

NEW TRUST OFFICE OPEN BY END OF SUMMER

Work is underway at Gosling Sike Farm, Cumbria Wildlife Trust's northern office at Houghton, to create a volunteer and training centre.

The new designs for the project formed part of the revised planning application submitted on 22 November 2016. Finally, full planning permission was received on 23 January 2017 and work began the next day.

Rob Davies, Senior Facilities Officer at Cumbria Wildlife Trust, explains more about the project: "We have managed to reduce the environmental impact of a new build by reusing a modular building from Burnley Hospital.



Artists Impression

The building was transported and installed on site on 13 February. It arrived on seven articulated lorries and was craned into place before being bolted back together; the whole operation took only five hours to complete. The exterior of the building will receive a 'make-over' in the form of a new roof and larch cladding using wood taken from our own Barkbooth Lot Nature Reserve, near Crosthwaite."

Cumbria Wildlife Trust hopes that the centre will be completed by the end of the summer

Congratulations to Susan Aglionby OBE



A well known resident of Houghton, Susan recently visited Buckingham Place to receive her OBE (Order of the British Empire), for services to young people and the local community in Cumbria.

In 2011 Susan donated a large part of her organic farm in Houghton to Cumbria Wildlife Trust (see headline story).

She has also been involved with the Girl Guiding movement and Cumbria Community Foundation.

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Linda Kielty's Home Page

Sweet Potato and Coconut Soup

Serves four to six

INGREDIENTS:

28 gm Butter

1 large onion

1kg sweet potatoes

750ml chicken stock

400ml tin of coconut milk

Juice of half a lemon (2 tbs)

Salt and pepper



METHOD:

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over a moderate heat and peel and chop the onion and add to the pan and fry gently until clear and soft.

Next peel and chop the sweet potatoes and add to the pan. Give everything a good stir before adding the chicken stock. Bring to the boil and then reduce the heat and cover the pan and simmer for about 20 minutes until the potatoes have softened.

Use a stick blender or food processor to purée the mixture before stirring in the coconut milk and the juice of half a lemon.

Reheat and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with crusty bread or a few croutons scattered on top.

This is an incredibly easy soup to make and will only take you about 45 minutes from start to finish. The resultant soup is rich and velvety with a beautiful flavour which is a little out of the ordinary. The addition of the lemon juice gives it a really nice piquancy.
Linda.

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These are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 19:30.

For up to date information on venues, please see the notices and agendas etc. on Parish Council notice boards and now also on the web site - see below.

The council meeting may be adjourned at the discretion of the chairman, in order to allow members of the public to address the meeting regarding business to be transacted at the meeting.

Electors wishing to bring matters of concern to the councils attention are asked to contact the Parish Clerk or a councillor.

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SUMMER FUN DAYS

HOUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 26th July

Wednesday 9th August

Wednesday 23rd August

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Wednesday 2nd August

Wednesday 16th August

Wednesday 30th August

Times, prices and booking details to be confirmed. Please watch our Facebook page, website and notice boards for further information



Stanwix Rural Parish Council HEADLINES

COUNCILLOR CHANGES

During the past year, Hamish Phillips, the Vice Chairman resigned for business reasons. During his time with the Council, Hamish was instrumental in re-establishing the Houghton Fair, working on the footpath project and working with Craig Nicholson in the production of the Houghton Echo. He will be missed for the range of his work and his expertise. The Council was fortunate in being able to make a co-opted appointment with Tony Coles joining the Council. Tony has had experience with another parish council and had moved to the area. He has settled in very well.

We do still have vacancies on the Council; if you have an hour or so to spare each month please do get in touch with us.

PRECEPT

For the past year, the level of funding raised through the Council Tax was held at previous year's level of £40,540. For the coming year, the level will remain at the 2010 level.

HOUGHTON SUMMER FAIR

This was held again and was positive considering the poor weather on the morning of the day. With support from members of the local community and the Parish Council the Fair was a success with a good community response. The plans for this year's Fair are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope for better weather. The Fair is funded through sponsorship, grants and the Council's income.

SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES

These again ran successfully with funding from the Council. Attendances were down slightly on previous years. However, there is still much support from the community and another programme will run this year - see our advert on the previous page of 'The Echo'.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANT SCHEME

This attracted a range of applications, slightly lower than in the previous year and it was possible to support all eligible applications. These included the 1st Houghton Rainbows and Guides, Crosby Parish Hall, Linstock WI Hall and Carlisle Centurions FC to name only a few.

We also funded investigation into the motorway noise problem being experienced in Linstock, Brunstock and Houghton; the report is awaited. Grant applications have just been approved for the forthcoming year and we look forward to supporting many community groups once again.

CROSBY FLOOD GROUP

The Council has continued to support the Crosby Flood Group in its response to various official Flood Reports and the Group's efforts to secure better protection for the community. Progress with the leading agencies has been slow and a consultation on options is due in the early summer. A survey of the number of properties flooded is being undertaken and there is an agreement with the Parochial Church Council that the Church can be used as a reception centre in the event of a flood. A revised emergency plan will be produced.

COMMUNITY PLAN

During the year a new Community Plan was produced and circulated and will run from 2017 to 2021. The plan was produced following responses to a community questionnaire and 4 public meetings held at venues in the Parish. To achieve progress the Council wishes to work with a range of Agencies and other Councils. It also wishes to work with its local communities to deliver projects for your area. This is particularly important at a time of widespread pressure on finance. If you wish to offer your skills and expertise, please let us know.

Over the year there were 11 ordinary meetings of the Parish Council and additional meetings of its working groups. The Annual Parish Meeting was also held. Over 40 planning applications were considered 2 of them being major. The outline application in Brunstock was revised and reduced in size from 12 to 9 dwellings. Although there remained objections from the residents and the Parish Council the scheme was recently approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Another outline application for a major development, on the Hadrian's Camp site, proposed 235 houses. The Parish Council held a public meeting in Houghton to hear the views of local residents. The meeting was very helpful and informative in enabling the parish council to put forward a substantial objection. The application was withdrawn.

Clarkey's Quiz



1. Which chemical element is the predominant constituent of Charcoal?
2. How is the pupa form of most butterflies and moths more commonly known?
3. What surname is common to the inventor of the Spinning Mule and the pen name of the writer of the *Just William* books?
4. A Gherkin is a pickled form of which vegetable?
5. What is the name of the cable usually used to connect an aerial to a television set?
6. What seven-letter word means relating to ravens or crows?
7. What is the name of the tree trunk tossed by competitors in an event in Scottish athletics games?
8. Botany Bay, where Captain Cook first landed in Australia in 1770, is located in which city?
9. Havana is the capital city of which country?
10. English, Sinhala and Tamil are the three official languages of which country?
11. The majority of the Orinoco River flows through Venezuela, but in which country does it rise?
12. In which African country is the Nubian Desert to be found?
13. In which county of England are the National Trust properties Sudbury Hall, Kedleston Hall and Hardwick Hall to be found?
14. Hrvatska is the name in its native language of which country, formerly part of Yugoslavia?
15. In which American city is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Independence Hall to be found?
16. Two European countries have a highest mountain called Mount Olympus. One is Greece, name the other
17. In what organ of the body can the temporal, frontal, parietal and occipital lobes be found?
18. There are two bones in the lower leg, One is the tibia, or shinbone, what is the other?
19. Loops, arches and whorls are the three main patterns of what element of the body?
20. The windpipe is the colloquial name for which part of the body?
21. What is the eye condition, where the lens becomes less transparent, known as?
22. In which part of the body is the deltoid muscle located?
23. The condition Psoriasis affects what part of the body?
24. Although adults normally have 32 teeth, how many milk teeth does an infant have?
25. How is cerumen more commonly known?
26. Which constituent part of the human digestive system shares its name with a punctuation mark?
27. Which company describes its Roses assortment as "A scrumptious bunch of chocolates"?
28. Which position does Rex Tillerson hold in Donald Trump's government?
29. The Nikkei 225 is the stock market index for which city?
30. After who is chemical element 102, which has the symbol No, named?
31. In which sport are Leicester Riders the men's and Sevenoaks Suns the women's Trophy winners in Britain in 2017?
32. Which politician has been announced as the new editor of the London *Evening Standard*?
33. Who was the writer of the *Inspector Morse* novels, who has died aged 86?
34. Who will be the two presenters of *The Great British Bake Off* in new home on Channel 4?
35. Which singer comprised synth-pop duo Yazoo with Vince Clarke?
36. As referenced in its title, in which year does the new prequel for *Prime Suspect* take place?
37. Which actor plays Lord Mountbatten in the film *The Viceroy's House*?
38. *Royals* in 2013 was the debut single of which singer-songwriter?
39. Matt LeBlanc is one of the three lead presenters for this year's series of *Top Gear*. Name one of the other two
40. In which film did Sigourney Weaver play naturalist Diane Fossey?
41. With 27 awards, which country artist is the most garlanded female at the Grammys?
42. Which rock'n'roll legend died recently in Missouri aged 90?
43. How many stumps are there on the pitch in a game of cricket?
44. How many degrees is each angle in an equilateral triangle?
45. How many fingers does a chimpanzee have on each hand?
46. How many years of marriage are celebrated by a Coral Wedding?
47. What was the number of the Apollo mission which in 1968 became the first to orbit the Moon?
48. Of the 88 keys on a standard piano keyboard, how many of them are white?
49. How many towers are there in the Tower of London? 13, 17 or 21
50. How many monarchs from the House of Tudor reigned in the England?

Houghton Evergreens

It has been a while since you have heard from Houghton Evergreens but we are still here and have not been away! We meet each Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall at 2.00 and have a varied programme for our members.

During the seemingly long winter we entertain ourselves with quizzes, cards, bingo and dominoes. To that we add guest speakers where we can. Recently our friend PAT talked about her younger days living near the centre of our City and later Gordon talked about his life on the railway, illustrating it with slides, both talks were greatly entertaining. One of the highlights for us is our Xmas Party, which followed our visit to Hetland Garden Centre to see their Xmas display.

In the better months (for weather) we have trips out wherever possible, and usually we guess right for weather. Sadly our Visit to Moffat last "summer" provided us with continuous rain but that didn't prevent us from enjoying the change. We are looking forward to this coming summer's trips and praying for fine days wherever we go. We also enjoy an outing where we have an "Afternoon Tea" such as we had at Dobbie's, and later the Cumbria Park Hotel. This writer especially likes "cream teas"!!

We have our sad times too, such as when our oldest members have to go into a residential home and sadder still, when a much loved member passes away.

We enjoy our times together where we have some fun, tuck into tea and biscuits and have that most important NATTER where we catch up on the latest.

To end on a positive note, did you know that the Dictionary definition on "evergreen" is:
"remaining fresh and vital"? well that's us folks!

Maybe we'll see you one Thursday soon if you are a pensioner in Houghton and have time to spare; looking forward to meeting you.
Bill



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Since our last article for April 2016 Houghton WI has had a very interesting and varied programme.

The Museum of Military Life at Carlisle Castle asked members to either knit or crochet poppies to be used in a display to commemorate members of the Border Regiment who lost their lives at the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago.

Our speaker for the May meeting was Loraine Prestley, her theme was bee keeping and painting pictures with wax. We also celebrated the 79th birthday of Houghton WI in May together with 3 members of the Evergreens, two of which were past WI members, who joined us for a meal in the village hall.

Our June talk was about the work of "Blood Bikes" in Cumbria, a service run and financed by volunteers taking urgent medical supplies between hospitals throughout the night. To celebrate the Queens 90th birthday we went to The Bobbins afternoon tea. Also in June we visited "Devils Porridge" with afternoon tea at White Syke Garden Centre.

In July Gillian Potts told us about the history of the Cumberland Show. In August we visited the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick and we also had a strawberry tea at Houghton Garden Centre in aid of Breast Cancer Care. The sum of £203.50 was raised and presented to the local branch.

Happy Feet was the subject of our September meeting. Podiatrist Gillian Mulray talked about the care of our feet. In October rhythm guitarist and singer Geoff Dickens entertained us in October with songs from the 50's 60's & 70's. His last song described the evening very well "Sweet Memories".

At our November AGM, Pat Dodd, President; Angela Prentice, Secretary and Ann Smith Treasurer agreed to serve for another year. Our December meeting was our Christmas lunch at The Inn on the Lake, the venue and food was excellent.

In January our speaker was Steve Doyle his talk was about A Visit to Lapland, very interesting, especially as he met Father Christmas. Tai Chi was our February meeting with a demonstration by Lesley Ralph. We all took part in some exercises, sitting down, which we found gentle, relaxing and very enjoyable.



At our March meeting Jules Wooding, the Learning and Access Officer at The Museum of Military Life at Carlisle Castle gave a talk on the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme. Almost everyone present had known someone who had been at The Somme. The idea of knitting poppies for the display at the castle had come from "Knitting Comfort". The mothers, wives and sweethearts of the men fighting made gloves, scarves, mittens and balaclavas to send to their loved ones.

We have a very interesting and varied programme for the rest of 2017 and new members are always welcome. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in Houghton Village Hall.



**Display of knitted poppies at Carlisle Castle
Commemorating The Battle of The Somme**

Book Club



During the winter months the book group read a variety of books from Ben Elton's *The First Casualty* to *The 39 Steps* by John Buchan. Both are set around the early part of the 20th Century, but couldn't be more different in tone due to changes in society affecting the perspective of the authors. Buchan's main protagonist seems fortunate to come across the people and situations he did, it seems ludicrous now that his adventures could pan out that way - CCTV and social media have all but made disappearing impossible. It did make us all stop and think about how the world has changed in 100 years.



Winter also saw our annual Christmas meal and mystery draw where all the freebies we have been sent throughout the year are randomly distributed. It is always a fun night and complements our summer party in June. We have now hit the main book award season and as a group we enjoy following the different prizes, the long lists and short lists often give us new authors and titles to read. The last few years we have followed the Baileys Prize, this year we are also following the Man Booker International Prize, our summer party will see if we agree with the judges who the winner should be!

We all believe reading should be fun, the change in the seasons just sees where we are reading change, from in front of the fire with a mug of tea, to in the garden with a glass of something chilled. It is always good to take time out and escape into book, whatever your choice may be.

Becky

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Once again the Houghton in Bloom group are busy with making our village a beautiful, pleasant place to live. Our efforts were recognised at the Cumbria in Bloom awards last September, we were awarded the **highest level** for the It's Your Neighbourhood section and for the main competition of best village we were awarded **Silver Gilt**.

Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway at all. We have also got some new members: Emma Bues and Gayle Greer with her two great helpers.

If you are interested in joining us it would be great as we could expand the work we do for the village.

Contact deborahpark36@yahoo.co.uk or ring 07460489021 for details.

Love Your Garden Awards 2016

The presentation evening was held on 29th September 2016 at the Houghton Garden Centre who also provided the refreshments.

Congratulations to the Overall Winner, Grace Glover of 1 Beech Grove for her stunning garden.

Once again we were amazed at the beautiful gardens in the village. Keep up the good work as the hunt for 2017 will begin soon and you could be one of the shortlisted gardens. Remember if you would like the back garden to be included in judging to see Colin Duncan or contact deborahpark36@yahoo.co.uk.

Finally we would like to thank our sponsors:- Interserve, Houghton Garden Centre, Stanwix Parish Council, Houghton Evergreens, A & L Moffat, Houghton Stores, Warwick Bazaar, Mobile Pizza Van, Country Recovery, Cllr. Colin Duncan, Cllr. James Bainbridge and In Memory of David Clements.



Cllr Colin Duncan presents Grace Glover with the Overall Winner Trophy

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As I type this, we have just enjoyed the Easter weekend. For some of us that's about family, or chocolate, a chance to do some DIY or emergency gardening, or maybe just time for a much-needed rest. But Easter is actually a much bigger opportunity than that.

At the heart of Christianity is history – the belief that Jesus came back from death that first Easter Sunday morning. This foundation in fact marks Christianity out from so many other possible belief systems; this faith system is testable by discovering whether Jesus really lived, died, and lived again. And if he did, that changes everything. Not only did his birth change BC into AD, his death changes hopelessness into hope – since it proves Jesus must be God. After all, only God could walk out of his own tomb.

Many of my friends and family find this a bemusing thing to believe. Surely corpses don't come back to life! What struck me this Easter was that Jesus' followers' reaction to first hearing the news was identical. Luke tells us Peter "didn't believe, because it seemed like nonsense." You may feel exactly the same way.

Peter did two very appropriate things: he first went to look, and then went away to think. He ran to the tomb, just as you and I can check out the evidence for ourselves. And he gave it some thought, just as one can today. Grab a Bible for yourself, and read what the eyewitnesses saw. You will notice that even non-believers think Jesus really came back to life. Or pop along to church, and bring your questions.

Many of the things I listed at the start are good. But being forgiven all of our past, knowing God's love in the mess of real life, and enjoying a secure hope beyond the confines of this world – well each of those is better than chocolate, in my view. Next time we see each other, why not tell me what you think.

Andrew

1st Houghton Rainbows

The 1st Houghton Rainbows have been enjoying a fun packed term with lots of activities. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed all the craft and games sessions, and we had a fabulous evening when Derek and Martin joined us from the Watanabe Kai Judo Club.

We continue to fill each week with exciting things to do and will soon be getting ready for our summer trip to Hawse End when we will take to Derwentwater in search of Pirates on our treasure hunt! We will also have a presence at the Village Fair on Saturday 1st July, so please pop along a say hello.

Could we take this opportunity to remind you that we have a healthy waiting list for the unit. Girls can join from their 5th birthday if they have been allocated a space. It is therefore never too early to register your daughter's details. Please contact Sue Doyle (Foxglove) on 01228 511258 for further information.





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The club has also gained FA Charter Standard accreditation. This has been achieved as a result of a lot of hard work by our club officers behind the scenes and has been gained in only our first full season.

“Club Gala Day on Saturday 8th July” from 3.00 pm on Houghton village green and in the village hall. A full afternoon of activities is planned for all age groups; including football golf, football cricket, assault course and a penalty “King” competition and lots more. There will be stalls in the village hall, face painting, raffle and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the day and there will be a club award presentation in the early evening.

We are looking for new players for next season, particularly for our u 12’s and also a girl’s team, so why not come along, have fun and meet everyone.
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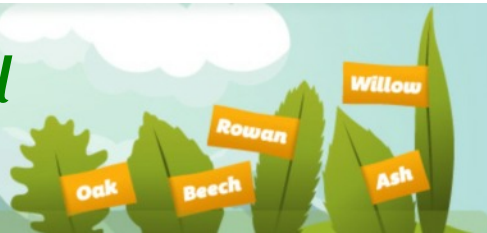
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BRIGHT STARS COMPETITION WITH CUMBRIA WASTE GROUP

In January we linked with Cumbria Waste Group (CWG) to participate in a business competition led by the Centre for Leadership Performance (CLP). Beech Class (Y3/4) proposed a business plan for collecting clothing and bedding and aluminium cans which we would then sell to Cumbria Waste Group while improving recycling in our school and homes.

Any profit would be donated to our chosen charity, Maggie’s, which provides support for families affected by cancer. We needed a Board of Directors and these were appointed following ‘advertising and interviews’. The first business decision was to visit Hespín Wood to see what happens to all our waste – it’s amazing how much can be recycled.

Over 2 weeks the children distributed and recovered collection bags, then started the task of counting over 100 bags, which Cumbria Waste Group then took to Hespín Wood for weighing.

A meeting was held in school with directors and management of Cumbria Waste Group and was ably chaired by Griffin Kirkman-Evans. Copies of the weighbridge tickets for the cans and textiles were distributed to all members and following negotiations it was agreed that 60kg of aluminium cans would be sold for £83.00 and 660kg of textiles for £165.00 – a grand total of £248.00, rounded up to £250.00 was an amazing result!

Well done to all our children who took part in this venture - it has been a great deal of fun. We are all thrilled that, in recognition of all the children’s hard work, we were awarded ‘Best Effort’ and £500 by CLP! Griffin, Emma, Dylan and Harri travelled to Energus in Workington where they delivered a superb presentation to a packed out conference room.



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EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Our annual Easter Egg competition is very generously sponsored by Ana Budjelan and Peter Spedding of Dunedin Dental Laboratory. As ever, the standard was incredibly high with some inspirational designs. Mrs Sue Doyle had the Very difficult job of judging the eggs. Well done to everyone for taking part! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each year group receive an Easter Egg whilst everyone receives a crème egg. Well done everyone!

Reception class:

- 1st Elizabeth Mitchell
- 2nd Ella Raicevic
- 3rd Daisy Ballantyne

Year 1:

- 1st Maya Wilkinson
- 2nd Cian Clark
- 3rd Florrie Andrews

Year 2:

- 1st Beau Jepkes
- 2nd Nieve McMath
- 3rd Willow Russell-Weeks

Year 3:

- 1st Samuel Turney
- 2nd Emmie Miller
- 3rd Lilly Smiles-Moore

Year 4:

- 1st Griffin Kirkman-Evans
- 2nd Finley Frazer
- 3rd Rebecca Wildey



Year 5:

- 1st Tom Atkinson
- 2nd Joe Carter
- 3rd William Gate

Year 6:

- 1st Jessica Taylor
- 2nd Rebecca Smith
- 3rd Jake Fell & Brandon Wallace

NEW BUILD

As many of you will know, Houghton School is undergoing a building extension which is well underway.

We are extending the hall and adding 2 new classrooms, along with 3 smaller rooms for group work.

The building work will be finished ready for the September start and we will then be able to accept up to 30 children in each year group. It is fantastic to see our village and school thriving.

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Thursdays

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Phone Dorothea Sowerby on:

01228 528 734

HOUGHTON FLOWER GUILD

2nd Thursday of the Month

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Phone Lynda Fraser on:

670 641

HOUGHTON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Fridays

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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523 818

HOUGHTON IN BLOOM

Phone Deborah Park on:

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MAGIC CIRCLE

3rd Tuesday of the Month

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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Di Hampton

01946 810 574

MUMS & TODDLERS

Tuesday (Term Times)

10:00 - 12:00

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MUSIC MAKERS

Thursdays (Term Times)

9:30 - 11:30 am

Fridays (Term Times)

9:30 - 11:30 am &

1:00 - 3:00 pm

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595 111

RAINBOWS

Thursdays (Term Times)

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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511 258

... *NEW GROUP* ...

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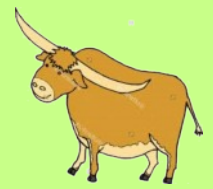
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HALL CARETAKER

Audrey Riordan

675 508

The Croft (Susan's Farm)



Firstly, I would like to congratulate Susan who has recently been to Buckingham Palace to receive her OBE. We are very proud of her and would like to thank everyone who has supported her in all that she does.

New Life

I'm sure many of you will enjoy seeing the lambs and calves as they arrive. Lambing was not particularly easy this year but we do have 72 new lambs. We also enjoyed having many students come to join us for the experience, local, national and indeed international! There were also some familiar faces as Simon and Philippa, now vet student and qualified vet, came back to help us out. Most of the lambs have now been moved to our other site at Armathwaite but you might see the odd one or two still in Houghton.

We do have an increasing number of calves, however! This year, their names begin with P. We have had Peter, Peony, Polly and Pomme so far. I wonder who's next....?

Adult Education

We have a number of adult volunteers coming to us regularly and have recently been working with Newton Rigg Agricultural College to secure a qualification for them. It has taken a lot of work but I can confirm that over the Easter holidays, we all went to the college as a group to do our online Health & Safety unit. We had a lovely morning, with even time for coffee and flapjack. Many students passed the unit first time - a number with distinction! We are really pleased for them and hope that everyone will continue to work hard as we work on the practical units.

Susan's Farm - The Future

And finally, our biggest project at the moment is trying to set up a charity to continue all the education work we have been doing. At the moment, we are grant funded by Natural England; something that will come to an end in October this year. We are looking for different sources of funding but our good news is that we have just received planning permission to make the Tyler Room permanent! We are really pleased as this means we can spend some time and money on making it smarter and improving the inside. Work will begin once the Wildlife Trust move to their new building across from Eden Gate. A big thank you to Michelle and Helen from Cumbria Wildlife Trust for coming to our Easter Egg Hunt to explain their plans to our visitors.

Dates for your diary:

We will be opening our doors as usual on **Open Farm Sunday – 11th June 3 - 6.30pm**, with the chance to explore the farm and see what we do, and again on **Bonfire Night on 5th November**.

Best wishes,
Ruth Alcroft (Ruth from the farm!).



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| 1. Carbon | 28. Secretary of State |
| 2. Chrysalis | 29. Tokyo |
| 3. Crompton | 30. Alfred Nobel (Nobellium) |
| 4. Cucumber | 31. Basketball |
| 5. Coaxial | 32. George Osborne |
| 6. Corvine | 33. Colin Dexter |
| 7. Caber | 34. Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig |
| 8. Sydney | 35. Alison Moyet |
| 9. Cuba | 36. 1973 |
| 10. Sri Lanka | 37. Hugh Bonneville |
| 11. Colombia | 38. Lorde |
| 12. Sudan | 39. Chris Harris or Rory Reid |
| 13. Derbyshire | 40. Gorillas in the Mist |
| 14. Croatia | 41. Alison Krauss |
| 15. Philadelphia | 42. Chuck Berry |
| 16. Cyprus | 43. Six (two sets of three) |
| 17. Brain | 44. 60 |
| 18. Fibula (or calf bone) | 45. Four |
| 19. Fingerprints | 46. 35 |
| 20. Trachea | 47. 8 |
| 21. Cataracts | 48. 52 |
| 22. Shoulder | 49. 21 |
| 23. Skin | 50. 5 (Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I) |
| 24. 20 | |
| 25. Ear wax | |
| 26. Colon | |
| 27. Cadbury | |

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