

# Plumbland

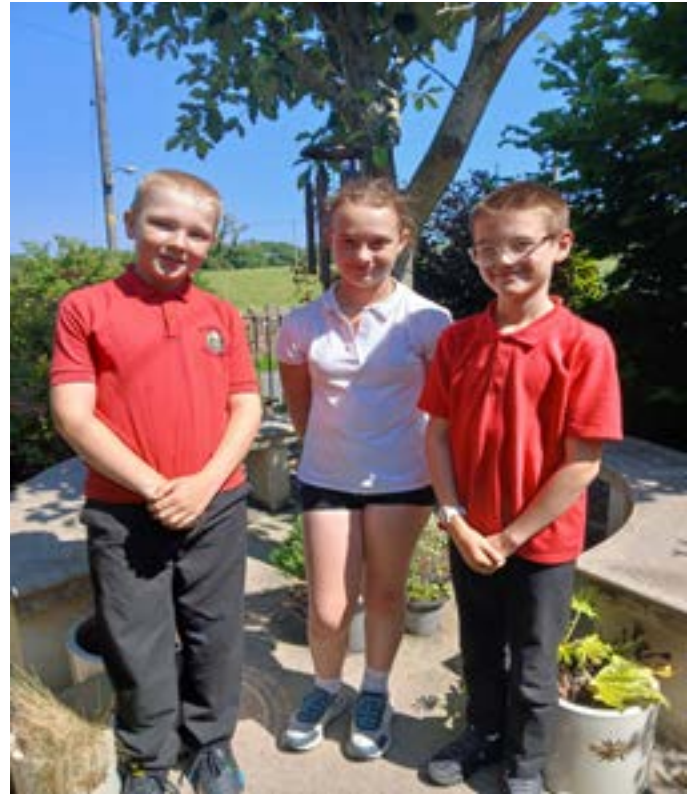
## PARISH MAGAZINE

### Summer 2026

#### Plumbland CE School News

It has been an exceptionally busy but enjoyable Summer term with lots happening. Our Infant children visited Carlisle Castle where they spotted features they had been learning about in History lessons, followed by a trip to Bitts Park. Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 went to Honister slate mine as they had been studying rocks and soils in Science. All of the children took part in 'farm to fork' visits at a local farm at Torpenhow and also enjoyed beach school and forest school sessions. We invited children from St Michael's CE School, Bothel and Ireby CE School to join us for a year 6 forest school transition event and we enjoyed showing them the environment where we have our regular forest school sessions.

Our sporting calendar has been equally busy with tuition in cricket and multi skills. Our year 3,4 hockey team celebrated success as they got through to the Allerdale finals at Netherhall School, Maryport. Our year 6 six children showed what brilliant leaders and role models they were



Plumbland CE School Year 6 leavers this year are Logan, Bobbie, Jacob, Isla and James (both missing from the photo)

as they led their teams at Sport's day. Children in year 5 and 6 have enjoyed Orienteering tuition from Mr Rennie as part of their Geography/ PE curriculum and some of us have attended the West Coast Orienteering club sessions using our newly acquired navigation skills.

Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in the Amazing joint schools singing collaboration at The Garden of Eden, Carlisle. We sung with a live band and danced with professional dancers. What an experience that was!

We will be saying a sad farewell to our year 6 leavers but wish them well on their journey to secondary school.

Summer 2026



Our KS2 children had a wonderful time singing and dancing day at The Garden at Eden on Tuesday, 23rd June as part of the Cumberland Music Hub event called AmaSing. The children enjoyed learning the songs and dances, with professional dancers and a live band.

## **PLUMBLAND SCHOOL SIBSON TRUST**

The Trustees of the above Trust will hold a meeting at the end September 2026 to consider all requests made to them by any eligible person for assistance from the fund.

The aim of the Charity is to provide pupils or ex-pupils of the school who live in the Parish of Plumbland (under 25 years of age), help in furthering their education and supporting further studies. Such support may be the funding of provision of text book, training manuals and tools etc.

All applicants must be in writing stating clearly the reason for the request and be sent to Mr A Watson, Looking-Stead, Plumbland, Wigton, CA7 2ET no later than 1st September 2026.

### **Friends of Plumbland CE School**

## **LOTTERY**

# **May 2026**

**1st Abbie Rayson No: 34**

**2nd James Liaster No: 27**

**3rd Mandy Butterworth No: 32**

Prizes for this year's lottery are £25.00, £15.00, £8 respectively; 49% of the profits from the lottery are donated to Plumbland CE School.

For information on how to join the lottery contact Sharon Stephenson on 01697 320628.

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## **LOTTERY**

# **July 2026**

**1st Viv Mounsey No: 21**

**2nd Karen Norman No: 69**

**3rd Carol Jackson No: 56**

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## **Plumbland Parish Council**

A meeting of the Plumbland Parish Council was held in the Meeting Room at Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland on **Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7.00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Messrs. A. Rutherford, J. Collins, J. Barber, R. Miller, L. Proudlock, and C. Watson.

Also, present: T. Gear (Clerk), Mr. Darren Finan (Candidate for Co-option) and a resident of the parish.

Apologies: J. Perry (Cumberland Councillor)

Councillor A. Rutherford in the Chair

**APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS:** Apologies were received from N. Eilbeck (illness)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** None

DISPENSATIONS: None

#### MINUTES

On the proposal of R. Miller and seconded by C. Watson it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items where it was deemed necessary to exclude the press and public.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of the parish advised that he had submitted a planning application for a new dwelling in the parish.

#### APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

An application had been received from D. Finan for co-option who had completed the Eligibility Forms. On the proposal of C. Watson and seconded by L. Proudlock Mr. Finan was co-opted as Councillor. He completed the Acceptance of Office and took his seat as a Councillor...

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

CALC News/ March/April

Have your say on The Right to Food UK Commission

CALC/Cumberland Council Highways Event

The Big Lunch and Big Help Out

CALC/Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

Environment Agency flooding survey – please forward to all members.

Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – Service Updates

Silloth and Aspatria Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting Wednesday 8th July, 6pm via teams

Fells & Solway Community Panel information

Project Keystone survey is now live and we need your voice!

CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

Invitation to Share a Case Study – CLNRS Event (14th July)

Cumbria Local Partnership News

Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study – Invitation to stakeholder and response trop questionnaire

Village Heat Share Mailout

Newsletter to Town and Parish Councils – Nourish Project

Removal of requirement to publish a member's home address

NACTSO message for member councils

Promote Home Office Martyn's Law Webinar

Powering communities; exploring community energy opportunities workshop.

Contributions needed: CALC Annual Review 2026

Thriving Communities Information Share

Cumberland Local Plan

Star Council Awards 2026/27: Nominations are now open

Pioneer Park Public Engagement

CLERKS REPORT: The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including.

i) The .gov. emails have been running for over 6 months, and it was proposed that the old email account is closed.

CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: J. Perry had tendered her apologies as she was attending another parish council meeting.

## PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

(b) FUL/2026/0090: Erection of new build 3 - bedroom property on land opposite Orchard House Farm, Plumbland; CA7 2ET; part of the land is possibly outside of Village Limits.

(c) Decisions

None

(d) Appeals

None.

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

## ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the following accounts which had been paid since the last meeting were ratified, and the remainder were approved for payment:

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| Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd | Grass cutting (April)     | £519.50 |
| Unity Trust Bank       | Service Charge            | £7.00   |
| Village Hall           | Room Hire                 | £10.00  |
| Mrs. Rogers            | Plants for Tubs           | £50.00  |
| Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd | Grass cutting (May)       | £519.50 |
| Village Hall           | Room Hire/Appeal          | £80.00  |
| T Gear                 | Clerks Account (May/June) | £444.44 |
| HMRC                   | Income Tax (May/June)     | £90.05  |
| T Gear                 | Printer Inks              | £48.54  |

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| ii) Balances at 7.7.26 | Current Account | £4,735.64 |
|                        | Deposit         | £4,418.11 |

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chair had reported some dirty road signs, blocked drains, worn out road markings and the condition of the rumble strip, and a missing fingerpost sign.

B5301 UPDATE: The Chair gave a verbal update on B5301.

## HIGH CLOSE QUARRY

The Chair provided a full verbal report which included that Thomas Armstrong Ltd are seeking permission from the Court of Appeal to Appeal the recent High Court decision which they lost.

CLIMATE CHANGE: An email together with slides from a recent presentation had been circulated.

MOOTA QUARRY: There has been no progress on the planning application, and the site appears to be mothballed.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT – WIGTON BATHS: A letter has been received from Wigton Baths Trust seeking financial support. As the school uses the facilities it was agreed to donate £50.00 to this worthy cause.

CHAIRS COMMENTS: The Chair proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to A. Mounsey for all his work over the years as a Councillor, which all agreed. He also gave an update on the change of editor of the Parish Newsletter. This will now be provided four times a year.

## ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

High Close Quarry  
Summer 2026

B5301 Update  
Condition of styles on the footpaths

DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
7.00pm Tuesday 1st September 2026 in Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland

**As of 7th July 2026, Plumbland Parish Councils clerks Hotmail address will no longer be in use; contact will only be via the official email address:- [clerk@plumblandparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@plumblandparishcouncil.org.uk).**

## Plumbland Village Hall

Plumbland Village Hall is run by a committee of fourteen trustees, who are all volunteers. At present the following regular bookings take place in the hall. If you are interested in joining, please come along.

Mondays – Yoga, 6 pm – 7.15 pm  
Wednesdays – Salsa, 7 pm – 8.30 pm  
Thursdays – Dancing, 7 pm – 8.30 pm  
Fridays – Toddlers, 9 am – 11 am

If you require further information, or would like to book Plumbland Village Hall please email [plumblandvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:plumblandvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Plumbland Chapel

Bible study every other Tuesday - have one on 14th July But then having a summer break and resume in Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 pm

## ST CUTHBERT'S, PLUMBLAND

There will be a flower demonstration by Margaret Abbott in the Church followed by refreshments and raffle on Saturday 8th August at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

## HIGH CLOSE QUARRY – UPDATE

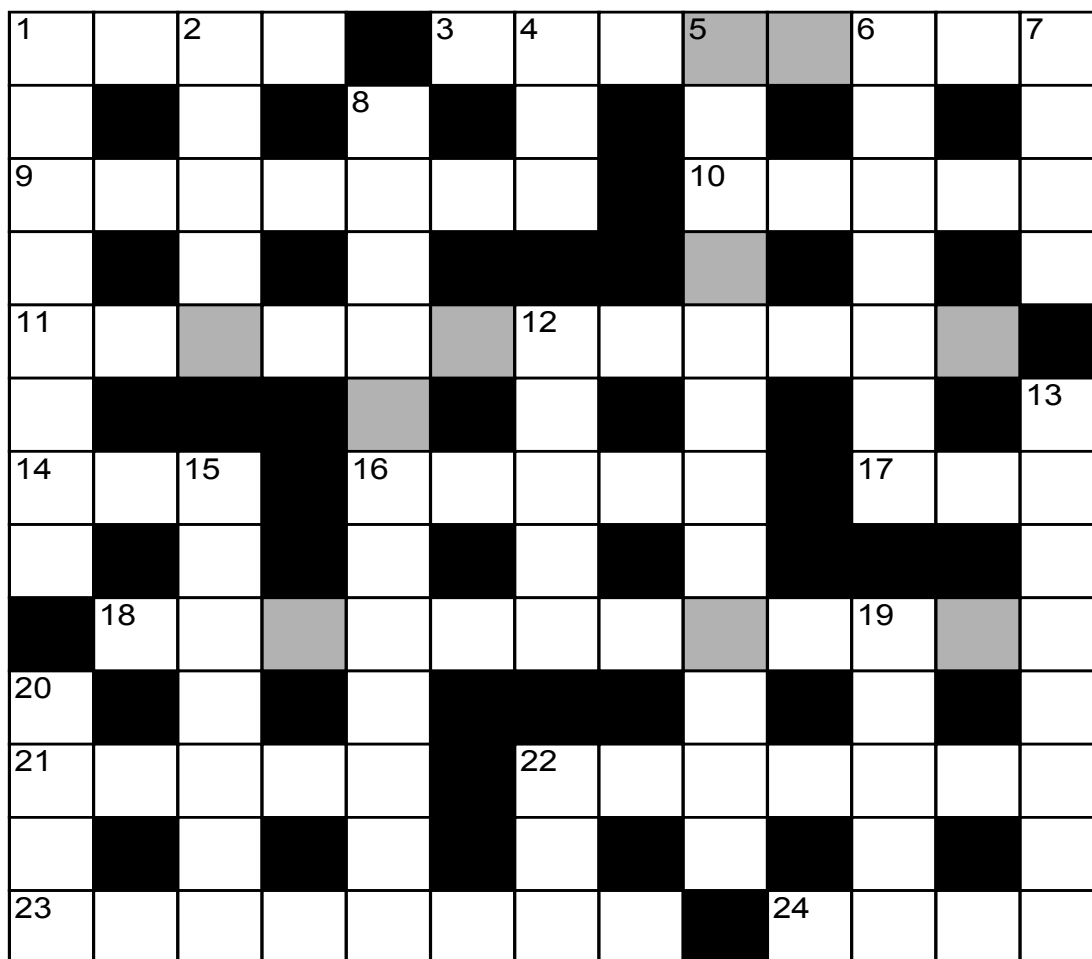
On 25th June 2026 a Court Order from the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division, Planning Court, confirmed that the Judicial Review, that was heard in the High Court on 29th and 30th April 2026 by the Honourable Mrs Justice Lieven DBE, dismissed the case presented by Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Limited to have the outcome of the Public Inquiry, that was held in Carlisle on 1st and 2nd April 2025, overturned. At the Public Inquiry the Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, upheld a legal challenge from Plumbland Parish Council Quarry Working Group that prevented Cumberland Council from unlawfully approving conditions that would have permitted the resumption of limestone quarrying in Plumbland that had previously ceased in 1956.

On 3rd July 2026 the legal team representing Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Limited made formal application to the Court of Appeal for permission to take their case to the Court of Appeal in order to have the outcome of the Judicial Review overturned.

The next step in this protracted process, that has been ongoing since the formal submission of a Scoping Report in April 2017 by Stephenson Halliday on behalf of Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Limited, is for the Court of Appeal to make a decision on the formal request for permission for a second appeal by Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Limited. It will take a number of weeks for the Court to reach its decision.

The Plumbland Parish Council Working Group remain as formal defendants in the process and will be advised on the outcome of the request for a second appeal as soon as it is determined by the Court. A further update will be provided to parishioners by the Working Group at that time.

# Summer Puzzle!



## Across

- 1 Shaft on which a wheel rotates (4)
- 3 Heated exchange of views (8)
- 9 Undress (7)
- 10 Softly radiant (5)
- 11 24th December (9,3)
- 14 Popular beverage (3)
- 16 Topic (5)
- 17 Won (anag.) (3)
- 18 Condemnation (12)
- 21 One of the United Arab Emirates (5)
- 22 Menacing (7)
- 23 Climbed (8)
- 24 Network of lines (4)

## Down

- 1 Relinquish a throne (8)
- 2 Intense light beam (5)
- 4 Herb; regret (3)
- 5 Not capable of reply (12)
- 6 Make more entertaining (7)
- 7 Urban area (4)
- 8 Person's physical state (12)
- 12 Agreeable sound or tune (5)
- 13 Lessened (8)
- 15 Sour in taste (7)
- 19 Conclude (5)
- 20 Thought (4)
- 22 Farewell remark (3)

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# Plumbland Community Group Whisky Club News

## Club news from the May 2026 Meeting



Blind tasting at the May 2026 meeting of the PCG Whisky Club in Plumbland Village Hall featured three 21 year old whiskies, an 18 year old whiskey and a new non-age statement whiskey. For the first time at Whisky Club two whiskies tied for dram of the meeting, and interestingly, they are probably two of the best drams ever tasted at Whisky Club.

The first dram blind tasted was a Tomatin 21 Year Old. At 46% ABV, this 21-year-old single malt from Tomatin was originally released as a Travel Retail exclusive. Matured solely in bourbon casks, it's packed with layers of fresh pastries and tropical fruits, with a buttery, creamy finish.

The second dram was a very new American Single Malt Whiskey from Jack Daniels. At 45% ABV, this single malt was produced from 100% malted barley and aged initially in new charred white American oak barrels before being finished oloroso sherry casks.

The third dram was the third edition in Teeling's Rising Reserve series. After an initial maturation in bourbon casks, the Irish single malt whiskey was transferred to high quality ruby Port casks for a secondary maturation, bringing decadent notes of jammy, vinous fruit to accompany waves of vanilla and butterscotch at its core.

The fourth dram was the Saints & Sinners & Rebels & Rogues 18 Year Old Irish Whiskey. It's a blended concoction matured for an impressive 18 years, bottled up in classic no-fuss fashion so that the deliciously, fruity, creamy spirit can do all the talking.

The final dram was a Tobermory 21 Year Old. At 46.3% ABV, the 21-year-old single malt from Tobermory was finished in oloroso sherry casks. These casks were chosen to create flavours reminiscent of foraged fruit found scattered across the distillery's charming home on the Isle of Mull.

The dram of the meeting, or drams of the meeting, with nine votes each, were the Tomatin 21 Year Highland Old Single Malt Whisky and, somewhat surprisingly, but much deserved, the Jack Daniels American Single Malt Whiskey.

The date of the next Whisky Club will be released soon, due to the promotion of alcohol all attending must be over 18.

For information on the Whisky Club, please contact Brian Stephenson on: 07525 371809.



# The Last Man Inn

Plumbland

*Support your local pub*

## Opening Times

Wednesday 6pm

Friday 6pm

Saturday 1pm

Sunday 1pm

Pool table, TV and a warm friendly  
Welcome from Mike to all the Parish awaits!

Cash Only Bar



drinkaware

## Monthly Pub Quiz

FIRST Friday of the Month - 8pm

## Monthly Bingo

THIRD Friday of the Month - 8pm



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# BECOME A TRUSTEE TODAY!

- ✓ Do you want to make a difference in your community?
- ✓ Do you have a bit of spare time you want to use wisely?
- ✓ If the answer is **"YES"** then you should become a new Trustee of Wigton Baths Trust!



**WE NEED  
YOU!**

Help shape  
your community  
and be part of  
something  
**amazing!**



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**CONTACT US FOR  
A CHAT OR MORE  
INFORMATION**



## WIGTON BATHS TRUST



## Plumbland Mobile Service Post Office Every Wednesday 12:45 – 13:10

In front of Plumbland House,  
Grid Ref NY1484389, Aspatria, Wigton, CA7 2HG

We sell Royal Mail and Parcel Force Worldwide services in all our branches, except Banking Hubs and branches that offer collection and drop-off services only. Postage services from other companies also available in selected branches.

## Cumbria Speedwatch – Volunteers Required

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

There are immediate vacancies within the Plumbland Parish Community Speedwatch. You will be asked to assist for a total of 60 minutes once per month at a mutually agreed time at one of two locations on the B5301 in Parsonby.

**If you are interested in assisting with the Plumbland Parish Community Speedwatch please register your interest with Tony Rutherford, Chairperson of Plumbland Parish Council on: [rtony843@aol.com](mailto:rtony843@aol.com)**

Summer Puzzle Solution



Keyword: TOURNAMENT

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