



ROTARY CLUB OF
BURNLEY PENDLESIDE
NEWSLETTER



Calvert Trust 2025
Delivering a fun and fulfilling experience

----- JOHN OSBORN

How true the strap line for the “**Calvert Trust Lake District**” is, **CHALLENGING DISABILITY - THROUGH OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!**

The effort put into the project by the Calvert Trust leaders and Rotary volunteers has to be seen and experienced to truly appreciate the value of the Rotary District 1190 Calvert Trust week. Absolutely critical though, the project depends totally on one person, Rotary Club of Keswick member extraordinaire, Paul Harris Fellow; **HELEN HUNT**. If the course attendees needed an inspirational person to guide them through the week, then Helen is there!

Rotary Club of Burnley Pendleside President Chris Daggett and Vice President John Slattery accepted the invitation to join Bob Nolan and myself to go up to Bassenthwaite and see for ourselves the Calvert Trust Outdoor Centre there. After a somewhat nightmare journey up the M6, we belatedly arrived at Grasmere for our coffee stop. It was no coincidence that Grasmere was chosen as the location, because at the Heaton Cooper Studio there was an exhibition celebrating world renowned Lakeland mountaineer Chris Bonington leading a successful expedition up the previously unclimbed South West Face of Mount Everest. A must to see for anyone interested in the mountains. The Coffee and Tea wasn't bad neither!

Our arrival at the Calvert Trust Centre had been planned to give us some time to use the excellent catering facilities prior to meeting course leader Helen before going on to meet the three PENDLESIDE delegates. Over our lunch, Helen explained to us, just how difficult it had been bringing this year's Rotary week to fruition. In today's climate of form filling this year's enrolment had been a nightmare because some of the clubs had struggled with the application forms. Safeguarding and getting official safeguarding clearance had proved a major hurdle. Our visiting group were able to learn a few salutary lessons to ease next year's paper trail and more importantly ease the administration burden on Helen the Rotary Calvert Trust Organiser.

The Calvert Trust - Lake District, certainly maximises the opportunities that the National Park provides: Canoeing on Bassenthwaite, Catamaran Sailing on Windermere, Abseiling down a rock face in Borrowdale, cycling on the specially adapted bikes at the specialist cycling centre, horse riding at the Calvert stables plus a host of other activities at the Bassenthwaite Outdoor Centre. The open arms welcome, all residential and day visitors receive, is exceptional.

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Upcoming Meetings:
Wednesday Evenings

- ❖ **15th October 2025:**
Guest Speaker:
Ken Simmons.
- ❖ **22nd October 2025:**
Guest Speaker:
Justine Lorriman,
Owner/Landlady Of
The Royal Dyche.
- ❖ **29th October 2025:**
Guest Speaker:
David Moore Founder
Of The Pendle Witch
Distillery.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **Wednesday**
12th November 2025:
Burnley Light Opera:
The Hunchback Of
Notre Dame at Burnley
Mechanics Theatre.
- ❖ **Friday**
28th November 2025:
Senior's Christmas
Party at The Hare &
Hounds.





The Trapeze and Swing: Accessible to all and taking place in the indoor sports centre, this activity always generates squeals of delight and helps people overcome fears of the new.

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It's a true welcome to the English Lake District which some attendees will not have been lucky enough to have previously visited before. With the welcome so too starts the week long adventure.

It's hard to comprehend the pride and satisfaction some of the young attendees feel when they manage to climb up the artificial indoor climbing wall a couple of feet off the floor. The smile that radiates from the face of such an attendee has to be actually seen to be appreciated.

Burnley Pendleside Rotarians who make the trip up to Bassenthwaite are always amazed to just how proud these young people are to achieve these major achievements for themselves. After spending time in the indoor climbing wall area we were very fortunate to meet up with the on-site maintenance manager who was very happy to take us round the Centre's on-site facilities.

Our first port of call on the tour was to the water centre, a purpose built facility for use by guests and day visitors, both with and without disabilities. The facility, which has spectacular lake and fell views from the poolside, is fully accessible to all people and heated to 32°. Associated with the pool are a spa, bubble pads, water fountain and a sauna. Special mobility equipment is available to ensure that guests can be helped into and out of the water. In the pool area there is a special Sensory Room which allows guests to experience the benefits of numerous colour and lighting options and many other sensory experiences.

Our trip into the woods with our guide behind the centre took us to the accessible adventure facilities; archery, zip wire, wheelchair challenge, high ropes and big swing. In addition to the close by facilities the centre has a cycling centre with various types of cycles specially adapted to give virtually all guests the thrill of cycling on non-public roads.



Lakes Bassenthwaite and Windermere are used for the sailing and canoeing. The local fells and valleys near Bassenthwaite provide the ideal location for guests, who would love to have a go at abseiling, even in their wheelchairs! or even Ghyll scrambling. Calvert Trust - Lake District also has a special riding and equine centre, British Horse Society and Riding for the Disabled approved, which gives guests a very wide range of equine based experiences, including fully accessible riding and carriage driving, horse grooming and well-being sessions, therapy pony visits and much more.

The accommodation has been designed to suit as many of the requirements of the attendees as reasonably possible, additional equipment can be requested as required - including mobile hoists, shower chairs and shower trolleys. The staff at the centre will always do their best to match attendees needs by providing a room to match their requirements.

The Calvert Trust Lake District

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The Calvert Trust Lake District was very much the brainchild of John Fryer-Spedding and his family. John was a Cumbrian landowner from an influential local family connected with the Moresby and Mirehouse estates. He was deeply committed to community causes and to using his position to benefit others. In the early 1970s, he saw that people with disabilities had almost no access to the outdoor adventure opportunities the Lake District is famous for. Inspired by Elisabeth Calvert's advocacy and compassion, he brought together supporters, land, and fundraising efforts to make the vision a reality. The Fryer-Spedding family's leadership and Elisabeth Calvert's dedication combined to create what became the first Calvert Trust centre, which opened in Keswick in 1978.

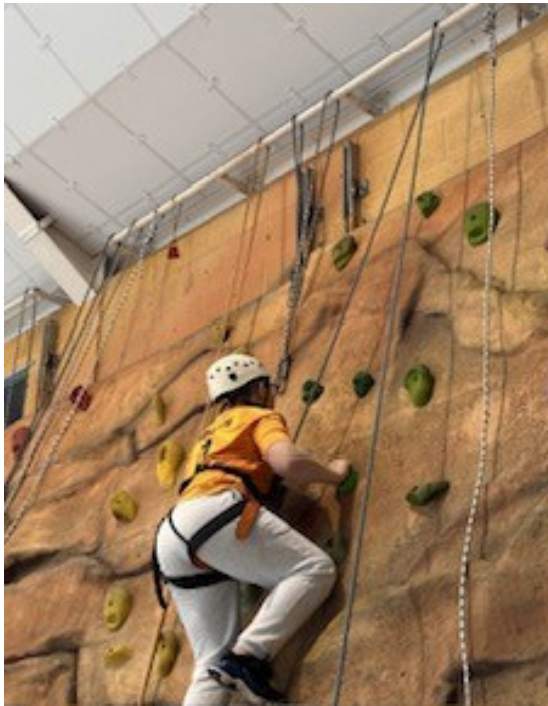
As quoted in the centre's publicity brochure, not only does everyone get to try something new, but just being in the outdoors, in such an awe-inspiring location, is proven to benefit everyone's emotional and mental well-being. This perfectly sums up Calvert Trust - Lake District. Long may District 1190 Rotary Clubs continue to support this fantastic charity and the people who aren't.



Rotary Club of Burnley Pendleside President Elect John Slattery and President Chris Daggett with Rotary Club of Keswick member Helen Hunt PHF who is dedicated to Calvert Trust.

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Broadfield Specialist School



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Burnley Pendleside Members Enjoy Visit

to the state-of-the-art medical teaching centre at Victoria Mill

----- KEVIN MARTIN

Rotary Club of Burnley Pendleside members and guests enjoyed a visit to the new medical teaching centre at Sandygate, Burnley.

The medical teaching centre is the University of Central Lancashire's (UCLan) Burnley Campus. The campus is located in the refurbished Victoria Mill, a Grade II listed building in the historic Weavers' Triangle, blending heritage architecture with modern educational facilities. The campus includes state-of-the-art clinical skills laboratories, human anatomy resource centres with virtual dissection tables, and a human anatomy learning centre to train future doctors and nurses.

The facility is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment and the necessary resources for students pursuing careers in health professions, such as medicine and nursing.

The medical centre is a key part of UCLan's broader campus in Burnley, which also includes other facilities like the 136-bed Sandygate Halls and the Sandygate Mill building, housing the library and Students' Union (SU), as well as providing office space for around 30 members of staff.





Pendleside Hospice's Support Engagement Fundraiser Sheila Helm, Rotary Club of Burnley Pendleside President Chris Daggett, District Governor John Edwards PHF and club members during the special night at the Hare & Hounds, Haggate, revealing the outstanding amount raised at this years Pendle Pub Walk.

Pendle Pub Walk 2025 Smashes Record

An amazing amount of £146,452.47 raised for the Hospice

----- KEVIN MARTIN

This year's Pendle Pub Walk has raised another amazing amount of money for the hospice.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Burnley Pendleside in conjunction with Pendleside Hospice around 2,535 walkers, made the most of the fine weather (with the odd down pour) to take in the stunning Pendle countryside and its finest hostleries.

A special presentation was held at our meeting venue The Hare & Hounds, Haggate. Club members and our special guest for the evening District Governor John Edwards PHF were present when Sheila Helm (Support Engagement Fundraiser at the Hospice) announced that the amount raised for Pendleside Hospice was an amazing **£146,452.47**.

In addition to this, over £12,500 has been raised for local Rotary charities thanks to the registration fee from the 2,535 walkers who took part.



Over the past 16 years of Pendle Pub Walk the total amount raised for Pendleside Hospice is a fantastic £1.2 million.

During the evening President Chris presented Sheila with a certificate in recognition of the hard work and dedication that she and the hospice put into the pub walk.



This year nineteen official venues around Higham, Fence, Barley, Roughlee and Barrowford opened their doors to serve refreshments to the walkers.

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part in Pendle Pub Walk 2025, the walkers, the hospice, the pubs, sponsors Alderson & Horan, Birchall's Food Services for donating the bottled water and Tesco Extra Burnley for donating lots of cereal bars and fruit to keep the walkers hydrated and replenished throughout the day.

We hope to see you all again next year! For our 17th Pendle Pub Walk.

Gordon & Jean Haycock Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

----- KEVIN MARTIN

Founder member Gordon and his wife Jean have recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. On the 2nd October 1965 they were married at St John's Church in Cliviger.

Their Wedding Reception was held at the Ram Inn also in Cliviger.

Gordon recently attended a special social evening at the club where he was made an Honorary member in recognition of his long-standing service and commitment over the years.



Rotary In Action At Charter House

Clearing the overgrown garden and seating area

----- KEVIN MARTIN

Some members of the Rotary Club of Burnley Pendleside have recently been involved in a clearing up project at Charter House in Burnley.

Charter House Resource Centre & Sensory Room is a care provider based in Burnley. They specialise in providing Day Care support and Home Care support to adults with disabilities, learning difficulties, the elderly and those with dementia.

A large skip was delivered to the site, free of charge from Geoff Eccles. This was a project that was more hands on than usual. The members who were able to give up their time arrived on the Monday morning at around 9:00am and with much fun and banter the skip was filled in a few hours.



From Left to Right: Paul Roberts PHF, Grahame Trudgill PHF, Phil Lamport, Ivor Emo, Geoff Walker, Ewen Dyda, President Chris Daggett, George Heys and President-Elect John Slattery.



As there is a bit more work to do the plan is to carry on with this project and arrange another skip at a later date.

Well done lads for all of the hard work, a brilliant job done! "Rotary in Action".

Upcoming Sports Competitions:



Winter Games Round 1
Burnley Pendleside v Church & Oswaldtwistle
Date: TBC (Deadline 31st October)
7:30pm at Clitheroe Conservative Club

10 Pin Bowling Round 2
Burnley Pendleside v Preston South
Date: TBC (Deadline 30th November)
7:30pm at MFA Bowling, Burnley

Snooker Round 2
Burnley Pendleside v North Fylde
Date: TBC (Deadline 30th November)
7:00pm at Clitheroe Conservative Club



Help Required For Santa's Sleigh

Member's please put your name down to help out whenever you can (Sheet's are now in the folder).



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