

Thursby's Throstle

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THURSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL
at Thursby Parish Hall

*** CHRISTMAS FAYRE ***

7 DECEMBER ~ 4:30-6:30

FUN GAMES ~ REFRESHMENTS

SANTA ~ GRAND RAFFLE

plus local businesses selling goods in the shopping area

Thursby Parish Hall Lunch Club

Wednesday 6 December 12 noon

Warmed Mulled Wine or Soft Drink

The Main Course Christmas Lunch:

Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings
or Glazed Roast Ham

Sweets: Traditional Boozy Trifle, Christmas Pudding

Lemon Posset or Baileys & Chocolate Cheesecake

Minced Pies with Tea/Coffee

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Please call Joanna on 07870 754339 to book your choices
by 2 December ~ £15.00

Thursby Parish Hall Lunch Club

2024 ~ Wednesday 24 January 12 noon

The Main Course:

Slow Roasted Beef Brisket with Yorkshire Puddings
or Tuna & Prawn Fishcakes (GF/DF)

Sweets: Sticky Toffee Pudding or

Blueberry, Lemon & Meringue Yoghurt Pots (GF/DF)

Please call Joanna on 07870 754339 to book your choices
by 21 January ~ £12.00

Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale

SATURDAY 2 December 10:00 to 12 noon
THURSBY PARISH HALL

SECONDHAND BOOKS ~ WOODCRAFT

HANDMADE CARDS ~ CUMBRIA FELT ARTIST

HANDMADE KNITTED ITEMS ~ CHUTNEYS

PENNY JONES ANIMAL HOSPICE ~ JEWELLERY

RESIN GIFT ITEMS ~ GINGER WINE & WREATHS

To book a table (£5 for one/£8.50 for two)
please call Nicky 07527 882932

2024 ~ COFFEE MORNING & TABLE TOP 13 JANUARY
REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE FUNDRAISING
FOR THURSBY PARISH HALL LUNCH CLUB



Christmas Afternoon
to see Santa!

9 DECEMBER ~ 12:00 TO 4:00PM FULL DETAILS PAGE 5

THURSBY PARISH HALL MUST BOOK BY 30 NOVEMBER

" Phil Mac "
BAR RAFFLE

at THURSBY PARISH HALL
SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM

tickets: £7.50 adults, £4.00 U-16 prebooked
(on-the-door £8.50 & £5.00)

call 07532 780292 or 01228 710101 TO BOOK

Calendar of Up-Coming Events

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

- 2 December - **Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale** 10:00am-12 noon Thursby Parish Hall (*)
6 December - **Thursby Parish Christmas Lunch** 12:00 noon Thursby Parish Hall (*)
7 December - **Thursby School PFA Christmas Fayre** 4:30-6:30pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
9 December - **Thursby Parish Hall Santa Afternoon** 12:00 noon to 4:00pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
17 December - **Thursby Carol Service** 5:00pm St. Andrew's Church (*)
19 December - **Thursby Parish Council** 7:30pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)
24 December - **Nativity & Christingle Service** 4:30pm St. Andrew's Church (*)
24 December - **Christmas Communion** 9:30pm St. Andrew's Church (*)
25 December - **Christmas Morning Holy Communion** 11:00am St. Andrew's Church (*)
13 January 2024 - **Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale** 10:00am-12 noon Thursby Parish Hall (*)
16 January 2024 - **Thursby Parish Council** 7:30pm Thursby Parish Hall
22 January 2024 - **Thursby Gardening Club** 7:30pm Speaker Pat Murphy, Thursby Parish Hall (*)
24 January 2024 - **Thursby Parish Hall Lunch Club** 12:00 noon Thursby Parish Hall (*)
24 January 2024 - **Throstle Copy Deadline** for FEBRUARY 2024 issue (*)
27 January 2024 - **Burn's Night Supper & Entertainment** 7:00-10:30pm Thursby Parish Hall (*)

REPORTS – PARISH ORGANISATIONS

THURSBY PARISH COUNCIL

thursbypc.clerk@gmail.com

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023

Calling all Community Heroes: Thursby Parish Council needs you! Make a change – Become a Councillor To find out more contact thursbypc.clerk@gmail.com

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: One

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting:

658/11/2023 Apologies for absence: An apology for absence was received from Mike Johnson, Cumberland Councillor (MJ)

659/11/2023 Declarations of interest: Cllr Edgar declared an interest in any matters relating to the Parish Hall.

660/11/2023 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.

661/11/2023 Minutes of the previous meeting – 3 October 2023: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 were approved and the Chair was authorised to sign as a correct record.

MINUTE	ACTION
651/10/2023	Transparency Code – JR to remove link on the website to the Transparency Code – COMPLETED. JR to implement changes to comply with Transparency Code for smaller authorities - ONGOING
652/10/2023	FOI Request – JR to send response - COMPLETED

662/11/2023 Clerk's report

An email had been received from St Andrews PCC to thank the Parish Council for the grant towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

Cumberland Council had notified the Parish Council of a planned road closure on the U1131, Nealhouse, Baldwinholme to allow Morrison Telecom Services to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 29th November and anticipated to take two days to complete.

Notification had been received that the Throstle AGM will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 22nd November at 6.30pm.

The Parish Hall had circulated the keyholders register. The register had been updated with the Chairman named as the keyholder on behalf of the Parish Council.

An email had been received from a member of the public which suggested that two watercourses in the Parish had been wrongly named. It was suggested that the member of the public should be advised to direct their query to Ordnance Survey.

A public consultation had been circulated from Cumbria Constabulary and the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner.

Several emails had been received regarding the lack of bus service during the road closure on the C2407 Thursby whilst highway improvement works were carried out.

Various emails had been received regarding the recent excavation work for the new housing development at St. Andrew's Gardens.

- 2 **663/11/2023 Chair's announcements** - I had the privilege and honour to represent Thursby Parish at this year's remembrance service and lay the parish wreath at the war memorial within Thursby Churchyard during the service supported by fellow councillors. A very moving and appropriate service both at the memorial and within St

Andrew's Church was delivered by Rev Richard Corrie and Rev John Hine, ably assisted by the Church Wardens, Organist and Mrs. Hine.

664/11/2023 Public Participation: One member of the public was present and raised concern about the condition the grass verge along Low Road from Matty Lonning to Bouch Way had been left in following the installation of a gas supply for St Andrew's Gardens and asked if it was to be reinstated? Network Plus are to re-instate once the area has dried out.

The lay-by at the top of Matty Lonning was discussed which had been used to store materials and plant during the re-surfacing of the village, the amount of discarded tarmac and stones pushed under the hedges and also along Low Road has been reported to the Highway Engineer in charge of the project.

The Parish Council had been copied into emails from a resident on Bouch Way regarding the excavation work for the gas supply installation for St Andrew's Gardens. The Parish Council will monitor the ongoing issue at Dundraw Lane/Bouch Way. It was also noted that the developer had not kept residents on St Andrew's View informed of the works.

665/11/2023 Cumberland Councillor's Report - Apologies had been received from MJ. MJ had advised that there had been no progress with the overgrown bus stop and incorrectly sited sign at Bank End or with the footway lights on Curthwaite road. MJ had reported that the garden waste collections had ended on 17th November in line with the other Councils in the Unitary authority.

666/11/2023 - Planning Matters

(a) Applications for planning received from the LPA Cumberland Council (Allerdale) - None

(b) Decisions of the LPA Cumberland Council (Allerdale)

RMA/2023/0006 - Crofton Hall Farm, Crofton, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6QB - Reserved matters application relating to scale, appearance and landscaping of application FUL/2020/0204 - GRANTED

HOU/2023/0136 - 9 School Road, Thursby - Ground floor extension to include utility and downstairs shower room - GRANTED

FUL/2023/0190 - Crofton Hall Farm, Crofton, Thursby, Carlisle, CA5 6QB - Conversion of barn to create five new dwellings and the erection of five new build dwellings with associated operations - GRANTED

VAR/2023/0026 - Crofton Hall Farm, Crofton, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6QB - Variation of conditions 3 (plans) and 22 (passing place) on application FUL/2020/0204 - GRANTED

667/11/2023 - Grounds Maintenance Contract: Members considered the quotations received from the following contractors: RSC North (Tivoli), S & L Garden Services, North Stonework and Landscaping, A. Parr - RESOLVED to accept the quotation received from RSC North (Tivoli) for a three-year contract. An agreement will be drawn up for signature by Tivoli and the Parish Council.

668/11/2023 - Reports for information reflecting the priorities of the Community-Led Plan

- Health and wellbeing - HB reported that free flu and covid vaccinations are available to the over 65s.
- Environment - PH reported that the leaking water main outside 2 Stonehouse Park, reported several times, had been attended to and the pavement reinstated. Footway lamp No 13 on the path adjacent to No 46 and 57 had been reported. The public footpath no 254003 running behind Stonehouse Park adjacent to Matty Beck had become overgrown and impassable in parts. This had been reported to the Countryside Access Team who had inspected and confirmed their contractor will attend.

A collapsed gully adjacent to the junction with Meadow Croft on the Paddocks Estate had been reported to Highways.

- Housing - No matters to report
- Community amenities, travel and transport - HB reported that the £2 cap on bus fares had been extended until the 31st December 2024. Stagecoach had advised of changes to the bus service with effect from 6th November
- Communications - The trees encroaching onto the BT lines was discussed later in the meeting.

669/11/2023 - Annual Playground Inspection: The annual inspection report had been received from Cumberland Council and circulated to Members. Prior to receipt of the full report the Parish Council had been made aware that the inspector had found the slide on the senior multiplay to be heavily damaged and needs to be removed from use until repairs are completed. The Sports and Recreation Committee had confirmed that the slide had been damaged a couple of months ago through an act of vandalism and unfortunately, they had not been able to identify the perpetrator. The replacement section of slide had now been replaced. As the damage had been caused by vandalism the installation of CCTV was discussed. RESOLVED to forward the full report to the Sports & Recreation Committee with an invitation for a representative(s) of the Committee to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss security at the field and playground and to explore the option for CCTV with the potential for funding available from the Parish Council.

670/11/2023 - Tree Maintenance on Parish Land: PH had circulated several photographs of trees on Parish land that require maintenance. Members RESOLVED that Lowther Forestry should be approached to carry out an inspection of the trees on Parish land and provide a written report/specification of any work that is required.

671/11/2023 - Road Closure - C2407/Lack of Bus Service: Members discussed the recent road closure on the C2407 Thursby. The TTRO as originally advised had been put in place to allow Cumberland Council Highways Service to carry out highway works on the C2047. During the works several complaints had been received from parishioners stating that the Stagecoach bus service was not going through the village and residents were not aware of this. The Chairman had spent a considerable amount of time with this issue. The response received from the Scheduled Bus Service Officer at Cumberland Council stated:

"As soon as we were made aware works were planned in Thursby, I contacted the Highways team dealing with them to ask that they were scheduled in a way that allowed the buses access to the village from either the Southern or Northern entrance from the bypass. I was assured this should be possible. On the first day a bus was turned back by contractors, so I contacted my Highways colleagues again and was told the contractor would be asked to let the buses through, but the problem persisted which appears to have been due to the contractor's staff turning vehicles back, despite being asked to allow them through the works". It was agreed to send a letter of complaint to the Assistant Director of Highways regarding the lack of co-ordination between Highways and Stagecoach, also stating that no one would

take responsibility for the poor management of the works. It was noted that the works had not extended as far as originally advised in the TTRO apparently due to a shortage of funds.

672/11/2023 – Lack of Post Office Service in Thursby Village: The lack of the Post Office Service in Thursby village was discussed. It was noted that the issues with the broadband service were now resolved and the service had resumed.

673/11/2023 - Authorisation and Payment of accounts: The following accounts were authorised for payment under financial regulation 5 and paid under financial regulation 6.

JM Tree Services Tree work between Yew Tree Drive and Matty Beck £350.00

P. Hunter Refund - Donation Poppy Appeal Royal British Legion £ 75.00

J. Rae Refund re Microsoft 365 - 15 month subscription £ 69.00

Previously authorised accounts under Financial Regulation 5.6 were paid:

J. Rae Clerk's salary October £451.43

HMRC PAYE October £ 90.20

J. Rae Clerk's salary November £451.23

HMRC PAYE November £ 90.40

674/11/2023 - Accounts and Financial Matters

(a) The financial statement for the period to 31st October 2023 was agreed.

(b) Members noted that the Local Government Pay Award had been agreed at the beginning of November. The new pay scales provided by NALC had been circulated. Members agreed to the implementation of the new pay award with the increase backdated to 1st April.

675/11/2023 - Budget 2024-25: A draft budget for financial year 2024-25 had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the usual items of income and expenditure. RESOLVED that the precept levy should remain at £26,125 for financial year 2024-25

676/11/2023 - Vacancies/Co-option of new Councillors: It was noted that no expressions of interest had been received. It was agreed to continue to advertise the vacancies.

677/11/2023 - Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Any items for the next agenda to be with the Clerk by 9 December 2023

678/11/2023 Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday 19 December 2023

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:30 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.

December Table Top & Coffee Morning: Saturday 2 December, from 10:00 to 12 noon. Hospice at Home (Carlisle & North Lakeland) will be providing the delicious home baked refreshments, as well as the raffle. Stalls which have booked so far include Cumbria Felt Artist, Gift Items made in resin (e.g. key-rings), Ginger Wine & Wreaths, Handmade Cards, Chutneys & Jams, Jewellery, Knitted Toys/Cardigans etc., Penny Jones Animal Hospice fundraising stall, Wooden Items 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 1 December. 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.

The January Table Top & Coffee Morning at the Hall will be on 13th January, fundraising for the Thursby Parish Hall Lunch Club.

December – Thursby Parish Christmas Lunch at Thursby Parish Hall: Wednesday 6 December at 12 noon. Warm Mulled Wine or Soft Drink on arrival. Main Course – Christmas Turkey, Sausage Meat & Stuffing with all the Trimmings (GF & DF), or Maple & Orange Glazed Roast Ham with Cumberland Sauce (GF & DF), or Leek & Potato Gratin topped with Cheese (Veg & DF). Sweet Choices - Traditional Boozy Trifle, or Christmas Pudding with a warm Brandy Custard (DF), or Lemon Posset with a Fruit Compote (GF & DF), or Baileys & Chocolate Cheesecake (GF), followed by homemade Mince Pies, Tea & Coffee. Everyone is most welcome to come along to enjoy the company, have a tasty, cooked meal and meet new and old friends - **£15 per person.** Very easy disabled access and carpark. To book your place, call Joanna on 07870 754339 no later than Saturday 2 December. Alternative dietary options can be catered for but must be booked in advance.

Lunch Club Wednesday 24 January - Last orders please by Sunday 21 January: All ages very welcome to come and join us, starting the New Year with a delicious meal, good chat and to meet old friends and new. The Main menu choice will be Slow Roasted Beef Brisket with Yorkshire Pudding, vegetables and beef gravy, or Tuna & Prawn Fishcakes with tartar sauce, garden peas & carrots (GF & DF). Sweet choices are Sticky Toffee Pudding with toffee sauce & ice cream, or Blueberry, Lemon & Meringue Yogurt Pots (GF & DF). £12 per person. Very easy disabled access and carpark. To book your place, please call Joanna on 07870 754339 no later than Sunday 21 January. Alternative dietary options can be catered for but must be booked in advance.

Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale dates in 2024 and the organisations who will be providing the refreshments and raffle. By coming along and enjoying a cup of tea/coffee and cake with friends, you will be supporting many community groups and charities – 13 January Thursby Parish Hall Lunch Club; 10 February Thursby School PFA; 9 March Thursby Rainbows & Brownies; 13 April St Andrew's Church; 11 May Thursby Village Show; 8 June Thursby School PFA; 13 July Thursby Sports & Recreation Committee; 10 August Solway Red Squirrels Group; 14 September Thursby Craft Club; 12 October Thursby Gardening Club; 9 November Hospice at Home; 7 December Thursby WI.

Thursby Parish Hall Santa Afternoon: Saturday 9 December 12 noon to 4:00pm at Thursby Parish Hall featuring Santa's Grotto with a gift for every child. Also - Balloon Man, Face Painting, Craft Stall; Refreshments available. TO BOOK: please call 07594 816445, or email bookingthursbyparishhall@outlook.com with Family Name and contact number; Address; Name and Age of child; Boy or Girl; and Time Slot preference (5 min slots) Cost £5 per child - Payment (cash preferred) to the Hall mailbox asap. **Closing date 30 November.**

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

Badminton Club: Our first term of the new season has been very successful with mainly good attendance. Some good matches and good competitive play. Our Christmas meal at the Royal Oak is on 9 December and menus for choices are available, to be in for the 4th of December. Al has sent out a menu to members.

1st Thursby Rainbows and Brownies: have had a great year of fun, friendship and Girlguiding activities. Girlguiding is the leading UK charity for girls and young women. Thank you to the Thursby community and Thursby Parish Council for your support with our fundraising efforts, donation, cake raffle and baking, providing or purchasing refreshments/raffle at our selected monthly table top sale at the Parish Hall (**9 March 2024!**), which reduce costs of our extra opportunities for activities we can offer to our girls.

This term Rainbows have had lots of fun food activities, are completing a badge about Scotland and are looking forward to a joint session of Country dancing with Brownies. Brownies have been completing activities from the Know Myself theme to earn a Skills Builder badge. They have completed activities related to UK Parliament Week and became Secret Agent Olive to learn about The Guides' wartime role and various coding challenges-including morse code and attended the Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church. 32 Brownies in our district participated in a Wigton District Sleepover. Brownies are looking forward to a LEGO STEM workshop this term. Our Rainbows and Brownies are joining a national event for all Girlguiding members in December.

Rainbows, the youngest members of Girlguiding in the UK (4-7 years), are all about learning by doing, developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking, playing games and sleepovers. Brownies are aged 7-10 years. Through regular meetings, special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays, Brownies learn, play, explore other cultures, get adventurous outdoors. They can also extend their knowledge and abilities by completing activities towards Brownies Interest Badges, ultimately Brownies Theme Awards and a Brownies Section Award.

Girlguiding isn't just for girls. In total, we have around 100,000 adult volunteers and supporters. Many give their time as Leaders or Assistant Leaders for guiding units and get to see girls enjoying events and activities that they have organised. Others take on administrative responsibilities, or help out on an occasional basis.

Our unit currently has a waiting list for girls to join and in order to give them the opportunity to join we really need Adult volunteers to join our successful Leadership Team. If you would like more information about registering your daughter or about becoming an adult volunteer in Thursby then please visit the Girlguiding website: <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/> for registering a daughter (please register your daughter during their pre-school years for Rainbows, as we are a busy unit that serves the surrounding rural area). <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-volunteer/> for an adult volunteer

We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to another fun filled year of Girlguiding in Thursby.

Thursby Gardening Club: *October Meeting* - There was a good turnout for our meeting, when Steve Mees gave us a talk on 'Wonderful Ferns'. Steve is one of the amazing volunteer gardeners of the Lakeland Horticultural Society at Holehird, Windermere, responsible for their fern collection, which contributes to the National Collection of the RHS (Holehird has just been voted RHS Partner of the Year Regional Winner 2023 for the North of England & N. Ireland). We might not have remembered the names, but Steve illustrated how there are ferns for pretty much all environments in the UK, of many weird and wonderful shapes, from the tiny to the person-dwarfing! *November Meeting* - As usual was the Christmas meal, this year at the Oddfellows in Caldbeck, with 22 members and our usual horticultural / topical quiz. *There is no December meeting.*

January Meeting - Monday 22 January in Thursby Parish Hall at 7.30pm - Speaker: Pat Murphy on 'Snowdrops' *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. Contacts: Secretary, Anna Swindells Mob: 07525633940 Home: 01228 710944, or Anne Mawdsley: Chair, Home No: 01228 711651

Thursby School PFA: Christmas Fayre – 4:30 to 6:30pm 7 December at Thursby Parish Hall. Come and join us for our spectacular Christmas event, together with fun games, refreshments, a visit from Santa and our Grand Raffle, with local businesses selling goods in our shopping area. If you would like to know more, please contact Emma Hawley on 07766 316944

Thursby Sports and Recreation Committee: Thank you to all those who supported and helped at the Coffee Morning on 18 November and in particular to all those who baked the huge range of cake and savouries; the event raised £262. On Saturday 25 November we held another of our race nights at the Parish Hall, which raised nearly £1300. Many thanks to all those who sponsored races and horses, made donations, those who attended a very enjoyable evening and the committee members who ran the event.

Our next fund-raising event will be a musical evening at Thursby Parish Hall, on Saturday 3 February 2024, when local music legend "Phil Mac" (Phil McMurdo) will give a solo concert. There will be a cash bar and a Raffle. All the ticket money and proceeds from the evening will go towards the maintenance of the Jubilee Playing Field and its facilities. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets pre-booked are £7.50 for Adults and £4 for U-16 (on the door on the night £8.50 and £5) – to book tickets contact Richard on 07532 780292, or Stuart on 01228 710101.

Thursby WI: November Meeting - Stephen White spoke to us about 'The Workhouse Experience' (Stephen, a local amateur historian was interviewed on a recent episode of 'Villages by the Sea', on the history of Port Carlisle). His talk was centred on local examples, chronicling support from the monasteries, almshouses and parishes for the poor, destitute and 'lunatic' through. One rare record showed a destitute family with 3 young children being turned away from Thursby and sent to Gilcrux, parishes finding it too costly to look after those from elsewhere. By the late 1700s there were 50 Cumberland workhouses. The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 led to the Union of Parishes, hence Union Streets in Wigton, Brampton & Carlisle. Garlands, built in 1860, was home among others to a 'Disorderly Women's Room'! Our December meeting - on 11th is a Christmas meal at Anne Mawdsley's house at 6:00pm, all the members contributing. January Meeting - We don't have a formal meeting but are planning an outing to the Cinema on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th. We welcome guests if you want to have a taste of WI, or if the monthly topic interests you. Contacts: Secretary, Anna Swindells Mob: 07525633940, Home: 01228 710944, or Anne Mawdsley: President, Home No: 01228 711651

NOTICES

New Year – New Yoga in January 2024: Begin your day with a new morning yoga class in Thursby Parish Hall, Thursdays 9:30-10:45am, starting on 4 January 2024. I teach a holistic class and each session includes breath work, meditation and relaxation, as well as the physical postures. My style is traditional Hatha Yoga with some elements of Vinyasa Flow. All are welcome, so if you think this might be for you then get in touch – it would be great to hear from you! For more info contact Fran at fcsyog@gmail.com, or text/phone 07342 342326. Bring your own mat.

Burns Night Supper & Entertainment - Saturday 27 January 2024, Thursby Parish Hall 7:00 - 10:30pm – come along for a fun evening and join us for a 3-course Burns Supper; all dietary requirements catered for (including alternative to Haggis), Bar, Raffle & Entertainment. Tickets £15 per person NOW AVAILABLE. Buy your tickets, ASAP, from Karen 07484 877682, or thursby.burnssupper24@btinternet.com - ALL PROCEEDS TO MACMILLAN & St JOHN'S AMBULANCE

Christmas Wreaths For Sale in Thursby: Beautiful homemade natural Christmas Wreaths for sale or made to order , £15 each. All proceeds to Macmillan and St John's Ambulance. Contact Karen 07484 877682 or

Bus Services to Thursby: The Editor has recently been told that many of the bus service times through Thursby were changed in early November, and the posted service schedule by the bus stops have not been updated. Please call Carlisle Bus Station (01228 822028) or go online <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables> to check the current bus timetables.

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.

Weekly Thursby Post Office Outreach hours: Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am and Fridays 12:30-2:30pm. A wide range of the regular post office services are available right on your door step. 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** - At the moment there is no Co-ordinator locally for the Scheme.

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.

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.

Waste Collection Calendar 2023/24: 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 December & January 2024 are as follows:

Domestic waste: December 5, 12, 19 & 28 – January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2024 **GARDEN WASTE:** No Collections UNTIL MARCH 2024) **Glass, Cans & Plastic:** December 12 & 28 – January 9 & 23, 2024 **Paper & Card:** December 28 – January 23, 2024

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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 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

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Parish Groups and Organisations: Information and contact details for a variety of groups which meet regularly in Thursby may be found on the last page of the yellow Advertising Sheet this month. Keep this handy for future reference!

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

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@mealsonwheelscarlisle.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

St Andrew's Church

* Christingle and Nativity Service - Sunday 24th December at 4.30pm in St Andrew's Church. All welcome to enjoy the start of Christmas. All monies collected will go to The Children's Society

**Throughout the year apart from Advent and Lent there are flowers in the Church. If you would like to donate money, or flowers in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact Julie Fitzsimmins at Greenwood House on 01228 712067, who will action your request. The name of who the flowers are in memory of will be added to the Church Pew Notice.

Happy New Year!

As I write this I can hear you thinking I've gone mad with that greeting as you're probably reading this in December! Well this edition covers both December and January so I thought I'd get in early, however the beginning of December also signals the start of the season of Advent in the church, and a new church year begins, so it's Happy New Year all round!

The season of Advent (the 4 weeks before Christmas) is a season of waiting, a season of preparation for the big day and for Christmas. A getting reading to remember again that Christ came into the world as a small baby to live an earthly life just like you and me.

A reminder though as we wait for him at Christmas, he waits for us all the year round. He waits for us to take up his offer of following him in return for his love and grace and someone to walk with us for the rest of our days. So as your earthly preparations continue on the run up to Christmas, be mindful of your spiritual preparations as well.

If you can please come along to one of our special Christmas services and support your local church, and maybe in the New Year you'd like to try our family service on the fourth Sunday of the month or your children or grandchildren would like to join our Sunday School. St Andrew's is here for you and so is Jesus!

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Reverend Richard

From the Registers
26th November - Baptism - Charlie Walker Golosky

Contact Details:

Revd Richard Corrie: 01228 934994

email: reverendrichardcorrie@outlook.com

Sunday Services

December: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st. 11:00am Holy Communion

January 2024: 7th, 14th, 21st. 11:00am Holy Communion. 28th Jan. 11:00am Family Service

17 December: 5:00pm Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

24 December: 4:30pm Nativity & Christingle Service. 9:00pm Christmas Communion

25 December: 11:00am Family Christmas Holy Communion