

Parish Pump

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The Poppy Appeal November 2023

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank the residents of Broughton and District, as well as the Duddon Parish Council, the Broughton

Parochial Church Council, Broughton School, Broughton Fire-service, Cumbria County Council representative, the NFU, the Armed Services representative, Mrs Jeannie Robb and Broughton Women's Institute for your very generous support for the Poppy Appeal in November. A total of **£1970.02** was raised for the Legion's Benevolent Fund. This is £150 more than in 2022.

Special thanks this year must go to the house-to-house Collectors for their hard work and dedicated support. Their task this year was not made easy as the wet weather was a persistent factor through the whole collection period. I wish to thank all those local residents who do not normally keep cash or money of any sort at home but who made the decision to ensure that they had some cash available when our collectors called. As we move more and more to the cashless society the RBL will be asked to address this problem for the future.

I must also thank the owners and proprietors of the shops, pubs and other premises who kindly accept our collecting boxes.

I would also thank the staff & pupils at Broughton School for all their efforts during the 2 weeks of Remembrance-tide. Their contribution in explaining the significance of this annual national event to a new generation which has not experienced the horrors and disruption caused by war is of great importance. Once again the school's collection tin was by far the heaviest in weight in the area.

I must also thank Diane at Broughton Post Office who has for many years now counted the contents of our collection tins.

Finally I must thank Vernon Ross and the Churchwardens for all their efforts in setting up the Service of Remembrance in the traditional manner commencing with the procession from the Obelisk in Broughton Square to the war memorial in the church grounds.

**Pre-performance Meal Deal at Old Kings
Head—see page 7 for details**



PETER PAN

by Claire Armstrong



Friday 2nd February — 7:30pm

Saturday 3rd February — 7:30pm

Sunday 4th February — 2:30pm Matinée

Bar • Tuck Shop • Interval Refreshments • Raffle

The Victory Hall

Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6HN

Adults £6

Children £3.50

Family (1ad+2ch) £11

Family (2ad+2ch) £16

Tickets available from Broughton Post Office

I am certain that the relatives and friends of all those who made the supreme sacrifice in the two world wars and the survivors would have approved of the manner in which their memory was honoured once more this year by the people of Broughton.

Over 50% of the total raised is the achievement of the house-to-house collectors. If anyone is willing to volunteer to collect house-to-house in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day 10/11/2024 – please contact me on the telephone number below.

Bob Bell (Local Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser)

Tel. No. 716435



Broughton Mills, Woodland & Foxfield

We are in the process of finalising a varied programme of speakers for the next twelve months and look forward to hearing about new topics, experiences and gaining new skills and knowledge. Further details to follow. Please feel free to join us, a warm welcome awaits. We wish you all a very happy and healthy 2024.

Paddy Lynch

Ulpha & Seathwaite WI

Happy New Year!

December began with much anticipation of our annual Christmas meal, the sock surprises for our secret Santa were chosen, the venue had been agreed, lift shares arranged and much discussion around suitable clothing to ensure that any cold draughts in ancient pubs could be mitigated with jumpers and woolies! However as I am sure you will remember on Saturday the 2nd of December we awoke to a covering of snow, looking at forecasts and with general mutterings we decided that by Tuesday our trip over Birker Fell would all be good! 14 inches of snow later that particular confidence was wearing a little thin! We would not need to make a decision until Monday the pub kindly said, and anyway at the moment they didn't actually have any turkey as their supplies were stuck in a drift!

Even by Monday the snow in the valley was still very thick and certainly entering Eskdale via Birker was out of the question. After much discussion it was agreed that it would be unwise to continue with our plans and so with much disappointment but complete understanding the members agreed to postpone.

We are hoping to have a Spring meal and who knows how secret Santa and crackers will sit in spring, but no doubt we will all have a great time and remember the day the snow scuppered our Christmas plans! Our thanks to Vicky our President for organising and then de-organising the festivities!

Remember there is always a warm welcome for you at our next meeting on 13th February, we meet on the **second Tuesday** of the month at the Brow Foot Room in Ulpha at 7.30pm.

Fiona Oliver 01229 716926



Cumbria
Wildlife Trust

Cumbria Wildlife Trust
DUDDON SUPPORT GROUP
Thwaites Village Hall, The Green
LA18 5HJ

**Upland Farming
for Wildlife Gain**
Friday 9th February

Tenant farmer and conservation champion, Paddy Deady, will talk about his role in the Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery project. The partnership project is developing ways of managing land that allow both farming and nature to thrive, aiming to increase biodiversity and reverse the decline in native species.

Admission: £3 suggested donation
including tea/coffee and biscuits

Members and non-members welcome



Duddon
History.org.uk

DUDDON VALLEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The last meeting of 2023 was held on 22nd November when we welcomed the ever popular Rob David who led us through his "Search for Arctic Wonders - Cumbrians in the Arctic in the 18th & 19th Centuries".

Rob told tales of Explorers and Adventurers. One epic voyager was Cmdr. Skeffington Lutwidge, RN, who sailed in HMS Carcass looking for the Open Polar Sea and a short route to the Spice Islands of the far east. The notion of an Open Polar Sea was borne out of the theory that it was extremely difficult for sea water to freeze. The mission was a failure as the Open Polar Sea was a figment of a cartographer's imagination but all returned safely and Lutwidge would end his career as Admiral. Also on the voyage was a young Midshipman Horatio Nelson.

We also heard about the work of Sir John Barrow of Ulverston, who as Second Secretary to the Admiralty, was responsible for 'keeping the large Navy occupied' when hostilities with the French. He was instrumental in promoting numerous Arctic voyages of discovery, principally the search for the North West Passage and the shorter trading route to Asia.

On Saturday 20th January 2024 the DVLHG will be hold its Annual Exhibition in the Victory Hall. Doors are open from 10.30am to 3.00pm. The theme this year is The Schools of Broughton with items from our Archives. Refreshments will be available.

The DVLHG 2023/24 Season continues in February with meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall.

The upcoming talks are:

28 February "For King and Empire: The Case of the Jilted Lieutenant and Other Stories", Colin Robertshaw

27 March "A Most High-handed Proceeding: The Irton Right of Way Case, 1897-1907", Paul Pharoah

In addition to the Talks programme, the DVLHG also organises a series of Walks, both local and further afield. All the Walks have a Walk Leader and focus on historical aspects in the landscape. In the coming months, we will visit the Hampsfell Hospice and Cartmel Priory Church, the Archaeology of the Dunnerdale Fells, Water Yeats and Bridges of the Lickle Valley, and the History of the Eccleriggs Estate.

Walks are held either on a Wednesday or Sunday but because of insurance limitations they are only open to members. Details are circulated well in advance.

If you would like to join DVLHG, it costs £10 per year, guests are very welcome at the meetings (£2 per person).

E.mail the Secretary on sec@duddonhistory.org.uk

You may also wish to visit our website www.duddonhistory.org.uk

Colin Robertshaw (Hon. Sec)

Considering a Career in Conservation - Work Experience Event for 14-17 year olds Saturday 21st January 10am-3pm

Take part in farming for nature on Hollin Bank Farm! Learn about woodland restoration and conservation farming, take part in dry stone walling, tree planting, and woodland ID, and meet the animals

This is an opportunity for 14-17 year olds to gain work experience in conservation through spending a day on an environmentally friendly farm and a woodland restoration project. Hollin Bank Farm has chickens, geese, ducks, longhorn cows, sheep, bees and a pig. Each has a part to play in the sustainability of the farm. There is also 30 acres of oak, hazel and beech woods, which is being managed to increase the woodland's biodiversity. Learn practical land management skills, moss and fungi ID, and learn about nature-friendly farming – all in a beautiful location in the Lakes!

This **FREE** event is held at Hollin Bank Farm, near Coniston. It will involve walking for up to 2 miles over uneven and slippery terrain.

Booking Essential www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk



VICTORY HALL WEEKLY EVENTS

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Tuesday 7.15pm-9.15pm

HOLBORN HILL ROYAL BRASS BAND

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Wednesday 10am-12pm

Pickleball £3.00 includes refreshments

Contact Barbara 01229 869968

M: 07990327047 E: barbara.birch@hotmail.co.uk



Wednesday 7.00-8.30pm

Yoga £5 per session. Contact Elaine Essery on 716129



Thursday 7.30 until 9pm

Badminton

Contact Andrew on 889429 or Graham on 716007



Friday 9.30-11.30

Broughton Under 5's Group £2 for first child.

50p for additional children. Includes drinks & snacks

broughtonunderfives@hotmail.co.uk



Friday 3pm-5pm

Pickleball £3.00 see Wednesday for details



**Gentle
exercise**

Friday 10.30am-11.30am

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Broughton Film Club

Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm

Tickets on the door (cash only)

£5 members/£7 non-members

Wine and soft drinks on sale



Friday 19th January

'The Duke'

PG12

Starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren, based on the true story of a Newcastle taxi driver stealing a portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in 1961. An understated and enjoyable frolic about how ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

Friday 16th February

'The Fabelmans'

PG12

Set in New Jersey in the 1950s, Steven Spielberg's film follows a young boy learning to use his camera to bring sense and shape to a complex, tumultuous and sometimes unwelcoming world. This beguiling movie brilliantly examines how we edit our own life stories and the ensuing repercussions.

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at Grizebeck

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EVERY WEEK		EVERY MONDAY 2pm - 4pm TABLE TENNIS	Contact Rick Shaw 01229 889624
		EVERY MONDAY 6pm - 7pm Pilates Classes	Contact Heidi 07519 395545
		EVERY TUESDAY 7pm - 8pm YOGA	Contact Carol-Anne Barber 07505 500965
		EVERY THURSDAY 2pm - 4pm INDOOR BOWLS	Contact Frank Rewaj 01229 889407
		EVERY FRIDAY 10am - 11.30am SURFERS COMPUTER HELP & ADVICE GROUP	Contact Frank Rewaj 01229 889407
OTHER REGULAR EVENTS		WEDNESDAY 10th JAN, 7th & 14th FEB - 7.30pm WHIST DRIVE	Contact Michael Irving 01229 889632
		2nd THURSDAYS: 11th JAN & 8th FEB - 7.30pm CRAFT CLUB	Contact Ali Hooper 01229 889723
		3rd FRIDAYS: 19th JAN & 16th FEB - 7.30pm ?? QUIZ NIGHT ??	Contact Yvonne 07905 779584

Please contact individual club/event/organisers prior to travel to ensure event is taking place

BURNS NIGHT & CEILIDH

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Duddon River Association Update



For those interested in the riverine environment and the conservation that is happening in our valley, the Duddon River Association (DRA)'s e-newsletter makes for an interesting read. The newsletter is published twice a year and includes summaries of activities such as Himalayan balsam bashing and electrofishing surveys, as well as information about how nature is being given a helping hand in our valley.

The DRA will also be holding their AGM on Tuesday, 20th February at 7.00pm in the Old King's Head, Broughton. It's a great opportunity to hear about the work of the DRA and all are welcome to attend. More details can be found in the newsletter.

For your copy of the e-newsletter, or to register to attend the AGM, please email
duddonriverassociation@gmail.com

The success of this past year has been down to our incredible volunteers, who have so generously given their time, and without whom we would not have been able to achieve so much. A big thank you whether you have helped with balsam bashing, tree planting, building leaky dams, e-fishing or riverfly surveys or by providing content for our social media or newsletter, your effort and contribution is very much appreciated!

If you haven't managed to volunteer yet, then do please consider getting involved—we are friendly bunch and it is very rewarding to make a difference

You can follow us on Instagram
www.instagram.com/duddonriverassociation/

Or join our facebook group to keep up to date with our news and events.

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/724478118674632>

Rick Browne (DRA Chair)

GROWING OLD

By Ian Davidson

As I go over Plumtree Banking and see the valley of Broughton Mills spread out before me, no matter how weary or sad I feel, my heart lifts. And it has always been so, even when I was young and easy under the apple boughs, as Dylan Thomas puts it in his poem "Fern Hill". I ran my heedless ways through the house high hay. Nightly the owls bore the house away, and the murmur of the beck was the steady refrain that soothed my daily cares. From my schooldays on, when I heard him reading it on the radio, I was always more in tune with his anarchic energies and "Fern Hill", spoke to me in more meaningful ways than anything I read in Wordsworth.

As I grew up my consciousness of place and being developed, and my boundaries extended beyond the confines of the house. The garden became my kingdom, but even there I had a sense of unease that I might be lost for ever if I strayed into the forbidden places beyond the gate. Behind it I was hedged by familiar features like the little gutter, that ran down by the wall and at its end the crab apple tree. It produced disappointingly small, sour fruit which my aunt would make into delicious jam, pots of which regularly won prizes in the annual shows. On the house side of the garden there was a low box hedge, as much a wonder for being sturdy enough for a small boy to sit on as it was for its tight green branches with their tiny, pungent leaves. On sunny afternoons I would sit there and shrivel them between fore-finger and thumb until they gave off a rank and peculiar odour. Then I would visit the lavender bush at the other end of the garden; then I would go to where Old Man's dim yellow flowers grew against the wall. I would visit each in turn, comparing the scents of what I had picked, sniffing and looking and sniffing. As I still do, and struggle to remember what I'm reminded of. 'What does it mean?' I asked my father, holding out a sprig, 'this funny smell.' 'It means,' he said, 'that you'll never forget it.' And I never have.

Sounds, too, helped define my world. The chattering of the beck was the bass to the day's melody and altered from season to season with the weather. In rainy times it was a subdued roar, swelling or sinking in a diminuendo as the wind blew. In the heat of summer it was a tinkle of glasses on a tray coming through my bedroom window as I drifted off to sleep. No sounding cataract, then, but no passion, either. Nevertheless, it haunted my dreams as well as defining my days, for there it was again in the morning.

Animal sounds from the fields and the farm were a constant background to daily life. According to my father, back from the War, his rare weekend leaves were made hideous by the lowing of beasts, fowls cackling, sheep bleating, children playing, when I supposed he was used to bombs falling and the rattle of the anti-aircraft guns.

A summer sound was Fred Tyson calling his cows. Night and morning he fetched them in for milking with a drawn-out, modulated 'Coom oooan' – a long echoing cry. It began sharply with a guttural "C" quickly giving way to a long held "M", and ending in a droning nasal hum. He stood at the top of the field, his voice ringing across the valley until the cattle, with heavy swollen udders made their way towards the gate and onto the road. Then they would progress majestically along the road, swaying from side to side in a way that alarmed the summer visitors as the brown and pungent sides brushed past their motors.

Dot Tyson and I, at eight years old would imitate the cow-call, just for the fun of it. It was part of our playing at farmers, and when I went to see if she was coming out I would cow-call in the yard until she came either to join me in the bellowing or call briefly over the top of the half door, 'Our mam ses Ah ca't cum out,' and disappear.

Pig was a great friend. Dot and I would feed it kitchen scraps and talk to it, a great, fat, amiable creature with knowing eyes that flickered with recognition when we appeared. 'How do, Pig,' we would say. 'Nowt for you today, but we've come for a chat.' She met us as equals oblivious of, or content with, the squalor of her surroundings; perhaps even, critically aware of the sanitised, soap-smelling creatures who came uninvited into her home. 'Rightly are they called pigs,' said my father, gazing at her thirteen shit-smeared piglets wallowing in their mother's excretions. It was sometimes difficult to tell whether the words he used were his own or some he'd borrowed, and as my reading extended, I was surprised to come across the originals of some of his best remarks. One day they let Pig out of the sty and killed her. I fancy I can still hear her screaming. But the sausages were delicious, and at breakfast we would have slices of Pig from the flitch hanging in the pantry. I fancy I can still smell them frying.

Now, eighty years on, faced with inevitable decrepitude and the onset of multiple morbidities, I wonder how to keep hold of the controls. Already the nets of care are being drawn around me, and such assumptions made about my way of life, and what I must do, that I begin to feel like child again.

My Keepers have the same sort of proprietorial view of how things might pan

out, and how they might be directed. The warnings I used to get about what might happen if I didn't stay in the garden, fasten my boot-laces, pay attention at school and the importance of thinking about the Future were of the same kind as the ones my family now make about exercise and diet and the advantages of my moving into a 'more friendly environment': i.e. the town. As I become increasingly dependent on others I modify my ways of living. Lessening ability forces changes on the patterns of existence I've grown used to, and I start to lead new kind of life. I go to bed earlier and get up later. I don't get around much anymore – a trip to Millom is a rare treat, but then so it was when I used to visit my Grandma and meant a ride in a motor car.

A visit from the Social Services Assessor to study my domestic routine and habits resulted in her professional view that I was 'all right for now'; an opinion that held out present comfort, but no hope in the long run.

Thanks to the family of Ian Davidson for their kind permission to publish his stories.

THAW

Drip, drip, drip,
everywhere dripping.
The blanket on the roof is
slowly sliding down,
And gradually the
shrubs emerge
From their snowy eiderdown.

Great lumps of snow
suddenly fall,
From the twigs and branches
of the trees,
Startling the birds beneath
Searching in the fallen leaves.

While on the roof
a wavy overhang,
Lies like a pie crust before
its crimp and cut.
Then suddenly it falls, wakes
me from my doze
As it breaks free, will the
rest stay put?

It's raining now the snow will
soon be gone,
The winter wonderland
of white,
Will strangely be but
like a dream
That came so unexpected
in the night.

Barbara Rigg

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SUSTAINABLE DUDDON News

Community Garden

Unfortunately, the ridiculous amount of snow that fell in December was too much for the polytunnel, which has collapsed! This is a blow, as it provided an ideal environment for early planting. We are talking with the owner to see if it can either be repaired (seems unlikely) or replaced.

Litter Picking

The weather conspired against us on the intended litter picking day in early December. We will be re-arranging as soon as possible so keep an eye on social media and our Facebook page for a new date. Please come along and help tidy up our beautiful landscape.

Sustainable Duddon Christmas Holiday Project

We worked together with Broughton School to encourage children to use any unwanted Christmas wrapping paper or packaging to create an imaginative artwork e.g. a collage or 3D construction, hopefully illustrating an environmental issue. These will be assessed after 10th January, with a small prize for the best entries. Thank you to all children and parents who took part.

Learn How to Graft Apples

As part of its work to reduce carbon miles and increase appreciation of local apple varieties. Sustainable Duddon is this year again running a free 3 hour course, at the Victory Hall.



Under expert guidance you will graft your own apple trees to take home with you. The course will take place on 24th February, 10 am- 1pm



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- Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 26 and 28 January, and record the birds that land.
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Stop & Think

Each year large numbers of sheep are attacked and killed by loose dogs
#LeadOn



Broughton Supper Club

14 February

Dave Hughes
'History of Broughton Supper Club
1947-60'

Old Kings Head, Broughton in Furness

Drinks at 6.30pm followed by a two-course supper & speaker—usually finishing by about 9.30pm

New members are keenly welcomed and should contact either:
Secretary, Malcolm Churchill (01229 716776)
or Chairman Bryan Whitaker (01229 770134)

PANTO MEAL DEAL at Old Kings Head

Peter Pan Pie and Peas meal with ice cream dessert
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How much? £3 per person on the door.

Includes prizes.

Maximum of 4 per team



Come as a team or come anyway & team up for some fun and trivia with friends and neighbours.

Café-style, bring your own snacks and tipples.

www.e-voice.org.uk/wyvh

WOODLAND PARISH ROOM

Vera's Quiz

**Saturday 2nd March
at 7pm**

Everyone welcome!

QUIZ TIME

WATER YEAT VILLAGE HALL

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Saturday 9th March

Woodland Spring Show



OPEN TO EVERYONE

Schedules available from
Broughton Post Office

All welcome to enter
and join in the fun

Ring 716439 for more information



Broughton Guides 2023

This year our girls have taken part in so many activities:

In February, we were visited by John and Peter from the First Responders who taught the girls first aid including CPR and spotting the signs of a stroke and heart attack. These very important skills were taught in a fun and interesting way by these two amazing volunteers.

In March, we visited Carly at Broughton Fire Station, where girls learned about fire safety in the home, tried on the uniform and heavy backpack and everyone had a go with the hose! Some of our girls left saying they wanted to join the Fire Service when they were old enough.

In April we entered the Girlguiding North West Eurovision Competition - one of our girls, Isla, rewrote the lyrics to "Hard Rock Hallelujah" to celebrate Guides - we performed the song accompanied on the keyboard by Sammy from Broughton Drama group - and we came first! We won a sum of money that enabled us to buy all the girls fish and chips for a picnic in the summer

In the summer term, we are lucky enough to be able to meet outside at Keppleway - the girls made their own water filters, went on a penny hike, practised using GPS, tie dyed t-shirts and of course played lots of games and toasted marshmallows on fires

In May we visited Duddon Mountain Rescue in Foxfield - the girls enjoyed carrying out their own search and stretcher rescue, carried the heavy kit and asked some great questions including, "How old do you have to be to join?" Thank you to Emma and colleagues for organising such an engaging evening.

In June, some of our girls attended a football skills day in Kendal - I was very proud of them for getting stuck in to all the activities.

Amelie, one of our oldest Guides went on a trip to Romania in August - she worked in some kennels with other girls from different units and also had plenty of opportunities for sightseeing. She is also going on a visit to India in 2024! Some of our younger Guides are waiting for new trips to be announced in the new year so they can apply for other international trips.

In August, many of our girls went to "Wellies and Wristbands" at Waddow Hall near Clitheroe. This was a 3 night camp/festival for Guides with outdoor activities all day and concerts every evening. Activities included axe throwing, cheerleading, archery, climbing, crate stacking, outdoor cooking, a huge waterslide and crafts. The weekend concluded with an amazing fireworks display and everyone took home lifelong memories.



At our first meeting in September, we had a campfire in the rain, cooking nachos and smores and singing our hearts out! Then, we were back into the Methodist Church for our weekly meetings. This term we have learned about Guiding history, including semaphore, morse code and knots, we've made butter by shaking cream in jars to the soundtrack of Taylor Swift, we've had a mocktail party, we've made felt poppies and crocheted with Joey of the Crochet Corner for Remembrance Sunday, we've learned about parliament and had a debate and a vote as part of Parliament Week, we've made advent calendars and done Christmas crafts.

Also in September the girls attended a Fun Day in Dalton, where the girls did several activities including indoor curling and ballroom dancing.



In November, we went back to Waddow for a day of outdoor activities for "Sparkle and Ice" - this was a very, very cold day and girls learned about wearing layers! One of the highlights of this day was a witch themed escape room, which our girls managed to get out of with 4 minutes to spare.

In December we went to watch the new Disney film, "Wish", with lots of other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from around the region.

Throughout the year, our Guides have been involved with fundraising activities, to fund the international trips, including coffee mornings, raffles, tombolas, mocktail stall, car boot sales, glitter tattoos, craft fairs. We also raised money for Cancer Care, a charity chosen by the Guides, at our recent coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

Individually, our girls have completed lots of interest badges this year, including Geocaching, Photography, Confectionery, Whittling, Mixology, Upcycling, Aspirations, Meditation, Guiding History, Conscious Consumer and Be Prepared. Some of our girls have also achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The girls who achieved Gold had to complete a challenging outdoor activity to complete their badge - these were mountain climbing and the Great North Swim.

We are very proud of all our girls - they embrace every new activity with good humour - we are always laughing, even when we're freezing cold/wet/tired. As leaders, we are privileged to see girls grow in confidence, whether it is trying a new skill, sleeping in a tent for the first time, speaking in front of others or performing a song in front of a camera.

It is such a great organisation to be part of.

We meet from 7.15 - 8.30pm on Mondays in the Methodist Church.

If your daughter is interested in joining us please see:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus/

or if you are interested in volunteering www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/

Joscelin Tracey

METHODIST HALL EVENTS

Mondays in term time

RAINBOWS 4.45-5.45pm (Ages 5-7)

BROWNIES 5.45-7.00pm (Ages 7-10)

GUIDES 7.15-8.30pm (Ages 10-14)

Contact Sam Addington 715095

Wednesdays

CUBS 6.00-7.00pm

Contact Neil Addington 715095

The Meeting Point

For young people 11yrs+

Thursdays in term-time

7.00 - 8.30pm

Rusland Valley Horticultural Society Ltd

POTATO DAY



Sunday 21st January 2024

GREENODD VILLAGE HALL

10am - 2pm

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the efforts of local volunteers and
can provide funds for:

- Improving recreational facilities which are open to all local residents
- The activities of local groups such as Cubs, Brownies, etc.
- Local events, such as fairs in the square, live music, community parties, etc.
- Repairs and improvements to local facilities and public areas
- Contributing towards the maintenance of local public buildings such as churches, village halls etc.

Applying for funds
In 2024 we are slightly altering the application system to make it a little more structured and efficient. Meetings with the trustees will be held Quarterly with the closing date for applications being the end of the previous month.
Application deadlines for the year will be: **29th February, 31st May, 31st August and 30th November** with decisions taken in March, June, September and December.
Urgent requests for funding received outside of this timeframe will still be considered.

Representatives of local groups from within the Duddon Parish can apply for funding.
Application forms are available from the Tourist Information Centre, or you can download one from www.duddonparishcouncil.org.uk

Send your completed form to the Trust Fund Clerk: Rosie Robinson, either by email: cgptrustfund@gmail.com



BROUGHTON MART

27th February
10am

Prize show and sale of store cattle (also sale of OTM cattle & feeding bulls)



MESSAGE FROM OUR MP SIMON FELL

May I take this opportunity to wish you all an incredibly happy new year!

Before Christmas I met with the roads minister, Guy Opperman MP at the site for the Dove Ford/ Grizebeck bypass. I am now working to secure the funding to bridge the gap between the money that I wrestled from the Treasury and Department for Transport for the development in 2020, to deliver the project today. Due to delays in getting the project moving, the inflationary gap caused by the project not moving forward needs bridging. This is unfortunate, but rather than point fingers, I would rather work constructively to get this important scheme over the line asap.

The Minister and I also met to discuss the transport issues in the wider area with local Council leaders and BAE to discuss how we can best work with his department to deliver tangible improvements to the A590, A595, the Furness and Energy Coast Lines, and our local transport networks too. The Minister was visiting as part of the #TeamBarrow project, led by the Cabinet Secretary and designed to uplift the infrastructure and public services in Furness so that it can deliver the Dreadnought and SSN-AUKUS programmes, and that the wider community can feel the benefit of this. I will keep you updated on the bypass as things progress. I fully understand how important this infrastructure is to the local community and will be making sure this comes to fruition.

On the same day, I brought some of the biggest players in the mobile phone world up to Grizebeck Village Hall to discuss mobile connectivity, to hear how it affects us locally, why having a decent mobile signal matters and to press for faster roll out. Since then, I have met with the Secretary of State with recommendations as to how important accelerated progress on this is to us and other rural communities, and how it might be achieved.

Late last year I was also delighted to have been appointed as the Prime Minister's new Anti-Fraud Champion. Fraud is an insidious crime that is too prevalent, and which profoundly harms those affected. I look forward to working with the Home Secretary, James Cleverly, and Tom Tugendhat, Minister for Security to help turn the tide. Government cannot fix this huge problem on its own, so part of my job will be bringing together law enforcement, industry, charities, and many others to find common solutions. This was my bread and butter before entering Parliament, and I can't wait to bring my experience to bear in better protecting the public.

Looking ahead, in the first part of this year, I am looking forward to seeing the cuts in National Insurance Contributions (NIC) which come into effect this month. This change will see NICs drop from 12% to 10%, meaning more money in the pockets of working people, with an average tax cut of £450 for 27million people. This April working parents of two-year-olds will also be able to access 15 hours of free childcare. This will then be extended to children from the age of 9 months in September this year. The Government are introducing free childcare gradually to make sure the childcare providers can meet the needs of more families. Applications for parents are open now on the Gov website.

2023 was such a busy year for my team and I, and we often look at the big projects like the university campus, or improvements to our roads or railway as measures of success, but actually the things that have the biggest impact for local residents are often the individual cases we pick up in surgeries or through letters and emails. I am looking forward to continuing to represent my constituents in 2024 and urge anyone with concerns to contact me, so I can try and help. I hold face to face or virtual surgeries every week, so please do get in touch by email simon.fell.mp@parliament.uk or phone on 01229 314220 if there are issues you would like to discuss.

To find out more about the work I do in the constituency and in Westminster please sign up to my weekly newsletter here: www.simonfell.org/#subscribe

Simon

Defibrillator Update

It has been a year since DCS published a list of Defib units that are available 24/7 in Broughton and the surrounding area.

A full list is set out below:

Broughton

- Square café – Wall on New Street.
- Victory Hall – outside main door.
- Fire Station – On front wall, adjacent to roller door.
- Prince of Wales Pub - Outside main door.

Duddon Valley

- Woodland Parish Rooms – facing carpark.
- Broughton Mills – Side of The Reading Room.
- Ulpha – Front wall of Browfoot Room.
- Seathwaite – Front wall of Barn facing Road, to the right of the Pub.
- Cockley Beck – Adjacent to cattle grid, opposite Farmhouse.

- ◆ Each of these units is located in a yellow cabinet (white in the case of Broughton Mills) and is maintained by DCS (Duddon Community Support), except the Fire Station, which is looked after by the Fire Service.
- ◆ Each is registered on "The Circuit", a unified National Database of Defibrillators
- ◆ Phoning 999 after witnessing an unresponsive collapse will provide the code to access the cabinet and set Ambulance and first responders on the road to help.
- ◆ Each of the Broughton First Responders carries their own Defib unit.

We now have a "Spare" Defib unit, ready to go, in a shoulder bag carry case, which can be "loaned" out to organisers of events such as Fun runs and similar.

This will be free of charge, but only provided for a few days at a time to cover the event. Contact Clive (715048) or Selwyn (716797) if you wish to take advantage of this.

DCS Plans for next year are centred around providing an additional unit at the Ghyll, Hawthwaite on the outside of Erik Ashcroft's Workshop. In addition, we will be running a refresher/training course (as previously) in conjunction with Broughton First Responders.

Duddon Community Support also provide a hot meal each Thursday to approximately 30 Residents in Broughton and the surrounding Duddon Valley area.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Selwyn for further details.

Clive Moody Tel (715048)
Duddon Community Support

Rev'd Victoria Sekasi
Priest in Charge
07786 061 972
tkbdchurches@gmail.com

Parish News



Benefices of Broughton and Duddon & Kirkby Ireleth. Associate Priest of the Parish of Thwaites

We Three Kings of Orient Are: a Carol for January

We Three Kings is a much-loved Christmas carol and the three kings – or wise men – are both popular subjects for Christmas cards and prominent figures in Nativity scenes. Yet their visit to the infant Jesus probably took place some months after his birth and the appearance of the angels to the shepherds. The Church's calendar recognises this by celebrating their visit on 6 January, at the Feast of the Epiphany.

"Epiphany" means "a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization". The three wise men's began when they observed an unexpected change in the night sky. A new star, possibly a comet or an unexpected conjunction of planets, had appeared. Concluding that it was a sign of a momentous event, specifically the birth of a new King of the Jews, they packed their camels and set out for Jerusalem to investigate.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the existing King of Judea, Herod, was not best pleased to hear that three wise men had rocked up in his city, seeking news of a new king's birth. It was the sort of intelligence that any worldly ruler would regard as "a clear and present danger" - at best to his position, at worst to his life. Herod was a very worldly ruler who responded true-to-type. According to Matthew's gospel, he gave the three wise men permission to "*make a careful search for the child (and) as soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him*". In reality, of course, Herod had no intention of worshipping the child, only of killing him to protect himself. Fortunately, the wise men were alerted to his scheme in a dream and never reported back.

And what a report they withheld! For Matthew tells us that they followed the star until they found Jesus and his mother Mary. There they worshipped him, offering three gifts of great significance: gold, to represent his royal status; the incense frankincense, as a sign of his priestly status; and the embalming oil myrrh, as a sign that Jesus had been born to die.

Thus the wise men came out of a significant, challenging and potentially dangerous story with their reputations enhanced. Not so Herod.

What can we learn from both the wise men and Herod, when facing what often appears to be chaos in our own lives and the world around us? Are we, like Herod, threatened and un-nerved by events that disturb our status quo, or jealous of anyone who appears to be taking *our* place, status or perks? Or are we alert and attentive like the wise men, looking for the big, eternal story behind the daily froth? Or are we like many who must have seen the same star as the three wise men, yet were too settled in their ways to notice, and ponder, and respond?

"May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ Child be with us all" throughout the coming year.

Helen & Geraint Lewis

From the Registers

Funerals

Our prayers are with the family and friends of Joan Wendy Blundell, whose funeral service was at Ulpha on 18th December 2023 followed by cremation.

And also with the family and many friends of Dr Trevor Bates, whose funeral was on Friday 5th Jan at St Mary Magdalene followed by interment.

PARSONAGE ROOM EVENTS

Knit and Natter

Learn new skills or just relax with friends
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1st & 3rd Friday
2pm-4pm

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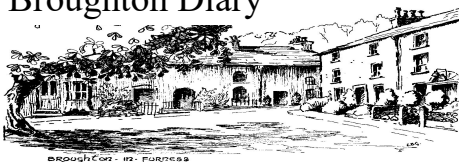
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THE PARISHES OF KIRKBY IRELETH BROUGHTON & DUDDON AND THWAITES

You are invited to the Welcome
by the Bishop of Penrith
and the Installation
by the Archdeacon of Westmorland
and Furness
of

The Rev'd Victoria Sekasi
as Priest-in-Charge and Associate Priest
on Sunday 14th January 2024
at 3pm
at St Mary Magdalene Church, Broughton

Broughton Diary



January

14 Welcome & Installation Service: 3pm,
St Mary Magdalene
19 Film Club: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
20 DVLHG Archives Exhibition: 11am-2pm,
Victory Hall
21 Potato Day: 10am-2pm, Greenodd
Village Hall
21 Cumbria Wildlife Trust: 10am-3pm,
Conservation Work Experience Day, Hollin
Bank Farm, nr Coniston (see page 2)
25 Duddon Parish Council Meeting: 7pm,
Rankin Room, Victory Hall
27 Burns Night Supper: 7.30pm, Grizebeck
Community Hall
31 Lowick Young Farmers—Charity Bingo
Night: 7pm Grizebeck Community Hall

February

2 Quiz Night: 7pm, Water Yeat Village Hall
2 Broughton Drama Group, Peter Pan—
The Pantomime: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
3 Broughton Drama Group, Peter Pan—
The Pantomime: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
3 Music in Ulpha. The Haar: 7.30pm,
Browfoot Room
4 Broughton Drama Group, Peter Pan—
The Pantomime: 2.30pm, Victory Hall
9 Cumbria Wildlife Trust: 7.30pm Thwaites
Village Hall
13 DPC Drop In: 10.45am-12noon, Square
Café
13 Ulpha & Seathwaite WI: 7.30pm,
Browfoot Room
14 Supper Club: 6.30pm, Old Kings Head
16 Film Club: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
20 Duddon River Association AGM: 7pm,
Old Kings Head
22 Duddon Parish Council Meeting: 7pm,
Rankin Room, Victory Hall
24 Sustainable Duddon, Apple Grafting
Course: 10am-1pm, Victory Hall
24 Anna Mili: 8pm, Water Yeat Village Hall
27 Broughton Auction Mart: 10am
28 DVLHG: 7.30pm, Rankin Room, Victory
Hall

March

1 Mountain Film Festival: 7pm, Victory Hall
2 Vera's Annual Quiz: 7pm Woodland
Parish Room
9 Woodland Spring Show (see page 7)

Weekly Café Events

Every Monday Retreat Café

1.30-3pm, Square Café

Every Tuesday

Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Square Café

Every Thursday Fairtrade Coffee Morning,
From 9.30am, Methodist Hall

Every Thursday Coffee, Cake 'n Chat: at
Pop Up Post Office, 1-3pm, Browfoot
Room

Every Sunday afternoon

Gardening at The Old
School House, Ulpha
Bridge



Benefice of Broughton & Duddon
Benefice of Kirkby Ireleth
Benefice of Thwaites



Church Services

The following are held every week:

Sunday 9.30am at

St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
1st Sunday - Communion by
Extension

2nd Sunday - Service of the Word

3rd Sunday - Service of the Word

4th Sunday - Service of the Word
5th - tba

Sunday 10am at

St Mary Magdalene, Broughton

1st Sunday—Café Church

3rd Sunday—Celtic Worship

4th Sunday—Holy Communion

5th Sundays— **9.30am** Joint Service
at Kirkby

Duddon Valley Churches

2nd Sunday: St John the Baptist,
Ulpha—Morning Worship

Midweek Service

Wednesday 10am
at Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills

Sunday Evening Worship at 6pm

2nd Sunday: Songs of Praise—St
John the Evangelist, Woodland

3rd Sunday: Evening Prayer -

St John the Baptist, Ulpha

4th Sunday: BCP Evensong—St John
the Evangelist, Woodland

5th Sunday: Evening Prayer—Holy
Trinity, Seathwaite

St Anne's, Thwaites

2nd Sunday, 11am, Informal Service

4th Sunday, 12.30pm Family
Communion



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on 2nd Sunday

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Thursday 10am

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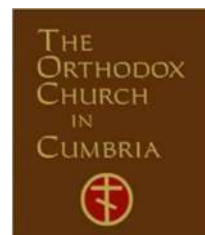


Salvation Army Fortress, Nelson Street, Millom

Church Service
4pm Every Sunday

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Cemetery Chapel,
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