

Calendar of Up-Coming Events

DATES WITH (*) HAVE FURTHER DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THIS 'THROSTLE'

- 6 April – **Spring Coffee Morning Hospice at Home** 10:00am-12:00 noon Dalston Victory Hall (*)
8 April – **Thursby WI Birthday Outing** (*)
13 April - **Coffee Morning & Tabletop Sale** 10:00am-12:00 noon Thursby Parish Hall (*)
16 April - **Thursby Parish Council** 7:30pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
20 April – **Coffee Morning** 10:00am-12:00 noon Crofton Social Centre (*)
22 April – **Thursby Gardening Club AGM** and speaker Margaret Mees 7:30pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
24 April - **Thursby Parish Hall Lunch Club** 12:00 noon Thursby Parish Hall (*)
24 April – **Throstle Copy Deadline** for MAY 2024 issue (*)
18 May – **Grand Quiz Night** 7:00pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
20 May – **Thursby Parish Hall AGM** 7:00pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
22 May – **Thursby Throstle AGM** 7:00pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)

REPORTS – PARISH ORGANISATIONS

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024

Present:

Councillors: Peter Hunter (Chair) (PH), Helen Barlow (HB) and Colin Edgar (CE).

Also Present: Parish Clerk/RFO, Janice Rae (JR).

Members of the Public: None.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

740/03/2024 Apologies for absence - An apology for absence was received from Mike Johnson, Cumberland Councillor.

741/03/2024 Declarations of interest - None.

742/03/2024 Requests for dispensations - No requests were received for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

743/03/2024 Minutes of the previous meeting – 20 February 2024 - The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2024 were approved and the Chair was authorised to sign as a correct record.

ACTIONS from the previous meeting on 20 February 2024

MINUTE	ACTION
722/02/2024	Portrait of HM King Charles III – Order placed and awaiting delivery
722/02/2024	Bank End Sign – PH had responded to the resident's enquiry
727/02/2024	Rubbish from Story's site – Email had been sent to Story Homes. CE reported the rubbish had been removed.
728/02/2024	Additional Grit Bin St Andrews View – No response to-date from the MPs Office
729/02/2024	Grass Cutting Contract – Tivoli had been advised not to cut the area at Low Road until the verges are reinstated
730/02/2024	Signage for Methodist Church – PH had arranged for the sign to be removed
721/02/2024	Fence at the Paddocks – PH had instructed the contractor who confirmed the work will commence on 25 March with a site visit taking place the day before.
733/02/2024	Asset Register – Ongoing
734/02/2024	Review of Complaints Policy – Policy updated and published on website

744/03/2024 Clerk's report

An email thanking the Parish Council for the grant to support the Village Show had been received from the Village Show Committee.

CALC had circulated the Cumbria in Bloom Spring Newsletter. CE advised he would forward the newsletter to the Gardening Club via the Booking Clerk at the Parish Hall to see if the Gardening Club may be interested

in taking this forward for the Parish.

CALC had circulated information regarding Cumberland's Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

An enquiry had been received via the website regarding the owl sculpture adjacent to the Paddocks. A response had been sent to the enquirer.

Lowther Forestry had confirmed the tree maintenance work had been carried out at the end of February. PH reported he had spoken to ENW who will now carry out the work to the holly tree.

745/03/2024 Chair's announcements - None

746/03/2024 Public Participation - No members of the public were present at the meeting.

747/03/2024 Cumberland Councillor's Report - Apologies had been received from Cllr M. Johnson.

748/03/2024 Planning Matters

(a) Applications for consultation received from the LPA (Cumberland Council)

VAR/2024/0005 - Crofton Hall Farm, Crofton, Thursby, CA5 6QB

Proposal: Variation to conditions 2 (plans) and 7 (drainage) on approved application FUL/2023/0190.

No objections

(b) Decisions of the LPA (Cumberland Council)

FUL/2024/0013 - Somerfield House, Bank End, Thursby, CA5 6QW - Proposal: Construction of sheep shed including replacement of existing pole barn with concrete apron - GRANTED

HOU/2024/0010 - 18 Stonehouse Park, Thursby, Carlisle, CA5 6NS - Proposal: Two storey side extension, single storey front extension, outbuildings and replacement boundary wall and fence - GRANTED

749/03/2024 Reports for information reflecting the priorities of the Community-Led Plan

- Health and wellbeing - PH advised that reports in the media suggested Covid case were on the increase.
- Environment - CE reported there were some abandoned tree branches on the grassed area by Matty Lonning. It was agreed that Tivoli should be asked to remove the branches and invoice the Parish Council for this work.

- Housing - No matters to report.

- Community amenities, travel and transport

HB reported that Cumberland Council's Easter Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme had been launched. The programme provides fully funded activities and nourishing meals for eligible young people during the school holidays. The nearest activities are at Watchtree Nature Reserve and Wigton Youth Station. Further information is available on Cumberland Council's website www.cumberland.gov.uk/holidays

HB reported that the timetable for the Stagecoach 554 service through Thursby to/from Keswick and Carlisle via Dalston had been revised from 23 March. The new timetable can be found on Cumberland Council's website.

- Communications - Residents are reminded of the requirement to have ID to be able to vote in elections. You are legally required to show photo identification when voting at a polling station. PCC elections will be held on 2 May 2024

750/03/2024 Bus Issues

Members noted that while the issues with the buses were addressed during the resurfacing work no further information had been provided regarding the recent incident that had occurred.

751/03/2024 Change of Post Office Times within the Parish Hall

Members noted that the times for the Post Office at the Parish Hall had moved from Friday to Thursday with effect from week commencing 4 March 2024.

752/03/2024 Ongoing issues at St Andrews View/St Andrews Gardens site.

There were no updates regarding the ongoing issues at St Andrews View/St Andrews Gardens site.

753/03/2024 Re-instatement of Low Road verges and lay-by at the top of Matty Lonning

Members noted that there had been no further developments regarding the reinstatement by the contractors of the layby, the verge and hedge at Low Road, the footpath leading to St Andrews Gardens and at the top of Matty Lonning. Cumberland Highways had advised this would be carried out by the contractors while they were carrying out the resurfacing work.

754/03/2024 Authorisation and Payment of accounts - To authorise the following accounts under Financial Regulation 5.3

Lowther Forestry	Tree Maintenance	£955.80
J Rae	Clerk's expenses Q3-Q4	£ 12.25

Previously authorised accounts under Financial Regulation 5.6 – see supporting schedule.

J. Rae	Clerk's salary March	£486.03
HMRC	PAYE March	£ 99.20

755/03/2024 Accounts and Financial Matters

- (a) The financial statement to 29 February 2024 was noted and agreed. Balance CBS Current Account £7,557.83
 (b) Appointment of internal auditor/review the effectiveness of the internal audit - RESOLVED to appoint Mr. T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the parish council's accounts for the financial year 2023-24. The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was noted and agreed.

756/03/2024 Vacancies/Co-option of new Councillors - The Parish Council will continue to advertise the vacancies.

757/03/2024 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda - Any items for the agenda to be with the Clerk by 7 April 2024.

758/03/2024 Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday 16 April 2024

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:18 pm.

THURSBY PARISH HALL www.thursbyparishhall.weebly.com

Facebook: Thursby Parish Hall

email: atphmc@gmail.com

Booking secretary: Andrea Edwards (07594 816445), or email: bookingthursbyparishhall@outlook.com

*** Hire Charges (per hour) as of 1st January 2024:**

Main Hall: Non-Business Rate (NBR) £12; Small Business Rate (SBR) £15; Business Rate (BR) £23

Meeting Room: NBR £8; SBR £15; BR £23 IT Room: NBR £5; BR £10 **Entire Building:** NBR £20; SBR £30; BR £45

Kitchen (in addition to hourly rate) - When food is provided or prepared £20; Tea & coffee making facilities.

£5 **Funeral Teas** (In addition to the per hour charge): Main Hall. £60; Meeting Room. £40

There may be extra charges for certain events or services.

Please contact the Booking Secretary for more information and to book.

*** Clothing Recycling Collection Point:** We now have a clothes recycling unit in the Hall car park. Please bring along those unwanted garments!

*** Hall planned events for 2024 –**

Thank you very much for your support and watch out for upcoming events here and on notice boards and Facebook.

Please pop these dates on your calendar and watch this space, leaflets, posters and Facebook for more information. **May 18 Grand Quiz - June 2 D Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon Tea - July 6 Open Mic and Summer Event - September 21 Curry Dinner Night - November 2 Music Night - December 14 Christmas Themed Beetle Drive**

*** April Tabletop & Coffee Morning:** Saturday 13 April, from 10:00 to 12 noon. St. Andrew's Church will be providing the delicious home baked refreshments, as well as the raffle. The stalls attending so far are jewellery; handmade cushions, wash bags and make up bags; jams and chutneys; handmade cards; knitted items, baby clothes and knitted toys; Penny Jones Hospice; and second-hand books.

If you would like to book a table (£5 for one, £8.50 for two) for the Coffee Morning, please call Nicky (07527 882932) by lunchtime Friday 12 April. Everyone is very welcome to come along on the day, browse the stalls, enjoy delicious baking and have a good chat. There is very easy disabled access.

*** Lunch Club - Thursby Parish Hall** Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 12 noon. The Main Choice is either Roast Pork in an apple gravy with dauphinoise & leek potatoes (GF/DF) or Roasted Vegetable, tomato & mozzarella Lasagna (GF AVAILABLE /VEGETARIAN). Sweet choices are Panacotta with a Raspberry & Lemon Curd coulis (GF & DF AVAILABLE) or Chocolate & Flake Cheesecake with whipped cream. Vegetarian option always available - please ask. £12 per person. Everyone is very welcome, come along and enjoy homemade food & meet friends old & new. Please contact Joanna on 07870 754339 to book with your choices no later than Sunday 21 April. Alternative dietary options can be catered for but must be booked in advance.

* **QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 18 May** at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall. £8 per person (adults only) to include a Pie and Pea Supper; bar available. Teams maximum 6 quizzers. To book and pay please contact Andrea Edwards at bookingthursbyparishhall@outlook.com or on 07594 816445.

* **Ongoing Fund Raising for Thursby Parish Hall: 'easyfundraising'**: Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use **easyfundraising** whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thursby-parish-hall/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n1

Thursby Gardening Club: Our April Meeting is on Monday 22 April in Thursby Parish Hall at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Margaret Mees (Holebird) 'A Lakeland Garden for All Seasons'. *Also Gardening Club AGM.*

Please Note: If you are not a member, but are interested in a topic, or would like to join us, just pop along to a meeting. Contact: Secretary, Anna Swindells Mob: 07525633940; Home: 01228 710944 - Anne Mawdsley: Chair, Home No: 01228 711651

Badminton Club: Badminton Club is thriving with generally good attendance and excellent games. Reminder of times Monday 7:30 to 9:30 and the same on Wednesdays.

Thursby WI: Next Meeting is on Monday 8 April, when as usual we have our 'Birthday' outing. This will be a day trip including lunch at Hetland Garden Centre, Carrutherstown.

At our March meeting Karen Henderson led us in a craft session, instructing us in the use of charcoal and crayons in drawing chosen scenes. Members found it a very absorbing session, and Karen greatly encouraged us, despite our wariness about our talents!

We welcome guests if you want to have a taste of WI, or if the topic of the month interests you. Contact: Secretary, Anna Swindells Mob: 07525633940 Home: 01228 710944 - Anne Mawdsley: President, Home No: 01228 711651

NOTICES

Spring Coffee Morning: Hospice at Home, Carlisle & North Lakeland invite you to their SPRING COFFEE MORNING at THE VICTORY HALL, DALSTON, on SATURDAY APRIL 6 2024 10:00am - 12 noon. Entry £3 to include all refreshments (All children - free entry).

Crofton Social Centre: COFFEE MORNING and CRAFT SALE on Saturday 20 April 2024 10:00 am – 12 noon - - Cards, Woodwork, Felt work, Resin crafts, Jewellery, Cushions and more. Refreshments and raffle. Admission free

Spring into Yoga! Thursday morning yoga with Fran restarts on 18th April, 9.30-10.45am, in Thursby Parish Hall. Come along to my holistic class - with breath work, meditation and relaxation included as well as the physical poses - to experience the many benefits of yoga for body and mind. My style is Slow Flow combining traditional Hatha yoga with flowing Vinyasa sequences. Send me an email for more information - fcsyog@gmail.com - or phone for a chat on 07342 342326, text or WhatsApp. £10 drop-in or 5 for £40 for 75 minute classes. All welcome. Bring your own mat.

Thursby Parish History Project: The next talk will be on Wednesday 26 June 7:30 pm. at Thursby Pariah Hall, when Chester Foster will give an Illustrated talk on John W Laing, Carlisle's International Builder. Call Stuart 01228 710101 for more information.

Thursby Village Show. 7 September 2024 at Thursby Parish Hall – FULL LIST OF CLASSES

The Show Committee has now put together the Schedule for the 2024 Thursby Village Show. Below is a list of the classes, ranging from old favourites to brand new. With March now with us, you may be planning your garden plants, or a new handicraft project so do keep the Show in mind.

This range of classes offer a lot of variety. The printed Schedules will be available for the 11 May Coffee Morning & Tabletop Sale at Thursby Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Peg (01228 710101).

PLANTS AND FLOWERS: A vase of garden flowers, 3 small/medium dahlias, 3 large/giant dahlias, 3 fresh herbs in a tumbler, A house plant, Begonias in a pot, 1 stem gladioli, Vase of sweet peas, 1 rose stem, 1 stem any flowering plant (excluding rose and gladioli), Bowl of floating flowers in a pattern, Foliage arrangement, A hanging basket (to be judged in situ the week before the Show).

FRUIT & VEGETABLES: 3 tomatoes, 3 Cherry tomatoes, 2 carrots, 3 dessert apples, 3 cooking apples, 3 plums, 3 potatoes, A wonky vegetable (any variety) with a humorous caption, 3 runner beans, 3 onions, 2 chilli peppers (any variety), 2 beetroot, 2 leeks, Arrangement of 5 vegetables and/or fruit on a dinner plate, Collection of 3 fruit.

COOKERY: Loaf of white bread, 3 bread rolls, Tea bread, 3 fruit scones, A lemon drizzle cake, Victoria Sandwich, 3 sausage rolls, 4 shortbread biscuits, 3 pieces of gingerbread, 3 cupcakes decorated, 4 pieces of brownie, A coffee and walnut cake (filled and iced on top only), A portion of cheesecake, An individual Crème Brûlée, Male entry only - Banana loaf (plain, undecorated, in a 2lb tin).

PRESERVES: 1 jar marmalade, 1 jar raspberry jam, 1 jar strawberry jam, 1 jar jam, any other variety, Jar of lemon curd, 1 jar chutney, 1 jar jelly (any variety), 1 jar mincemeat, 1 bottle of fruit flavoured homemade gin or vodka.

HANDICRAFTS: Photograph of a Cumbrian landscape, Photograph titled "In the Garden", a painting or drawing (any medium), A knitted or crocheted item, A needle felted item, A needlework item, A cushion cover, An item made of paper, A gift wrapped wine bottle, Any handmade article in a hard craft e.g. wood, pottery, glass etc.

CHILDRENS' SECTION (open to children up to 16 years old): A model of a vehicle (any material e.g. playdoh, plasticine, clay, lego, duplo, papier mache) less than 30cm largest dimension, Thursby Show colouring in - the picture is provided on request from thursbyshow@outlook.com - Reception and key stage 1 children, Thursby Show colouring in - the picture is provided on request from thursbyshow@outlook.com - Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 children, A handmade card, A Christmas decoration made from pom pom, A photograph of a creature (not a pet), to be emailed in to ThursbyShow@outlook.com

Weekly Thursby Post Office Outreach hours: CHANGES TO OPENING DAY

The Post Office Outreach in Thursby Parish Hall is now open as follows: **TUESDAY 9:00 to 11:00am** and **THURSDAYS 12:30 to 2:30pm**. A wide range of the regular post office services are available right on your doorstep. Further information please call Scotby Post Office: 01228 513327. DEPOSIT CHEQUES – POST PACKAGES AND LETTERS – PURCHASE STAMPS – WITHDRAW CASH – COLLECT PENSION AND MANY OTHER SERVICES.

Meals on Wheels Cumbria – Volunteers Wanted: Volunteer drivers and car owners are wanted for deliveries; mileage expenses paid. For more details, please call 01228 267167.

Community Driving Scheme: NOTE - Presently there is no Co-ordinator locally for the Scheme.

Hospice at Home (Carlisle and North Lakeland): Volunteers wanted - Would you like to join a small friendly group of volunteers in Dalston to help at Fundraising Events for Hospice at Home? We hold a few informal meetings throughout the year and carry out 2 or 3 functions annually, such as a local Coffee Mornings, Quiz Nights, Flower Demonstrations, Craft Days; anything in fact that will raise funds for this important and vital Charity. If you feel you could offer a helping hand and be part of our group, please phone 07788 656292.

Household Waste Recycling Centre, Syke Road, Wigton (016973 45617). Opening hours - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00am to 6:00pm.

Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Bousteads Grassing, Rome Street, Carlisle (01228 531454) – Opening Hours - 8:00am to 6:00pm, seven days a week, so there are plenty of times and days available to choose from.

Waste Collection Calendar 2024: If you want to check the present month, or annual collection dates for your postcode, follow the easy link for bin collection information from Allerdale Borough Council's home page www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/bincollections/. Missed bin collections can be reported at www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/report/report-missed-bin/.

The scheduled normal collection dates for April 2024 are as follows:

Domestic waste: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Garden Waste:** April 9, 23 **Glass, Cans & Plastic:** April 2, 16, 30 **Paper & Card:** April 16

THREE DEFIBRILLATORS in THURSBY VILLAGE: Located in the telephone box near The Ship Inn, on the front of the Pavilion at the Jubilee Playing Field and the at Thursby Parish Hall on the wall facing the car park.

Who do you call in an emergency? 999 - If you witness a medical emergency in the UK, you should call 999 immediately from any phone to speak to the national emergency response service. Upon connecting, the call handler will ask you a series of questions. If the emergency is considered life-threatening, they will arrange to send an ambulance. 111 - non-emergency medical number. 101 – NON-EMERGENCY police number
112 – EMERGENCY number will work on any mobile phone worldwide

Member of Parliament - Mark Jenkinson MP - Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA and 104 Senhouse Street, Maryport, Cumbria CA15 6BS Phone: [0207 219 3000](tel:02072193000) Email: mark.jenkinson.mp@parliament.uk

Cumberland Council. Councillor for Thursby Ward - Councillor Mike Johnson - Home address: Ironmonger House, New Street, Bolton Low Houses, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 8PB. Phone: 07557 005573 Email: mike.johnson@cumbria.gov.uk

Parish information - Contact the Throstle Editor if you would like your group included here each month or if any of this contact information is out of date.

Badminton Club: Chris - 01228 712979

Yoga: Anna 07884406858

Yoga: Fran at fcsyog@gmail.com or text/phone 07342 342326

Thursby Parish History Group. Stuart 01228 710101

Thursby Parish Hall booking: Andrea 07594 816445 or email: bookingthursbyparishhall@outlook.com

Thursby Rainbows and Brownies:

1stthursbybrownies@gmail.com

Thursby Baby & Toddler Group: Thursby Baby and

Toddler Group Facebook page

Meals on Wheels Cumbria Ltd: Tel: 01228 267167.

Website: <https://www.mealsonwheelscumbria.org>

Email: admin@mealsonwheelscumbria.org

Home Group: 0345 141 4663 and the email address

ContactUs@homegroup.org.uk.

Thursby Pickleball: karen.eaglesfield@btinternet.com

Report any highway problems

01228 606060 or www.cumbria.gov.uk

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/highways/highwaymaintenance.asp>

Allerdale Borough Council. New tel number. 0303 123 1702

Wigton Baths. Info 016973 42412

Timetable on Facebook or

www.wigtonbaths.org.uk

Community Policing: non-emergency 101

Emergency 999

Crimestoppers (anonymous): 0800 555 111

Allerdale Street Scene Officer. Allerdale Borough

Council 0303 123 1702

Environment Agency: 0800 807060

Age UK Advice - 0800 169 6565

Report full street bins: 01900 702702

Thursby Parish Council: thursbypc.clerk@gmail.com

Crofton Social Centre (to hire): C Donaldson 016973 44594

Solway Red Squirrel Group: M Grave 01228 711520

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Throstle Copy for MAY 2024 ISSUE: Please e-mail to thursbythrostle@hotmail.co.uk no later than 24 APRIL 2024. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

St Andrew's Church

~ **Sunday School** know as 'The Rocks' will start at the Family Service on Sunday 25 February service at 11.00am. All welcome to meet Mandy and see what is planned.

~ **Children's Activities** - We are now running children's activities during our 11am Sunday morning service at St Andrew's, please just come along and join in if you would like to.

~ **Confirmation Classes:** these will start on Wednesday 21 February at 4 The Paddocks at 4.00 - 5.00. Details are available for Rev'd John Hine on 01228 712704.

~ **Rest Under the Stars..... on tour!**

The Rest Under the Stars art installation that was in Carlisle Cathedral is now on a tour of the County and is coming to St Andrew's Thursby at the end of the month. This is also going to involve Prism Arts creating a canopy in art after chatting with people in Wigton and Thursby about what it is like and means to live here. Look out for more details in the next few weeks.

<https://carlislecathedral.org.uk/rest-under-the-stars/>

Reverend Richard writes,

As I sit writing this piece, I'm looking out of my study window at lambs jumping around in the field next to my house. That got me thinking of how this year there are so many new beginnings happening at around this month.

Yes, we've got the new life of newly born lambs, coming into the world as we change seasons from winter into spring, a new beginning in itself as the earth springs forth and bursts into life with all manner of things growing and coming into bloom.

We've got a new time zone starting as we are now in British summer time and a new tax year for those who need to deal with that too.

In the churches year as well we have a new beginning as we've just celebrated Easter, the one thing that changed time for ever, going from BC to AD, the death and resurrection of Jesus, a cruel death but rising to new life for us, every single one of us, so that we can start a new life whenever we say sorry for what we've done wrong. Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us, with a love that goes far beyond anything we can imagine.

So what's new with you these days? Are you contemplating a new beginning? Remember the church is here for you, to show you that you are loved, a love from Jesus that goes beyond everything!

Happy Easter

God Bless
Reverend Richard

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Services at St. Andrew's - Details for April

Sunday 7, 14 & 21 - 11:00am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 - 11:00am Family Service