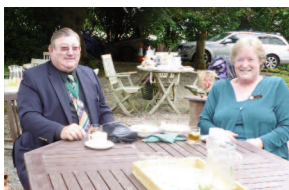
Mike Blackledge is the new President of the Rotary Club of Windermere for the year 2015/16. Mike has been heavily involved in a number of major local projects, including the Windermere Airshow and more recently the evolution of Bowness Bay Blues and LA23*NET*. He is now very much looking forward to his new role as President.

During his year in office Mike will be working on a number of fund raising projects. Bowness Bay Blues, will as usual, be held over the weekend prior to Easter (18-20 March 2016); a major charity ball in aid of St John's Hospice is being organised on the 5 February 2016 at the Old England and a new venture expecting to attract keen motorbikers from throughout the UK is planned to be held in June 2016.

In addition he is keen to establish and develop new links between business and local community interests, both through the development of the Business Network programme LA23*NET* and through Rotary members own business links. Visit **windmererotary.co.uk** for more information.

Twinning garden party

Windermere/ Diessen Twinning Association members were delighted that Windermere Town's new Mayor, Leith Hallatsch and his wife Christine, were able to join them on the occasion of the annual 'English strawberries and cream tea Garden Party' hosted once again at the Fairfield Hotel on 20th June when they were favoured with beautiful weather making it a successful and enjoyable event for everyone.



As well as their annual school exchanges both ways again this year, early in May saw a group of members from the partner organisation in Diessen arrive in Windermere for a programme of walks and visits to local places of interest. In return, this was followed at the end of the month by several local members going to Diessen with Peter Bayliss and his saxophone quartet, Take 4, who had been invited to play at a series of venues in the area.

Everyone involved in these educational and cultural trips benefit from the experience and they would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in learning more about Twinning activities and opportunities.

Contact Jenny Borer (Chairman) by email **jsborer@fiscali.co.uk** or phone on **015394 44995**. Their next event is a Coffee Morning at the Marchesi Centre on Saturday 19 September from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Make a note of the date in your diary, everyone is very welcome to come along.

Windermeals

The twice weekly three course hot lunch service for just £5.00 provided to help address social isolation across Bowness and Windermere is another project run by Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust.



Windermere School recently came to the assistance of Windermeals by offering their all year round catering facilities as a provider of the meals. The catering facilities at the school are equipped and maintained to a very high standard and they already provide pre-prepared lunches to a number of other contracts in the area. Once prepared the lunches are contained within special temperature retaining containers which helps to ensure that the food is delivered ready to eat.

The photograph shows one of Windermeals recipients, Mrs Bostock, being shown a sample lunch by delivery volunteer Paul Roberts whilst Simone Backhouse, who identified the opportunity on behalf of BWCCT looks on with Nick Kirkpatrick – Catering and General Services Manager at Windermere School who was responsible for turning the talk into reality.

The meals are now delivered on Mondays and Thursdays with the popular Carver Luncheon Club (also operated by BWCCT) providing lunches on a Tuesday.

If you would like to enquire about receiving lunches or would like to help support the Windermeals project as a delivery volunteer please contact **Simone Backhouse 07849 080709** - the more volunteers we have the more meals we can deliver.

Triathlon X

Windermere is going to welcome the world's toughest extreme triathlon in 2016. Triathlon X, staged this year at Wasdale, will start and finish at YHA Ambleside at the head of Windermere 25 June 2016. The event, with steeper ascents than any iron-distance triathlon anywhere in the world this year attracted 133 competitors, of whom 98 finished.



The race will also be a big charity fundraiser, with a donation from every entry fee going to the YHA's bursary fund for disadvantaged young people, Breaks for Kids.

Entries are now open at
www.wasdalex.co.uk/index.php/enter-2016

P.Y.O for FREE

Volunteers involved in planting and tending fruit trees and bushes in Windermere and Bowness public spaces have been busy weeding and pruning and as a result many of the bushes have fruited well this year and have been there for local residents just to help themselves. It is early days yet for the apple, pear and plum trees but some of the apples have fruit on them this year. If you live near School Knott, Ghyll Road, School Knott Drive, Mill Rise, Orrest Drive, Library gardens, Birthwaite gardens, Oldfield Road, Whinfield Road, Upper Oak Street, Helm Close, Langrigge Playground or Coronation Park, this free bounty is immediately available. Please spread the word, they want their efforts to be appreciated by residents and visitors as well as the birds and insects.

Snippets from the minutes

The following is a brief resume of just some of the issues considered by Town Council since June:

Over 30 planning applications have been reviewed and issues raised related back to LDNPA.

Discussions have taken place with SLDC to attempt to secure improved security of tenure on Bowness Bay toilets which helps to cross subsidise the operation of the other 7 toilets across Bowness and Windermere.

The Council received an update from Cumbria Highways about the proposed enhancement of Glebe Road and whilst supportive in principle shared some concerns about the specific elements of the plans.

Negotiations with SLDC were ongoing regarding the future of Langstone House and the aspirations of Town Council to provide the building as a community hub rather than complex, partial conversion into affordable homes.

Consultation was undertaken with SLDC regarding the future shape of grounds maintenance in the parish following significant budget cuts by SLDC.

Roads were identified for maintenance prioritisation by Cumbria Highways in 2015/16.

Updates were received from Cumbria Police about crime related issues and actions taken.

An update was received regarding the positive future of the 597 bus service following earlier intervention by Town Council to help subsidise and safeguard the route short term.

Discussion took place regarding the second phase of LDNPA funded access improvements to effectively extend Carriage Drive to the summit of Orrest Head.

SLDC's draft Housing Strategy was commented up and issues raised reported back.

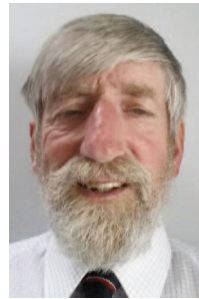
Bands officially booking the 'Bandstand' on the Glebe would be considered for receipt of a grant of between £50 to £100 to encourage increased use of the facility.

To access all of the minutes from Town Council meetings please visit www.windermere-tc.gov.uk

Introducing...

Three more Town Councillors;

Adrian Legge (Bowness North)



Adrian has been a Windermere Town Councillor for some eight years. He has a particular interest in Planning matters brought before the Council. He serves on the Elleray Woods and Orrest Head sub-committee, the Millerground Restoration Project committee and is a WTC representative on SLDC's Lake Administrative Committee. Semi-retired, he is Secretary of Windermere and Bowness Civic Society and, as a qualified Mountain Leader, is a part-time walking-guide. Adrian has an interest in the industrial heritage of the Lake District and is involved in the Waterbird Project which, later this year, is to re-create the first successful British sea-plane flight, which took place on Windermere in 1911.

Leith Hallatsch (Bowness South)



Leith was elected Town Mayor by his fellow Councillors in May and is finding that his year is passing very quickly. Born and bred in the area Leith is a family man with two children and five grandchildren and has been married to Christine for over 40 years. Leith enjoys various hobbies but says that guitars, of which he has a collection, are his passion. Once known for his Disco business Leith now likes to travel with his wife and take caravanning holidays.

Kathleen Atkinson (Bowness North)



Kathleen came to Windermere in 1961 to work at the Ferry House (Freshwater Biological Association, later IFE). She was Awarded an MBE for services to freshwater biology when she retired in 1995. She sat as an Appointed member of the LDNPA for 12 years, then the Windermere Town ward member of SLDC for 7 years. Kathleen enjoyed sport and used to play hockey for Westmorland and competed at athletics and club badminton. She remains a keen follower of badminton and athletics and other sports. She is a long term active member of Cumbria Wildlife Trust and of the RSPB (leader South Lakeland group for 10 years) and is a keen birdwatcher (especially water birds) and interested in all things relating to the lake. Kathleen is also Trustee of the Lakeland Housing Trust.

Smart design, smart technology

An exciting new design hub bringing together smart technology with the best interior furnishing is to be launched this September in Cumbria.

The new centre at **Special Spaces**, Woodland Road, Windermere will be a showcase for top craftsmen and designers, with state of the art home cinema, audio and lighting set into custom built furniture in an ideal-home setting. The project marks the start of a partnership between two dynamic young companies, smart technology specialists **Epixx**, and craft furniture creators **Lakeland Fells Furniture**.

They will be joined by award-winning interior designer Alison Tordoff whose **Fidget Design** furnishings and décor will set off the installations, and glass artist **Jo Vincent** who is creating a stunning glass kitchen splash back. A showroom dedicated to kitchen design and individually-made fitted furniture is being extended to create a labyrinth of smart-technology rooms.

Alison has designed the interior spaces, and John Barraclough at a Sedbergh company, **Wools of Cumbria**, has provided carpeting made from the fleece of Herdwick and Swaledale sheep. The partnership was sealed between Andrew Smith, who has been running the Special Spaces showroom and is also hands-on managing director of Lakeland Fells Furniture, and Matt Holmes and Ben Tomlinson of Epixx. Epixx, who will be based at the Special Spaces showroom, are independent consultants and designers specialising in home cinema, HDTV, lighting, music, and smart security.

"It's an ideal partnership," said Andrew Smith. "Their equipment fits into our specially designed furniture. They are bringing smart technology to the smart homes and businesses that we are furnishing."

The extended showroom is due to open at the end of September.

Shop S.O.S

Is your shop or business frontage looking tired and in need an upgrade? If so, Windermere Town Council is doing its bit to keep the Town looking neat and tidy and is offering grants of up to £500 to shops and businesses in Windermere & Bowness to improve signage, lighting and renovation/decoration of frontage or replacement of historical features.

The business must front onto a main shopping street and the owner must contribute at least 50% of the eligible costs (net of VAT). Grants are only available for exterior improvement - running costs or temporary works will not be eligible.

If you are interested, contact the Town Clerk, **Julie Wright**, on **07951 402372** or email clerk@windermere-tc.gov.uk for an application form.

Millerground refreshed



Locals and visitors alike enjoying the recently refurbished lake frontage, sitting on the new "tree benches". These were cleverly created from a couple of trees that had been felled to help create the new viewpoint. Bike locking points have now been attached to the toilets in Rayrigg Meadow car park so cyclists can secure their bikes safely.

Be alert

The Lakes continue to be a target for car crime. Cars left in laybys and unattended car parks are most at risk.

DO NOT leave any valuables in your car - do not hide them in the boot, in the foot well or under a carefully placed coat on back seat - THIS DOES NOT WORK! Finally, please lock your car doors!

If you see any suspicious vehicles, perhaps driving slowly around with more than one occupant or parked in a layby/car park but remaining in the vehicle please call 101 and, if possible and safe to do so, obtain the vehicle registration number.

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The first 100

The first WI meeting in the UK was held in Llanfairpwll on Anglesey, Wales, on 16 September 1915. Since then, the organisation has grown to become the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK with over 212,000 members in 6,600 WIs. It is open to all women from the age of 18.

Over the 100 years key campaigns have included issues relating to Jury Service for women, better housing, provision of rural water supplies, Women Police, health screening, equal pay, farm gate milk pricing, saving bees, organ donation, protecting the ozone layer and many more.

The WI exists to educate women to enable them to provide an effective role in the community and to expand their horizons by developing and sharing important skills. WI's provide a rich source of experiences and knowledge passed down through generations and updated every day. It is a naturally diverse organisation offering all kinds of opportunities to all kinds of women. It is all about inspiring women.

Windermere WI was formed in 1971 and meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and Bowness WI was formed in 1984 and meets on the 2nd Thursday at lunchtime. Both WIs meet at the Marchesi Centre in Windermere. For information about WI's in Windermere and Bowness call their local Federation office in Kendal on 01539 720921 or visit www.thewi.org.uk

Show your support

The Walk of Britain is *Walking With The Wounded*'s latest endeavour to demonstrate the extraordinary courage and determination of our wounded servicemen and women, showing that despite injury they are able to achieve great things.

It is also an opportunity to engage with the public and to maintain awareness of the support our wounded need. While the war may be over, our injured don't suddenly get better and it is not just the physical injuries which need to be understood. Many are affected by mental injury, invisible wounds which impact the individual and their families in a different way. The team is honoured to have Prince Harry as its Royal Patron.

On 22nd August, the team of six wounded, four British and two American, departed from Scotland on their 1,000 mile journey through the UK which finishes at Buckingham Palace on 1st November.

No 'walk' through the UK would be complete without coming through the Lake District so on 14th September the team will be climbing Scafell Pike with mountaineering legend Sir Chris Bonington. The following day the team will be leaving from Ambleside in the morning and walking through Windermere before heading south along the Lake.

It would be wonderful if local people were able to come and see and support the team either in Ambleside as they start their day (Day 25 of their 72 day journey) or in Windermere at the War Memorial between 11-12pm. Every bit of encouragement will help them on their way!



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