

Parish Pump

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and shrubs.

Fundraising for





Broughton Mills, Woodland & Foxfield

This was a lively and very enjoyable open meeting and we were delighted to be joined by seventeen guests from neighbouring WI groups. Various recent and upcoming events were discussed including the recent walk at

Rusland which was well attended and much enjoyed. Also, the Federation lunch with our National Chair, Jeryl Stone, who advised of her WI journey and the plans and challenges the future holds.

We were pleased to receive very informative updates from two guests. First referring to the 'Teams for You' project involving Boxes of Hope for children in need. Fundraising is ongoing and incredibly, 2110 boxes were prepared and sent out last year. Secondly, about the Lakeland Housing Trust which provides rented homes for local people who cannot afford to buy or long-term rent accommodation at current market prices. They have 61 houses locally, some donated by benefactors, others purchased by the Trust. They are constantly working to improve funding and support to buy more properties to improve the life of local people.

Our speaker tonight was Chris Taylor, Magician, who told us that he had always had an inquisitive imagination and has been learning about magic for 35 years. He is a member of The North Western Society of Magicians and recently had national success in the British Shield Stage Magic Competition, where he was delighted to come third.

Chris performed with skill and humour, carrying out numerous tricks and illusions with cards, jigsaws, coins and an 'Agatha Christie' trick. Also escapology with handcuffs! We were certainly mystified and bemused as to how the various acts worked. His showmanship was entertaining, thought provoking and certainly engaged our focus, with audience members adding to the fun. We were left thinking that his sleight of hand and ability to draw the audiences attention away from the 'secret' parts of the tricks, must be the key to his success. But who knows?

Chris was warmly thanked by Pam Gillman for his superb and entertaining show. Our next meeting is on 6th May, at 7.30pm, at Woodland Parish Room. We will be joined by Nigel Rowe, talking about his journey cycling across Patagonia. Please feel free to join us, a warm welcome awaits.

Paddy Lynch

Ulpha & Seathwaite

Our March meeting was 'Bring a Friend' night and our visitors were very welcome, even a few men joined us and were very well entertained. The cakes and wine were another inducement, which worked very well.

Our speaker was Phillip Burley talking about the history of puzzles. As you can imagine this involved a great deal of audience participation — always a risk with competitive WI members! The history of puzzles goes back over 4,000 years. We were challenged to identify different classes of puzzles. These included Maze, Optical, Put Together, Opening, Twisty and Verbal. Although we did an admirable job using our ID skills we failed to get them all.

The talk was highly engaging and enjoyable, and the audience participation made for a lively evening. Each group was given a selection of puzzles to solve, including magic boxes that couldn't be opened and optical illusions — a huge variety of puzzles to entertain and frustrate us. Phillip explained the origin of 'to button hole someone' which has its origins as a puzzle!

And did you know why folding a map is so difficult? Well, there are 300608 ways to fold a 4x4 (roughly the size of an OS) map. If you didn't know that it seems a perfect question for the next quiz you set or conversation you have! We had a highly entertaining evening and our thanks to Phillip for providing it!

Visitors are welcome to our meetings 7.30pm in The Browfoot Room on the second Tuesday of the month. See you there.

Fiona Oliver 01229 716926



DUDDON VALLEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next two History Talks in May and June deal with hugely contrasting subjects. In May we will hear about the journals and life of Kenneth Burgess who came here at the beginning of WW2, fleeing the bombing around his home in south London. He was a complex man with an adventurous early life. He found much needed peace in Seathwaite and wrote about what he found there, and particularly about nature, having a regular column in the *Westmorland Gazette*.

This is followed in June by a visit by Cyril Pearce, the country's leading authority on "Communities of Resistance during the Great War". Cyril's research examines local communities to reveal a bigger and more complex picture of a nation at war, and the actions of those who resisted the demands of the state because of their beliefs. Broughton and its surrounds have a part to play in connecting the local and national story.

As it happens, the two talks are linked by a connection with Wreaks End. Kenneth Burgess lived for a number of years at Wreaks End Cottage having moved from Seathwaite. Much earlier in 1902, Wreaks Farm was bought by William Stoker, a businessman from Wigan. Stoker and his sons would play a significant role in resisting the onset of Conscriptio in 1916..... and thereafter became involved in the General Strike and the establishment of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

27 May, "Journals of Kenneth Burgess", Stan Aspinall & Nigel Pattinson

24 June, "Britain's 1914-18 War Resisters – Communities, Prisoners, Fugitives, Revolutionaries and Broughton in Furness", Cyril Pearce

22 July, AGM and "John Ruskin: Victorian Polymath", Dr David Cross

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. If you would like to join DVLHG, it costs £10 per year, guests are very welcome at the meetings (£2 per person). Email the Secretary on sec@duddonhistory.org.uk. You may also wish to visit our website www.duddonhistory.org.uk.

Colin Robertshaw (Hon. Sec)

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MESSAGE FROM OUR MP MICHELLE SCROGHAM

Along with other MPs whose constituencies include large rural areas, I've been working to raise the issue of rising fuel costs, red diesel, and heating oil prices following the US and Israeli attacks on Iran.

The conflict in the Middle East is causing huge concern about the potential impacts on the cost of living during these uncertain times. The increases in pump prices have a massive impact on working people's bank balances. I welcome the Chancellor's recent assurances that Britain's economy remains strong, and I support the steps she is taking to protect families and businesses from the impact of the conflict. As part of this, the chancellor has confirmed that Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumberland Council will be getting a share of the additional £53m to support residents using heating oil.

The government has also launched a new [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) page with information to help drivers easily access Fuel Finder to shop around for best deals for petrol and diesel at the pump. I will continue to push for the targeted support needed to protect local people and businesses from the impact of the reckless war on Iran.

In separate news Parish Pump readers will know about the problems with reckless motorists hitting the accelerator along various stretches of the A595. A community survey carried out by Ireleth Parish Council showed that 84.4 per cent of respondents were either somewhat or very concerned.

I was glad to get the chance to discuss this with parish council members recently at the community hall in Grizebeck, where some of the speeding is most severe. Westmorland and Furness Council has pledged to install some road markings on the highway. However, they haven't yet been put in place and doubts remain about how effective they will prove to be. This is of increasing concern because the road improvement scheme will mean vehicles can travel at 60mph before driving through the hamlet of Chapels.

Other concerns – including Westmorland and Furness Council's decision to no longer cut grass verges because of health and safety considerations – were also discussed. I will be contacting the relevant council officers and other parties to address these concerns.

Now some positive news for farmers. I'm part of the Labour Rural Research Group which gives rural communities a voice so government can really think about how every policy impacts rural areas.

Cumbrian farmers are among the best in the world. They meet rigorous animal welfare and environmental standards while producing top-notch food and they are the backbone of our rural communities.

Yet our farmers are being squeezed by cheap imports with much lower standards, unfair supermarket deals and an unclear labelling system that hampers consumers from making informed choices. That's why we're calling for action to stand up for British farmers and ensure animal welfare. We want honest labelling – mandatory origin and welfare labels so shoppers can confidently choose British and high-welfare produce.

We also demand a level playing field with stronger protections in trade deals, a reformed groceries code adjudicator and the removal of unnecessary regulation.

Water Yeat Village Hall

presents



The Ciderhouse Rebellion

The pair specialise in creating music in the moment, based on traditional tunes or their own compositions – often springing from a single note, key, time signature, or emotion. It's this unusually improvisatory focus that is uniquely magical. Their quest is to create music with no conscious thought between conception and playing – always searching for the unexpected and the possibility to create a deep sonic narrative that transports the audience.

Audiences across genres consistently describe being carried and transported, often calling their shows the **best concerts of their lives**. Whether in concert halls, folk festivals, or intimate spaces, the reaction is the same: **complete immersion**.

Sunday 3rd May, 8pm £15 (doors 7.30)

Cash/card on the door or in advance

www.wegotickets.com/wateryeatvillagehall - no booking fee

Café/table seating. No bar, bring your own drinks and nibbles

www.e-voice.org.uk/wyvh www.facebook.com/

Furthermore, Labour has brought in stronger laws on dogs attacking farm animals. A new law will increase the maximum penalty for livestock worrying from £1,000 to an unlimited fine and police will now have powers to detain dogs that are suspected of attacking or worrying livestock.

The advice for farmers is please report, record and retain any information or evidence relating to a livestock worrying incident – and share it with police. Dog walkers should always follow the Countryside Code when visiting these areas, which includes keeping pets on leads and informing farmers of any incidents.

Finally, if there are any issues you need help with, or you have any questions, you can contact me by telephone: **01229 343360** or WhatsApp on **07721 148088** Monitored 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Or you can email me at michelle.scrogam.mp@parliament.uk
Mail: c/o Broadcasting House, Hartington Street, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 5SL.

Michelle



The Community Hall at Grizebeck

KIRKBY IN FURNESS

Upcoming events

All our events are advertised on The Community Hall Grizebeck facebook page. Further details on all our events available from our hall manager by emailing hall.manager@grizebeckhall.co.uk, sending a message to our Facebook page or by ringing the hall manager on **07905779854** (Mondays and Fridays).

Sunday 3rd May 2026 7.30pm Diyet and the Love Soldiers

Alternative Country, folk, roots and traditional music with catchy melodies and stories deeply rooted in Diyet's indigenous world view and northern life. Tickets are now on sale for £15 at www.highlightsnorth.co.uk as part of the Highlights rural Touring Scheme.

Monthly Talk Thursday 28th May 2026 7.30pm

Cumbria Life magazine editor Geneve Bartholomew Brand talks about her work on the magazine, how articles are sourced and how the magazine is put together, with a few stories along the way.
Entrance £5 to include tea and biscuits.

Regular events

Table tennis Monday afternoon Contact Rick Shaw **01229 889624**

Pilates Monday evening Contact Heidi **07519 395545**

Yoga Tuesday evening Contact Carol-Anne Barber **07505 500965**

Whist Drive Every first and second Wednesday contact Michael Irving on **01229 889632**

Flowerguild Fourth Wednesday Contact Jeni Sarson **01229 889685**

Bowling Club Thursday afternoon contact Franek Rewaj **01229 889407**

Craft Club Second Thursday of each month. For further details contact Ali Hooper on **01229 889723**

Surfers Group Assistance in navigating a computer. Friday morning

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PARISH COUNCIL DROP IN

The Square Café

The next session will be
Tuesday 12th May 10.45—12noon

Public Conveniences

The Parish Council would like to apologise for the inconvenience that has been caused by the temporary closure of the public toilets. We are working to rectify the situation, and hope that as this goes to press, the problem is solved.

Road Closures

Sometimes road closures and diversions seem to be at every turn. While the Parish Council makes every attempt to notify residents about planned travel disruption by displaying information on our website and on Facebook, the Parish Council unfortunately has no control or influence over when and where road closures occur. We will continue in our efforts to provide information but urge residents with concerns to direct their questions directly to the Highways Agency.

Off-Road Drivers

Operation Lantern is a police initiative trying to deter vehicles such as motorbikes and 4x4s offroading on the Fells. This hugely destructive practice is, in most cases, illegal and witnesses are being asked to report these offences to the police, using 101, giving as many details as possible: make and model of vehicle, registration number, specific times and locations. When reporting ask for a log number to ensure the crime is recorded. The more reporting that takes place the greater the resources allocated to combat this rural crime.

Community Led Plan

Duddon Parish Council is updating our Community Led Plan. This is an exciting opportunity for us as a Parish Council, alongside residents, to plan for and have an important say in shaping the future of our Parish. If you would like to be involved please get in touch info@duddonparishcouncil.org.uk.

You can follow us on Facebook
[facebook.com/theduddonparishcouncil/](https://www.facebook.com/theduddonparishcouncil/)

VICTORY HALL NEWS

Volunteer Required

The Library Link, located in the entrance to the hall is a great resource for Broughton to have. It does need to be accessible from 9am Mon to Fri. With this in mind we are looking for a volunteer to unlock the hall each morning. The responsibility is to simply open the front door – nothing more than that. Perhaps you live nearby, or your school run/daily dog walk passes the hall and you would like to help out. To sign up or for more information please get in touch.

Cancellation Policy

A gentle reminder that there is now a cancellation policy within the terms and conditions opposite.

Contact Details

To help us effectively process all enquiries please only use the contact details in the poster opposite. Booking of the Hall is now exclusively on-line at <http://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Broughton-Furness-Victory-Hall>



The Parish Council is the sole trustee of the Victory Hall

VICTORY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION



Tel: **07355 930193**

Email:

broughtonvictoryhall@gmail.com

HALL HIRE FEES

The Main Hall

£15 per hour. £12.50 per hour for regular group users.

Rankin Room

£10 per hour. £9 per hour for regular group users.

Green Room

£10 per hour. £8 per hour for regular group users

Evening Function

6pm until closing (as per the licence) £100.

Cancellation Policy

A 50% deposit is required when booking. If the booking is cancelled within 7 days of the event, the deposit will be kept.

VICTORY HALL WEEKLY EVENTS



Monday Rankin Room
4.45pm-5.45pm Rainbows (4-7 yrs)
5.45pm-7pm Brownies (7-10)
7.30pm-8.45pm Guides (10-14) Main Hall
and Rangers (14-18) Rankin Room
Contact Louise Huddleston, Angela York,
Joscelin Tracey, Sam Addington or Liz Burslem for more info
or register your daughter at www.go.girlguiding.org.uk



Monday 6.30pm-7.30pm
Circuit Training £2 per session



Tuesday
6.00pm-7.15pm
Main Hall



For more information contact E: tburslem@hotmail.com

Tuesday 7.15pm-9.15pm
Rankin Room



HOLBORN HILL ROYAL BRASS BAND
Contact Ruth Hughes on **716659** Instruments can be provided

Wednesday 10am-12pm

Pickleball £4.00 includes refreshments
Contact Barbara **01229 869968**
M: **07990327047** E: barbara.birch@hotmail.co.uk



Thursday 7.30 until 9pm
Badminton

Contact Andrew on **889429** or Graham on **716007**



Friday 9.30-11.30 in term-time

Broughton Under 5's Group £3 per family
Includes drinks & snacks
Find us on Facebook - Broughton Playsgroup



Friday 3pm-5pm
Pickleball £4.00 see Wednesday for details



Friday 10.30am-11.30am
Rankin Room
Chair based activities to benefit your
posture and physical condition



Booking of the Hall is exclusively on-line at:
<https://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Broughton-Furness-Victory-Hall>

**SAVE THE DATE — Friday 22nd May 2026,
Thwaites village Hall from 7.30pm**

As the days lengthen and the weather hopefully improves, there will be lots of opportunities to get involved, learn new skills and meet new friends. A good place to start would be to come along to our volunteers' supper and find out more! Catch up with a light supper before balsam bashing season

plus other volunteering opportunities. More info to follow and keep up to date on our website — www.sustainableduddon.co.uk

Thanks to CGP Trust for your support

This year, we have been supported by the CGP Trust, which has provided funds for equipment for use in monitoring invasive non-native species, in particular Himalayan Balsam. The 2026 removal season is about to get underway, and should anyone be interested in helping please drop us an email. Working with DRA we have groups out most weekends from May to September. Find out more information on our website.



Litter Picking Season has started!

There have been several successful litter picks recently — thanks to our intrepid wombles for all your efforts. Eight sacks of litter have been collected between Ghyll Scaur layby and The Hill and 1.5 bags from Duddon Bridge and Corney Fell Road to the ayby past Duddon iron furnace. Not to mention this impressive hoard from High Cross hill! If you, like many of us, are dismayed by the amount of rubbish in our area, please consider joining in with one of our picks. It's also a fantastic way to get youngsters involved with looking after our wonderful area. Supervised children are welcome to help with our quieter localities. For more

information, check out our website or email us.

An Introduction to Chicken Keeping — Postponed

Unfortunately the half-day session on the basics of chicken keeping with afternoon tea has been postponed to the autumn. Please keep registering your interest and we will update as soon as a new date is set. The session will cover what equipment is needed as well as information on chicken health and everything you need to know as a first timer.

£5 to cover cost of tea — get in touch for details.



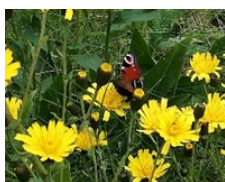
MoRPh Survey

Weather and river levels allowing, the next River survey will be on 2nd May. If you'd like to find out more, please come along and see what it entails and why we carry them out. Venue tba — please see our website and email for more details

No mow May



Hoverflies



Peacock butterfly

Yes, it's that time of year again when the early pollinators need your help. Please leave as much of your garden as possible unmown — you will be amazed at the activity on dandelions and other wild flowers!

Hosting Local Events?

Let us know and we can advertise on our website!

www.sustainableduddon.co.uk
<https://www.youtube.com/@SustainableDuddon>
sustainableduddon@gmail.com

Or visit our Facebook page — just search for **Sustainable Duddon**.



**SAVE OUR SQUIRRELS
Volunteers Needed**



Without our help, the endangered native red squirrel could be extinct in the UK by 2034. Red squirrel populations have declined sharply, due largely to non-native grey squirrels.

Just a few fragile populations remain in England and we're lucky to have four (one well-established and three new in 2025) in the Duddon Valley. That's down to the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

Management of the grey squirrel populations is critical to the survival of red squirrels. We need to help the reds re-establish healthy populations and create a buffer zone to protect them. We're right on the front line in our area!

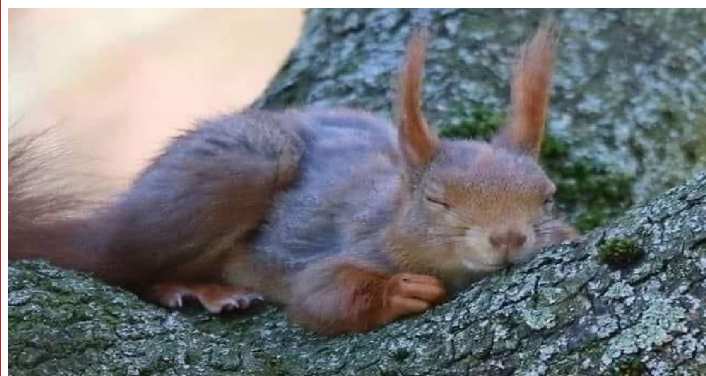
Here are ways you can help:

- ◆ Become a grey squirrel controller/ranger
- ◆ Take part in Spring surveys
- ◆ Check a grey squirrel control site—on a regular walk, perhaps—and report activity to a ranger
- ◆ Drop leaflets in your neighbourhood
- ◆ Write articles or social media posts
- ◆ Help out at stands at local shows
- ◆ Give presentations to local groups
- ◆ Give talks to schools
- ◆ Assist with workshops
- ◆ Make items from wood: squirrel feeders, control boxes, nesting boxes—we'll provide materials or reimburse costs

You can learn more and gain a nationally accredited certificate in Grey Squirrel Management by attending a one-day course.

To find out more or tell us how you can help

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Saturday 13th June



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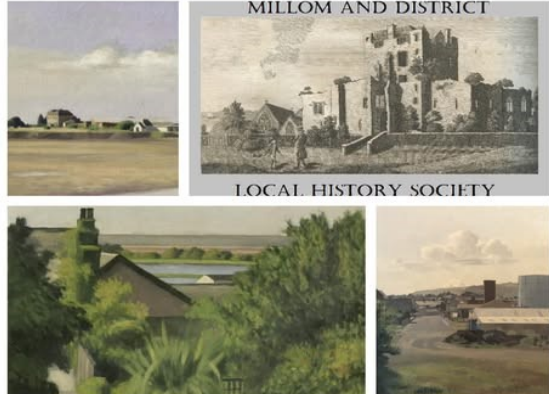
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May
 Sunday 10th Tuesday 26th Saturday 30th

If a day is full its worth adding yourself to the waiting list in case of cancellations. Directions and joining details will be sent out when you book a day, and there is more information on our website, or contact us if you have any questions.

Directions and joining details will be sent when you book. There is full information on our website, <https://bag.leeds.ac.uk/projects/restoring-hardknott-forest/get-involved/> or contact j.h.Hodgson@leeds.ac.uk if you have any questions.

Jim Billsborough Artist Holy Trinity Fair



An exhibition of local scenes painted by Jim Billsborough with talk by Malcolm Bates. Holy Trinity Church, Millom 29, 30, 31 May 11.30 - 6 p.m. Talk 2 p.m. Sat 30.

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LOCATIONS:

BARROW—Abbey Road Baptist Church, Abbey Road, LA13 9BD. 01229 343436

MILLOM—Crown Street Baptist Church Hall, Crown Street, LA18 4AG. 01229 774061

ULVERSTON—Bethany Christian Church, Lightburn Road, LA12 0BX. 01229 343410

WHERE TO LEAVE DONATIONS

St Mary's Church porch, Broughton
St John's Church, Ulpha
Browfoot Room, Ulpha (Thursdays, 1 – 3pm)
Duddon Valley Medical Practice — Broughton, Kirkby or Askam Surgeries
THANK YOU!

What can I donate?

The Foodbank welcomes **non-perishable, staple goods with long dates**, for example:

Tinned goods - meat, fish, baked beans, spaghetti, vegetables and pet food
Tea, coffee and sugar. UHT/long-life milk and cream
Pasta sauce, Instant Mash
Cartons of juice, biscuits, crisps and snacks
Tinned fruit, sponge puddings and other long-life puddings

Cleaning products and personal care items such as soap, handwash, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet rolls, size 6 & 7 nappies are very welcome indeed.

The foodbank is unable to accept fresh or refrigerated goods; home-made items; or items that have been opened or removed from their original packaging.

WARTIME MEMORIES by Maurice Lancaster

The Royal Observer Corps

This organisation originated at the start of WW2 to give an early warning of approaching enemy aircraft. The radar stations positioned along the coast were only able to look outwards. Once inland, it was up to the Observer Corps to identify enemy aircraft and to estimate the size and height of the formations. This information was passed to an Observer Corps Centre and then to Group and Sector Station Operations Rooms where it was used to inform Fighter Command's operations.

Broughton's Observer Post's first location was near the High Cross Inn, about 200-300 yards along the right hand side of the Coniston road. After about a year it was moved to a site in a field near where the road to Coniston branches off to Broughton Mills, in Dick Cleasby's field.

The Chief Observer, responsible for admin, was John Hartley, a local coal merchant. The Leading Observer, Frank Lancaster, my father, was required to train the others in aircraft recognition. During the week he held training sessions, using an episcopes, which projected images and silhouettes of aircraft.

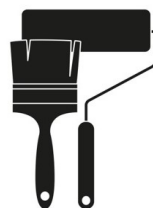
The 24 hours of duty were divided into three 8 hour shifts. The men did 8 hour shifts, but the women only 4 hours. There were only two women Observers, my mother, Emma Lancaster, and Mr Hartley's daughter, Hilda.

After the war, the Corps continued, but the emphasis changed to monitoring nuclear radiation. The post building was moved underground and made radiation proof. It was not manned continually. My mother, Emma Lancaster, took over as Chief Observer until the site was closed.

I consider that the ROC was never given enough credit for the invaluable work of early warning during the Battle of Britain.

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Friday 15th May
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A new chorus master (Ralph Fiennes) drives a small English town to make music in response to World War I

7.30 pm
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6 pm at The Square Café - £20 for 2 courses + film
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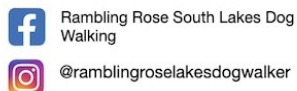
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Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June 2026

X7 Bus Service 

**Coniston to Barrow
via Broughton**

Wednesday & Friday only

Timetables are available from the Information Centre or various sources in Broughton. It can also be viewed on Facebook: **FriendsoftheX112**

If you hold a NoW card you can use it on the bus, which means it costs you nothing. Otherwise a single fare is £3 under the present Government backed fares cap scheme.

	Out	Rtn
Coniston Crown	09.30	14.21
Broughton Square	10.00	14.00
Foxfield Station	10.04	13.55
Grizebeck	10.11	13.50
Kirkby in Furness	10.24	13.43
Ireleth	10.35	13.35
Askam	10.39	13.30
Barrow, Asda	10.57	13.20
Barrow, The Mall	11.03	13.15
Fridays Only		
Barrow, The Mall	11.10	12.45
Rampside	11.23	12.58
Roa Island	11.27	13.00
Rampside	11.30	13.03
Barrow, The Mall	11.45	13.10

Ulverston Repair Cafe

2026 Dates 

13 Jan	10 Feb	10 Mar	14 Apr	12 May	9 Jun
14 Jul	11 Aug	8 Sep	13 Oct	10 Nov	8 Dec

Every second Tuesday of the month  Open from 6:30-8:30pm

Croftlands Community Centre (44 Central Drive, Ulverston, LA12 9JN)

HOW TO SAFELY REMOVE A TICK



STEP ONE
Gently pull back any hair from around bite site. Using fine point tweezers, grasp tick as close to the head as possible. **DO NOT GRASP BY THE BODY.**



STEP TWO
Pull the tick straight outward until the head is removed. Do not twist, turn, or wiggle.



STEP THREE
Dispose of the tick in toilet or in closed trash can, wrapped in tissue.



STEP FOUR
Clean the area with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.



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 **HEADACHE OR BODY ACHES**
 **FATIGUE**
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1. **LOOK FOR THE PADLOCK** in the address bar.
2. **ENHANCED SECURITY.** Make sure it starts with 'HTTPS' (The 'S' means Secure).
3. **CHECK THE ADDRESS.** Does it match the real company name? Hover (don't click!) to check.
4. **THE SENSE TEST.** Does the site look messy? Are prices 'too good to be true'? Trust your gut.
5. **CHECK THE SPELLING.** Does the text on the website use strange letters or poor grammar? Scammers often rush and make mistakes. Look for odd phrasing or poorly written content (e.g., 'ur account' or 'please to click!').

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2nd Broughton Chess Festival



Saturday 13th June 2026
1.30 pm to 5.00 pm
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phone **07976 737075**

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Parish News



Benefices of The Duddon Estuary. Comprising the Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth, Broughton & Duddon and Thwaites

"Church bells often symbolize divine presence and spiritual awakening. When they ring, they call you to reflect and pray. The sound serves as a reminder of the sacred, helping you connect with your faith."

St Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness now has a new band of bell ringers. Five of these ringers already had experience of basic skills to various levels, thanks to the teaching of Andy Pollock and Paul Thompson following Covid. The other ringers embarked on an intensive course of ringing coaching throughout the past year. The aim of this accelerated learning was to establish a Broughton team who could ring independently without expert intervention.

All the learners worked exceptionally hard and gave up at least an hour and a half every Wednesday evening. During the last year there has always been an unmistakable buzz of enthusiasm at every 90 minute session. This approach has led to success, not just in ringing, but in the extent to which all the band have gelled to support each other. They richly deserve many congratulations for the times they have rung since Sunday 21st September.

It has been a pleasure to work with them to achieve this remarkable success in a very short time. The intention is now to continue the coaching sessions to move the band on to even greater achievements.

This is truly an on-going project and all of us are looking forward to what comes next. We are very proud of all of them. If you are interested in becoming a bell ringer or having a trial, then do contact Joe Kershaw who is the Bell Captain at St Mary Magdalene (ian.kershaw@aol.co.uk).

"The significance of bell ringing in church worship cannot be overstated. From liturgical functions to calling worshippers to prayer, bells are vital in creating a sacred atmosphere. Their melodic tones uplift our spirits, evoke deep reflection, and draw us closer to the divine. So, the next time you hear the resounding chimes of church bells at St. Mary Magdalene, let them serve as a gentle reminder of the beauty and holiness of worship and prayer."

Keith & Anne Hackney (Bell Ringing Coaches)



Thursdays
7-8:15pm for 11+ to Yr 7
7.45-9pm for Yr 8+

at
Kepplewray

Games Crafts Baking

Sport Tuck Cake

Termly Trips Faith Chat

For more information contact Revd. Vic Sekasi
tkbdchurches@gmail.com or 07453930536

CGP Duddon Parish Trust Fund

This Fund is administered by members of the Duddon Parish Council. The Trust is there to support 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

Representatives of local groups from within the Duddon Parish can apply for funding. There is no particular limit on the number of times you may apply. Application forms are available from the Tourist Information Centre, or you can download one from <http://www.duddonparishcouncil.org.uk> (find it under notices and minutes).

Applications should be sent to:

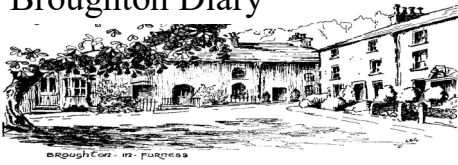
cgptrustfund@gmail.com

or post to:

Nigel Jones, Stonegarth, Church Street, Broughton in Furness.
LA20 6HJ

The next closing date for applications is 31st May 2026

Broughton Diary



April

29 Broughton Drama Group AGM: 6.30pm, Green Room, Victory Hall
25-4 May Ulverston WalkFest

May

1-3 Mini Beer Fest: Broughton to Kirkby, throughout weekend
2 MoRPh River survey: Sustainable Duddon, Venue tba
3 Traditional music: 7.30pm, Grizebeck Community Hall
3 Ciderhouse Rebellion: 7.30pm, Water Yeat Village Hall
6 Broughton Mills, Woodland & Foxfield WI: 7.30pm, Woodland Parish Room
12 DPC Drop-in: 10.45am-12noon, Square Cafe
12 Ulpha & Seathwaite WI: 7.30pm, Browfoot Room, Ulpha
15 Broughton Film Club: 7.30pm Victory Hall
16 Plant Sale: 10am-2pm, Parsonage Room Broughton
22 Sustainable Duddon volunteers' supper: 7.30pm, Thwaites Village Hall
25 Coro Camino concert: 7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Broughton
27 DVLHG: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
28 Monthly talk, *Cumbria Life* editor: 7.30pm, Grizebeck Community Hall
30 Millom and District Local History Society, talk on Jim Billsborough: 2pm, Holy Trinity Church
31 Run the Edge 11K and 5K events: Millom Rugby Union, 11am (see p. 7)

June

29 May-6 June UIMF (see p. 9)
13 2nd Broughton Chess Festival: 1.30-5pm, Victory Hall
13 Thwaites Village Gala
20-21 Ulverston Open Gardens (leaflets in Bakery Café, Pitstop and TIC)
21 CWT: Tomsteads Garden Open day: 10am-4pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Every Tuesday
 Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Square Café
Every Thursday Coffee, Cake 'n Chat: at Pop Up Post Office, 1-3pm, Browfoot Room, Ulpha



Surgery Opening Times



Kirkby 01229 889247
 Monday 8am-6pm
 Tuesday 8am-6pm
 Wednesday 8am-6pm
 Friday 8am-6pm

Broughton 01229 716337
 Monday 8am-6pm (Lunch 12.30-1.15pm)
 Tuesday 8am-6pm (Lunch 12.30-1.15pm)
 Thursday 8am-6pm (Lunch 12.30-1.15pm)
 Friday 8am-1pm

www.duddonvalleymedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Askam 01229 260290
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Church Services May

St Cuthbert, Kirkby at 9.30am

3rd May - Service of the Word
 10th May - Holy Communion
 17th May - Service of The Word
 24th May - Holy Communion
 For Pentecost

Wild Church at 4pm

31st May - Joint Benefice Service at 10am Moss Side Farm

St Mary Magdalene, Broughton at 10am

3rd May - Holy Communion
 10th May - Morning Prayer
 17th May - Breakfast Church from 9.30am
 24th May - Celtic Worship for Pentecost

Duddon Valley Churches St John the Baptist, Ulpha

1st Sunday 3pm - Afternoon Prayer
 3rd Sunday 6pm - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Seathwaite

Sunday 31st May 6pm - Evening Prayer

Woodland

St John the Evangelist at 6pm

2nd Sunday 6pm - BCP Holy Communion
 4th Sunday 6pm - Evensong

St Anne's, Thwaites at 11.30am

2nd Sunday - Family Worship
 4th Sunday - Pentecost Brunch Church

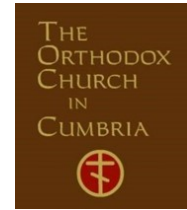
Midweek Service

Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills at 10am

Wednesdays - Morning Prayer
 Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday

The Orthodox Community of St. Simon and St. Kentigern Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Cemetery Chapel, Dalton-in-Furness, LA15 8LL.



Every third Saturday of the month, starting at 10.30am

www.orthodoxcumbria.org.uk
 Email: holy.fathers@gmail.com

The Roman Catholic Parish of St Francis of Assisi

Our Lady and St James RC Church, Millom

Wednesday 5.00pm
 Sunday Mass 10.30am

Sacred Heart RC Church, Coniston

Thursday 10am
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm

Father Mathew Jacob
 Tel: 01229 779673

E: saintfranciscumbria@gmail.com
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Kingdom Hall of

Jehovah's Witnesses

2 Holborn Hall, Millom, LA18 5BE
www.jw.org

Every Thursday 7.15pm
 Sunday 10.15am



The Methodist Church Services

Kirkby in Furness, Marshside
 11am Morning Service,
 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays

6pm Service with Communion
 on 2nd Sunday

Millom, Queen Street
 11am Every Sunday

You will be made most welcome

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