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SEASCALE

A Happy New Year to all our readers.

I am sure you all noticed the new Christmas lights around the Sports Hall. Thank you for your support for our fireworks and switch on. We owe a big vote of thanks to John Garner and Tony Biggins for all of the work they did to make the lights a success. We are a small village but we always put on a good show for our residents and you repay us with your support and donations.

By the time you read this we will be owners of the car park, the toilets, some of the foreshore and the last bus shelter going out of Seascale. We hope as a Parish Council if you see any problems you will report to a Parish Councillor.

We have done a walk around our village with a Copeland Council Officer in charge of open spaces and we were appalled by the amount of dog dirt on our play area by the Bowling Green. We notice it is bad all over the village and cannot believe that residents care so little about our area, our young people and people walking on footpaths that they cannot use all of the bins provided.

We feel that so many services we took for granted years ago are dwindling away. We have lost the two remaining banks. We need to support what services we have left. NatWest are going to have their mobile bank in Seascale car park one day a week – I suppose this is better than nothing for those who cannot easily get out of the village. The Post Office is also providing a banking service.

We have a dwindling bus service and if it does not pay we will lose that.

Thanks to David Morgan who is amazing. We are publishing his records of bags of rubbish collected in this issue.

The new Seascale Parish Council website is 'Under Construction' and you can see the general layout and structure, plus also some initial content, by going to www.seascaleparish.com

Eileen Eastwood, Seascale Parish Council



The next edition of this magazine is scheduled to be published on the first weekend in July. We are always on the lookout for stories and event dates. The closing date for contributions will be Saturday 6 June.

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GOSFORTH

Slow Down!

I think we'd all agree that we live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country. There aren't many who can be on the sea shore one minute and within 10-15 minutes can then be in one of the most beautiful national parks in the world. However, one common thing that we all need is the infrastructure and means to allow us simply to get from A to B. This takes many forms such as road, train, cycling and others such as horse riding and simply walking. Probably the most common mode of transport is the car. Whether you love or hate it or simply see it as part of normal life I think we'd all agree that without it things could be difficult?

Gosforth Parish Council recognises the importance of the car and how it integrates into our normal day-to-day life. Over the past few years it's worked closely with local authorities to ensure that we can all use our cars in a safe environment. A good example of this is the implementation of the 20mph zone within Gosforth village. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) notes:

'A large number of evaluation studies have demonstrated a link between the introduction of 20mph zones and a subsequent reduction in casualties. The size of the reductions and the consistency of results over a wide number of areas are further evidence for this link.'

They also note:

'20mph limits without traffic calming also reduce traffic speed, although this effect is smaller than when they are introduced with traffic calming or other measures.'

So, to build on the introduction of the 20mph zone, Gosforth Parish Council have been carrying out further investigative work with Cumbria County Highways on traffic calming. Some of you may have noticed the rubber strips across the roads at various points in the village last Autumn. These strips were associated with traffic counting and speed measurement devices. The results of the measurements showed that there were areas in the village where there were problems with vehicles travelling over 20mph. In fact in one case a vehicle was measured travelling over 55mph. Having this factual information allows Cumbria County Highways to begin to make a business case to make changes to the roads to help reduce speeding. They themselves are like most other local authorities

throughout the country in that budgets are tight and they have to decide what to prioritise and when. The data showed the area of greatest concern within the village is the area around the library. This is a narrow area of road and the data gathered showed that over a one week period 10,399 vehicles were measured travelling over 20mph, 2457 vehicles over 25mph, 431 vehicles over 30mph, 70 vehicles over 35mph and 1 vehicle travelling between 55 and 60 mph!

Having reviewed the data and taking learning from other areas in the county Cumbria County Highways have proposed a scheme that involves a complete revamp to the road marking system around the library area. This will include 'SLOW' road markings and hatched areas that will give the impression that the road narrows significantly. This is scheduled to be implemented by the end of March 2015. After implementation and following a period of 'bedding in' the traffic counter and speed measurement devices will be re-introduced to check the effectiveness of the scheme. If it's worked then we can all give ourselves a pat on the back! If it hasn't then other options will have to be reviewed.

During all of this work it was also noted that the general state of the village road markings wasn't good – in particular around the school entrance

area. Cumbria County Highways have committed to repainting these areas.

So, let's all keep enjoying our village and its surrounding areas but whilst enjoying remember that an extra few miles per hour in the car may get you to your destination a minute earlier but the consequences to a person or child if a collision occurred could be life changing, or indeed, life ending!

Ian Rae (Gosforth Parish Councillor)

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DAI MORGAN'S VILLAGE CLEANUPS

Dear Eileen, below is a table of the litter that I have collected over the last few years, since I started keeping a record, when you asked me how much I had done!

This year there would no doubt be a lot more had I not been laid up for about 10 weeks. There was so much litter in the hinterland after last winter's storms that accounted for most of it. Thanks again, before the good folk of Seascale and Gosforth got the ATV for me, must go once more to David Parkin and Anthony Millard for helping out with the quad bikes and trailers. On the last occasion Anthony and I did a big clear-up in July we gathered up 88 sacks plus a lot of large stuff! The ATV has been a godsend. I would not have been able to get on the beach at all now if it weren't for the little beauty. *Dai Morgan*

	Village	Beach	B5344	Calder Road	National Park	Total
2006	54	51	10		15	130
2007	85	105	27		15	232
2008	113	146	20		25	304
2009	121	184	18	4	11	338
2010	83	224	34	8	29	378
2011	104	302	17		7	430
2012	99	367	19	10	9	504
2013	156	317	22	4	4	503
2014	116	328	8	2	9	463
TOTALS	932	2023	179	28	124	3282

GOSFORTH WAR MEMORIAL

Gosforth Parish Council has been looking into improving the appearance of the memorial and part of that process has been the investigation of whether the list of the fallen which is displayed in St Mary's Church is accurate, as it shows only names from the 1st and 2nd World Wars, and there have been numerous conflicts since. Information received from the Ministry of Defence reveals that a Gosforth-born soldier – Lt. William Horace Hobson - lost his life in Suez on 30 January 1952. (He is not related to Des Hobson from Ellerslie Park.)

Accordingly the Parish Council seeks information from anyone who can recall the family with the objective of gaining their agreement to updating the existing list and how that should be done. If anyone has any information will they please contact The Clerk at the address here.
D.A. Polhill, Clerk, Gosforth Parish Council
Combe End, Drigg, Holmrook CA19 1XG
Tel: 24327 or e-mail – d.polhill@btinternet.com

VIKING WAY UPDATE

Although all the planning problems have been addressed and planning approval has now been granted there is still a substantial gap in the funding available even with support from the county council and the Copeland community fund. However now with the project having obtained official planning permission and tenders for the work received this has enabled the group managing the project to approach the National Lottery and other sources for further support.

David Gray, secretary Viking Way management team.



Here's Abigail, Lisa Oliver's daughter Abigail who won a prize in the recent Seascale Knitting Club competition and who wishes to say "thanks".



On one of the caps on the Norman pillars in Gosforth Church three strange heads have been carved into the stonework. The foliations shown coming out of the mouth of the centre one is typical of indicating a "green man".

Although it appears to be a pagan figure, green men appear in many churches, chapels, abbeys and cathedrals all over Europe. They are primarily interpreted as a symbol of rebirth, representing the cycle of growth each spring.

References: The Gosforth District by Dr C.A. Parker and Wikipedia

Cumbria County Council



Seascale Library

Revised Temporary Opening Hours for Seascale Library from 2 February 2015



Opening hours

Monday
10:00am – 12:30pm, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday
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Friday
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EVENTS CALENDAR

in and around Seascale, Drigg and Gosforth

For events farther afield in Cumbria go to: www.golakes.co.uk/

- Until 28 March.** Art and woodworking exhibition at Florence Mine Arts Centre, Egremont. 10am-5pm Mondays to Fridays. See p28
- 9 March – Monday.** Seascale WI. "Jolly Dollies & Little Madams" by Gill Reid. 7pm Seascale Methodist School Room.
- 11 March – Wednesday.** "Down't Lonning". Talk by Alan Cleaver about our country lanes. Cumbria Wildlife Trust. 7.30-9pm, Seascale Methodist Church Hall. Recommended donation £2 includes refreshments. See p42
- 12-14 March – Thursday to Saturday.** Seascale CAMRA Beer Festival. Windscale Club, Seascale. Over 30 real ales and ciders. Thursday 4pm-11pm. Friday and Saturday 12noon - 11pm. See p37
- 13 March – Friday.** Ratty Fish Supper at Fellbites cafe, Dalegarth. 6pm departure from Ravenglass. Ticket price £10.50 includes the fish supper per person. Book on 019467 23192.
- 17 March – Tuesday.** A report on the Virgin Mary Well investigations in Holmrook Hall woods in a talk by Alan Bell on the early history of Drigg. 7pm for 7.30pm, Drigg Village Hall. See p12
- 21 March – Saturday.** Table Top Sale, Gosforth Public Hall. 2pm. £6 per table. Call Jakki on 019467 25838 to book.
- 21 March – Saturday.** "Mr Turner" Cine North film. Drigg Village Hall, 7pm. Booking at 019467 24321. See p17
- 21 March – Saturday.** Cumbrian Railways Association spring meeting, Carus Green Golf Club, Burneside Road, Kendal, LA9 6EB. Details of lectures at www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk
- 22 March – Sunday.** Muncaster Castle Wedding Fayre in association with CFM Radio. 11am-4pm. Free entry to castle and gardens. Wedding favours, entertainment, fashion show, musicians, bridal wear, wedding cars, florists and much more.
- 22 March – Sunday.** Cumbrian Railways Association field trip: Railways and Tramways of Flimby Great Wood, led by Mike Faulkner. 019467 28296.
- 28 March – Saturday.** "The Pirates of Titipu". St Bees Priory, 7.30pm. £7.50. Students £2.50. Under 18 free. 01946 841239. See p61.
- 28 & 29 March – Saturday & Sunday.** Santon Bridge Village Hall Art, Craft and Local Food Fair. Saturday 10am-5pm. Sunday 10am-4pm. Free parking and admission. See p29
- 3 April – Friday.** Pub-Grub-Gig by Wardrobe Monsters. Woolpack Inn, Boot, Eskdale. 019467 23230. See p13
- 4 April – Easter Saturday.** Pace Egg Race at The Woolpack, Boot.
- 4 & 5 April – Easter Saturday & Sunday.** Gosforth Art Exhibition. 10am-4pm Gosforth Village Hall. See pp29, 30
- 5 April – Easter Sunday.** Eco Duck Race at the Woolpack, Boot.
- 3-6 April – Easter Friday to Monday.** Muncaster Castle Teddy Bears' Picnic. Easter Egg Hunt and Teddy Treasure Trails. Bring your own bear! Over Easter weekend all children get free entry. Book at www.muncaster.co.uk to save 15% entry cost.
- 3-16 April – Easter Monday to Thursday.** Ratty Teddy Bears Go Free! Child 17 years and under travels free with full fare-paying adult, and teddy bear! Lots of special offers. Details at ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events
- 6 April – Easter Monday.** The Woolpack. Real Egg Hunt (10am Hardknott Fort). Duck Race (12noon at Doctor's Bridge, River Esk).
- 10 April – Friday.** Ratty Fish Supper at Fellbites cafe, Dalegarth. 6pm departure from Ravenglass. Ticket price £10.50 includes the fish supper per person. Book on 019467 23192.
- 13 April – Monday.** Seascale WI. "Washington & Virginia" by Dulcie Laird. 7pm Seascale Methodist School Room.
- 18 April – Saturday.** Blengdale Runners' "Bleng Handicap Run" from Gosforth Hall, open to any local runners. 7 miles. Details from 019467 2486.
- 19 April – Sunday.** "Guardians of the Galaxy" Cine North film. Drigg Village Hall, 7pm. Booking at 019467 24321. See p17
- 21 April – Tuesday.** A talk on the history and development of the Cumbrian Farmhouse since medieval times, by Chris Craghill. 7pm for 7.30pm, Drigg Village Hall. See p12
- 22 April – Wednesday.** "Some Remarkable Islands". Talk by Michael Carrier about bird life and history of the Isle of May and St Kilda in Scotland. Cumbria Wildlife Trust. 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Church Room. Recommended donation £2 includes refreshments. See p42
- 23-26 April – Thursday to Sunday.** Cider and Sausage Festival. Woolpack Inn, Boot, Eskdale. 019467 23230. See p13
- 29 April – Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society's AGM.** All welcome but only members can vote.
- 2 May – Saturday.** Wasdale May Festival. From 1pm. See p61
- 2 May – Saturday.** Cockermonth Georgian Fair.
- 2-3 May – Saturday to Sunday.** Ratty Roman History Weekend. A Roman soldier with armour and shields, dressing up, beach and Roman Bathhouse walks and lots more. Details at ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events
- 2-4 May – Saturday to Monday.** Muncaster Castle Cumbria Life Sausage Festival, 10.30am-5pm. Book at www.muncaster.co.uk to save 15% entry cost.
- 8 May – Friday.** Ratty Fish Supper at Fellbites cafe, Dalegarth. 6pm departure from Ravenglass. Ticket price £10.50 includes the fish supper per person. Book on 019467 23192.
- 8-10 May – Friday to Sunday.** Festival of Strands Beers at the Strands Inn and Brewery, Nether Wasdale. 019467 26237. See p21
- 10 May – Sunday.** Hall Senna will be opening its garden to visitors as part of the National Garden Scheme. 10.30am to 5pm. See p14
- 11 May – Monday.** Seascale WI. Morag and Mary from Haverigg Prison Smokeri. 7pm Seascale Methodist School Room.
- 16 May – Saturday.** "Plumhall" Arts Out West event in Drigg Village Hall. Booking at 019467 24321. See p17
- 19 May to 1 September – Tuesdays.** Ratty Photography Day. 8.30am meet at Ravenglass for behind the scene tours, packed lunch included, with guided 7-mile walk up the railway line and single journey down from Dalegarth. £40 per person booked in advance. More details at ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events
- 23-25 May – Saturday to Monday.** Eskdale Art Show. 10am-4.30pm, St Bega's School, Eskdale. See p31
- 24 May – Sunday.** Family Fun day with DJ Paul at The Woolpack, Boot.
- 24-28 May – Sunday to Thursday.** Muncaster Festival, Muncaster Castle. Go to www.muncaster.co.uk to book saving 15% entry cost and to see the list of events.
- 28 May – Thursday.** Ratty "Steam to the Hills with an LDNP Ranger". A guided walk with train rides. 10.30am meet at

Ravenglass. £12 adult and £6 child. Prebook. Details at ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events

4-7 June – Thursday to Sunday. Boot Beer Festival.

5 June – Fish, Chips & Rock'n'Roll live music by Vineyard. The Woolpack, Boot.

6-7 June – Saturday and Sunday. RSPB Activity Weekend in association with the Ratty. Nature trails and craft activities at Dalegarth station.

8 June – Monday. Seascale WI. "The Wordsworths" by Sue Allen. 7pm Seascale Methodist School Room.

10 June – Wednesday. Gosforth Ten and Fun Run. Details from 019467 27486.

12 June – Friday. Ratty Fish Supper at Fellbites cafe, Dalegarth. 6pm departure from Ravenglass. Ticket price £10.50 includes the fish supper per person. Book on 019467 23192.

13 June – Saturday. Drigg and Carleton Gala Day.

20 June – Saturday. Cumbrian Railways Association field trip: the Coniston branch from Foxfield to Coniston, led by Howard Quayle. Hopes are for using a preserved CMS Bristol MW coach. 019467 28296.

20-21 June – Saturday and Sunday. Ratty Superhero Weekend. Children under 15 dressed as favourite superhero travel free on the train, if accompanied by a full fare-paying adult. Details at ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events

25-27 June – Thursday to Saturday. Spring play by Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society production. Auditions 26 and 30 March. See www.gads.org.uk for more details.

REGULAR EVENTS

Badminton – Seascale. Ladies Wednesdays from 6pm. Mixed Thursdays 8pm. Beginners very welcome. Seascale Sports Hall. Details from 019467 28435

Children's Craft Club. Meets every Wednesday during term-time for children in the infant classes, from 5pm to 6pm, at Seascale Methodist Church Hall. Contact Jackie on 29785 or Allison on 21935.

Gardening Club. Holmrook Reading Room. Contact John Dutton on 24317 for details or to join.

Fishing Club. Holmrook Reading Room. Contact Syd Roberts on 28655 for details or to join.

Fitness Classes. Tuesdays 6-7pm, Seascale Sports Hall. Tuesdays 7.30-8.20pm Beckermets School. Thursdays 7.15-8.05pm Kettleercise, Seascale School. £4 a class. Contact Gill 07511 995184.

Flo Jazz. Third Friday every month, Florence Mine Art Centre, Egremont. 7.30pm for 8pm start. All welcome to listen or contribute.

Gosforth and District Art Society. Every Monday but with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. 7-9pm, Gosforth Village School. Also Thursday mornings 10am to 12am in Seascale Methodist School Room. Contact Jakki Barratt: jakki@karletta.co.uk.

Gosforth Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club. Every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm in Gosforth Village Hall. New members welcome, spare bowls available. Flat soled shoes preferred.

Guides. Every Tuesday during school term time. 7.15-8.45pm, usually at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith 019467 28265.

Jam Side Up Jazz Jam Session. First Friday every month. The Kellbank Hotel, Gosforth. From 8.30pm. www.jamsideup.net or 01967 28619 for more details. Admission free.

Keep Fit Classes. By Kay Wayman. Every Monday Monday at 9:50 to 10.50am and Thursdays 6-7pm. Santon Bridge Village Hall. £6. 019467 24226 or 07707 408799. Or just turn up.

Line Dancing. Every Monday. 7.30pm, Windscale Club, Seascale. £2 pp donation to charity. Contact 019467 28449 for details.

Messy Church. Run jointly between St Cuthbert's and Seascale Methodist Church and meets on the second Saturday of each month in school term in St Cuthbert's Church Hall at 11am to about 1pm.

Music Jazz Club. Thursdays. Holmrook Reading Room, 7.30pm. Own instrument needed. Contact Peter Smith on 01946 822489.

Music Jam. Jam at the Wheatsheaf in Egremont. Come along and join in the fun if you can, between 7pm Tuesdays and let's say ... late. Ask for me when you arrive, if you want to play. Bring your gear. Val. 07974 418325.

Open Mic Night – Strands, Nether Wasdale. First Wednesday every month. 9pm start. Live music by various singers and groups.

Open Mic Night – Florence Mine, Egremont. Third Wednesday of each month. Great atmosphere, all gear provided. Just turn up.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A General Meeting. Third Thursday every month 10.15am for 10.45am in Gosforth Public Hall. Membership is £5 per year which covers membership for all the groups. In addition there is a small admission charge for each U3A meeting. Contact: Graham Brassington 25794.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A History Group. First Wednesday every month at 11am in Drigg Village Hall. Contact: David Huyton 01946 841362.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery Group. Fourth Wednesday every month 10.15am for 10.45am in St Mary's Room. Contact: Graham Hutson 25477.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Singing for Fun Group. First Thursday every month 2.30pm to 4pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Seascale. Contacts: Gavin Walker 26474 or Xandra Brassington 25794.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Art Appreciation Group. Second Thursday every month 10.30am in St Joseph's Church Hall Seascale. Contact Jean Taylor 28713.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Mah Jong Group. (House Group Gosforth) Second and fourth Mondays every month from 2pm to 5pm. Contact Xandra Brassington 25794.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Reading Group. (House Group Gosforth) Fourth Thursday every month between 10.45am and 12.00noon in a private house. Contact: Jean Taylor 28713.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discussion Group. Third Tuesday every month between 10am and 12noon in a private house. Contact: Graham Brassington 25794.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Photography Group. Second Tuesday every month in the Beckermets Reading Room at 10.15am for 10.30am. Contact: Tony Bagnall 25595.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Walking Group. Third Friday each month. Easy walks are regularly arranged usually starting at 10.00am and last about 2 hours. Contact: Joan McIntosh 25459.

Over '60s Lunches. Strands, Nether Wasdale. Monday to Thursday, noon to 2.30pm. One course £5, 2 courses £7, 3 courses £9. 019467.

Open Social Run. First Sunday every month, 9.30am. Seascale beach or cinder track, starting from car park. Organised by Blengdale Runners and open to anyone who can run three miles or more at any speed.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF

Play Club. Holmrook Reading Room Play Park Contact Caroline Marsden to let your children use it.

Rangers. Every Tuesday during school term time. 7.15-8.45pm, usually in supper room at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith 019467 28265.

Saturday Coffee Morning. Seascale Methodist Church Hall, 10-11.30am.

Scottish Country Dancing. Windscale Club, Seascale. Every Wednesday from September to April at 7.30pm. Beginners very welcome.

Scouts/Cubs/Beavers: 2nd Seascale Scout Group. Every Thursday night in school term time. St Cuthbert's Hall. Beavers (6-8 years), 5-6pm. Cubs (8-10 years), 6-7.30pm. Scouts (10-14½ years), 7.30-9pm. Contact: 28296 or info@seascalescouts.org.uk

Seascale Art Group. Monday mornings (except Public Holidays) 10am-12noon in the Games Room at the Windscale Club. Call in if interested.

Seascale Knitting Group. Fortnightly meetings on Wednesdays 6.30-8pm at the Windscale Club. £1 per session. For more information contact Penny Cater penelope_cater@btinternet.com

Seascale Parish Council Meetings. First Wednesday every month. 7pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. No meeting in August unless there is urgent business.

Seascale Women's Outlook. Alternate Tuesdays in term time at 8pm in the Methodist Hall. All ladies welcome. Contact Glenda on 28404 for programme.

Table Tennis Club. Wednesdays. Holmrook Reading Room, 6.30-7.30pm. All welcome to turn up or contact David on 24632.

Tuesday Chat. First Tuesday every month. 2-4pm. Drigg & Carleton Village Hall.

West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers meetings. Second Wednesday every month. Harrington Fishing and Sailing Club, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Details: 019467 28938.

West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers train running on Curwen Hall Park track. Sundays 2-3pm in fine weather.

WI, Seascale. Seascale Methodist School Room. Mondays 7pm each month except January, February and December at 2pm.

Wild Flower Meadow. Holmrook Reading Room. Phone 24105 to be involved. Supervised children welcome.

SEASCALE EVERGREEN CLUB

It is with sadness that I must record the end of the Seascale Evergreen Club, after a life of 52 years. The club was founded in June 1962 and progressed thanks to the efforts of such as Vera Fulwood, Jean Gentle, Audrey Jackson, Nora Powell and the then vicar's wife Mrs Haythornthwaite. Over the years the club has provided its members with a commendable programme of interesting and rewarding recreation, in an atmosphere of good fellowship. Many excellent speakers have given first-rate presentations on a variety of subjects. There have been musical delights, many outings to attractive places and an enjoyable succession of seasonal and celebratory meals. The Methodist Church Hall has been the highly satisfactory venue for most meetings.

The club is indebted to Maureen and Gerry Camlin for arranging much of its yearly programme along with taking care of financial matters. Valuable help has also been provided by other committee members: Dorothy Foster, Helen Hey and Rita Ludden.

Unfortunately membership numbers, which in the club's heyday totalled 80 to 90, and attendance at events, have diminished to the extent that the club is no longer a viable institution. It can, however, look back at over half a century of worthwhile and enriching activity.

John Gray, Former Chairman

CONGO

A Classical Concerts Calendar is now available, with details of all the concerts taking place in West Cumbria this summer. It is absolutely FREE when e-mailed to your computer. All you have to do is send your e-mail address to David Killick of ConGo (West Cumbria Concert-Goers) killick.wasdale@btinternet.com.

Anyone who likes big orchestral concerts may like to know that ConGo will be running a coach to Carlisle to hear the Hallé.

Tethera is seeking volunteers to help distribute future magazines in Seascale, and possibly 'reserve' volunteers for Gosforth. No more than an hour's commitment on one day 3 times a year. Please call Trevor on 28449 if you could help.

CHURCH SERVICES

Information about Anglican and Methodist services in the area can be found in local parish newsletters and also on the following websites:

Seascale

www.achurchnearyou.com/seascale-st-cuthbert/

Drigg

www.achurchnearyou.com/drigg-st-peter/

Gosforth

www.achurchnearyou.com/gosforth-st-mary/

Eskdale

www.eskdalebenefice.org.uk/index.htm

Whitehaven Methodist Circuit

www.whitehaven-methodist-circuit.org.uk/downloads.html



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DRIGG LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We meet in the Drigg Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month.

We have a spring programme of talks and then an autumn program of three talks.

The hall is open for refreshments at 7pm and the meetings start at 7.30pm.

Our spring programme in 2015:

Tuesday 17 March

A report on the Virgin Mary Well investigations which took place in Holmrook Hall woods. It will be a talk on the early history of Drigg since the Ice age by Alan Bell.

Tuesday 21 April

It will be a talk on the history and development of the Cumbrian farmhouse since medieval times by Chris Craghill.

Drigg Local History Group

DATE: TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2015
TIME: 7PM FOR 7.30PM

The Virgin Mary Well report & The Early History Of Drigg since the Ice Age: a talk by Alan Bell

To be held at Drigg Village Hall
Refreshments 7.30pm
All welcome
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Further Information
John Dell (25492)
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Drigg History from the Ice Age

SUPERFAST BROADBAND DELAYED AGAIN!

This item contains the February briefing and details the BT/Openreach works programme for the Connecting Cumbria Project 1 to bring Superfast Broadband to the Parishes of Mid-Copeland.

“Please note Summer 2015 is defined as June to September 2015.

Gosforth: There are 3 cabinets planned and are expected to be live in Summer 2015 covering an estimated 590 premises.

Seascale: 4 cabinets are planned, with an estimated coverage of 940 premises. It is expected to go live Summer 2015.

Wasdale: Is very likely to be Phase 2 but I cannot comment at present as that is subject to County Council procurement. Phase 2 will start in the autumn and is the first of the “mop up” programme for those areas not covered by Phase 1.

Eskdale: one cabinet planned covering an estimated 110 premises for go live Summer 2015. The exact location will be revealed later.

Holmrook: Was 1 cabinet, now likely to be two covering estimated 300 premises, going live Summer 2015 and Autumn 2015 (2nd cabinet).

Ravenglass: 2 cabinets for summer 2015, the estimated coverage is 240 premises.

Re Irton, Drigg and Ponsonby, we don't have an exchange for those areas so they could be included in the above.”

The telephone infrastructure has different parameters to local government boundaries and exchange area often covers more than one parish.

At last we know that by next Christmas we will have the basis of a modern communication service available to nearly 1600 residences. However it's like the National Lottery: “You've got to be in it to win it”. You will have to upgrade your contract with your broadband supplier to be able to use the new service. Some suppliers do not want to sell a fibre-based package so you may have to change to a different Internet Service Provider.

Connect Cumbria is preparing to launch a new consumer information package which should coincide with the delivery of this magazine.

Brian Kennish

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SORRY – SAYS NORTHERN RAIL

Northern Rail have apologised for the lack of information about the cancellation of all trains on Saturday 31 January which was due to Network Rail engineering work at Ravenglass. Trains from the north terminated at Sellafield while those from the south terminated at Millom so the stations in between were left without a train service. A revised time-table was issued with Rail Replacement buses running between Millom and Whitehaven but unfortunately the service agency who was supposed to put these notices up say they were too busy with safety work elsewhere. The summer time-table comes into force on 17 May. The Annual General Meeting of the Copeland Rail Users Group will be held on 28 March at 12.30 for 1.00pm in the Methodist Hall, Seascale. There will be a small buffet followed by the meeting. All are welcome.

Alfred Sharing

SOMETHING NEW AT HALL SENNA

As many of you who are dedicated garden visitors will know we have now been opening our garden for the National Garden Scheme for six years. Your support has been amazing and allowed us to donate more than £8,000 to worthy national charities. This year, however, we have decided that there are many worthy causes closer to home so in collaboration with our Lady Mayor we are going to open in support of Give us a Break, Jigsaw, Hospice at Home West Cumbria and the Pride of Cumbria air ambulance.

We will be opening on Sunday 10 May from 10.30am until 5pm. This will give regular visitors a new perspective on the garden whilst new visitors will have an opportunity to view the garden as it awakens for spring with rhododendrons and magnolia in full flower, and tulips ready to greet you with their bright, beautiful blooms. The rockery looks particularly good in May and although the vegetable patch will not be as prolific as in August it should show promise of things to come.

There will be the usual splendid tea and cakes, a plant stall and also a tombola.

We hope this change will bring more visitors from near and far, so put the date on your calendar and we will see you then!

GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL

Gosforth Public Hall was built in 1930 to provide a meeting place for the various village organisations. It has been well used over the years by many users such as the Women's Institute, Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society, Carpet Bowls, various music groups and bands, uniformed organisations, the Art Society and fitness groups to name but a few. It is run by volunteers from the various user groups. In 2000 it was awarded a Lottery Grant which was used for its refurbishment. Works included putting in disabled access, a disabled toilet and installing a mezzanine floor in the downstairs cloakroom. Recent improvements have been the supply of new chairs and new curtains are on order.

Recently several of the committee stated their desire to retire as officers and a concerted effort was made to find new officers. Alan Jacob (Chairman), Betty Jacob (Secretary) and Mel Gould (Treasurer) were all to be replaced although they said that they would be willing to stay on to help those who took their place. This is especially welcome as they have given long dedicated service in keeping the hall operational.

In January 2015, at its bi-monthly meeting several volunteers attended from user organisations and offered to serve. Following discussion they were formally proposed and seconded and elected to the various posts and to the general committee.

Officers and committee members are now as follows:

Keith Rhodes – Chairman
Ann McKenzie – Vice Chair
Jakki Barratt – Secretary
Paul Barratt – Treasurer
Alan Witham – Bookings

Continuing committee members are Alan Jacob, Jim Polmear, Mel Gould, Angela McGill, Graham Hutson, Margaret Witham, and new members are Lynn McKone, Jo Froggatt, Rose Bradbury and Judy Rhodes.

As previously mentioned special thanks should go to Alan Jacob and Betty for the sterling work they have put in over many years, through the refurbishment and general upkeep and improvements. Special thanks also to Mel Gould, who as Treasurer has tried to keep a tight rein on the finances as income fell. We welcome the new Chairman and committee members and look forward with the support of the local community to continue to improve and maintain the hall for all its users.

Ann McKenzie

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1ST GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

At Gosforth Scouts, we spend plenty of time in the great outdoors with fantastic places to visit right on our doorstep. At the end of November, the Beavers and Cubs had an adventure in the dark to Parkgate tarn to celebrate the Thai festival of 'Loy Krathong'. The real Loy Krathong is a beautiful, peaceful one when people make flowery rafts with candles and launch them on lakes and rivers and have picnics with their families to celebrate the harvest. Ours maybe wasn't quite so peaceful with lots of excited children finding their way through the forest by torchlight. But we did make our little pond look very pretty with fairy lights and our candles didn't blow out when we launched our rafts – unusual for Cumbria in November!

More recently, the Cubs have been practising their map reading skills, and learning about morse code with torches. One day we may be able to send signals in the dark!

The Scouts tend to have one week in the hut and one week outside, and recently have enjoyed the chance to ring the bells at Irton Church, been Karting at Maryport and learnt how to use stoves to make hot chocolate on the windswept school playing field.

In the village, we are lucky enough to have our own Scout hut, which means we have lots of storage space for equipment, we can hold sleepovers, display our work, and use the nearby school field. The hut is getting rather old now and in need of repair, particularly with regard to a leaking roof. So we decided that as the hut is a valuable community asset, we wanted to get the repairs done and thanks to donations from the National Lottery, Cumbria County Council and AMEC, work is due to start in the next few weeks. To help with the fundraising efforts, the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers took part in a sponsored swim in October down the length of the River Irt – 25km – but in the swimming pool, of course! Everyone helped by swimming as far as they could, and when we reached our goal we were all very excited. We also enjoyed visits to the river at Ravenglass and Wasdale to imagine exactly where we were swimming! Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

The Scouts is a great way to meet friends, learn new skills and get out and about. If you are interested in joining Gosforth Scout Group, contact Jackie Harper on 27211.

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DRIGG VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

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Saturday 21 March, 7pm

Mr Turner

Cert. 12

2 hr 29 min

This film explores the last quarter century of the great if eccentric British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea, where he dies. Throughout this, he travels, paints, stays with the country aristocracy, visits brothels, is a popular if anarchic member of the Royal Academy of Arts, has himself strapped to the mast of a ship so that he can paint a snowstorm, and is both celebrated and reviled by the public and by royalty.



Sunday 19 April, 4.30pm

Guardians of the Galaxy

Cert. 12

2 hr 1 min

From Marvel, the studio that brought you the global blockbuster franchises of Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and The Avengers, comes a new team-the Guardians of the Galaxy. An action-packed, epic space adventure, Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" expands the Marvel Cinematic Universe into the cosmos, where brash adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the object of an unrelenting bounty hunt after stealing a mysterious orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain with ambitions that threaten the galaxy.

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ARTS OUT WEST SHOW

Saturday 16 May, 7.30pm

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Michelle Plum is a former member of Chumbawamba, Waking the Witch and The Accidental Tourists. She also recently guested on vocals for Katriona Gilmore and Jamie Roberts 2013 Spring tour. Nick B Hall has been a member of The Hall Brothers band nearly all his life.

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GOSFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The end of last year proved very busy but the children performed magnificently in their Christmas productions and the choir entertained several groups of people, all of whom enjoyed their singing.

Over the past few weeks the weather has proved very challenging and we have had to have quite a few playtimes inside because it is either very icy or very rainy! We have, however, had a new heating system installed and we are keeping warm in school, which is lovely.

Our Community lunches continue to do well and the people who come not only enjoy a roast dinner but also enjoy each other's company. The school council has been busy encouraging us to support charities and this term will see us doing dancing for MacMillan and also taking part in Red Nose Day.

Parent 'drop ins' are proving popular and we will be continuing these this term where parents are invited at a specific time to come into school and see the work their children have been doing over the term. They also take part in activities and listen to

presentations which is a wonderful way to share the super work going on in our school.

We have already attended some sporting competitions and these are always enjoyed by the children and it enables them to meet children from other schools. We have a team from the infants attending the County final of Gymnastics soon in Penrith and we wish them lots of luck.

Lindsey Martin, Headteacher

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OPEN ALL HOURS AT CALDER HOUSE HOTEL

In the October 2014 issue Steve Ainley and Andy Gainford looked back at the history of Calder House Hotel, while signalling some exciting changes ahead. With a very successful Christmas now behind them, it's time for the major refurbishment programme to spring into action.

So what can customers expect? "School's out," says Steve, "and we're putting in place a sleek and contemporary bar and restaurant for the twenty-first century." The Tivoli function room will have closed its doors on 1 March, ready for a complete style reinvention. The next couple of months will see walls being moved, windows being replaced, and a brand-new terrace put in place for alfresco dining in the summer.

With panoramic views of the glorious west coast this will be somewhere to enjoy throughout the day and into the evening.

"Once the structural work is complete the bar will be moving downstairs," Steve continues. "It's not a case of moving the current bar lock, stock and

barrel, though – Andy and I have been working with a firm of interior designers to create a whole new look."

With the new look comes a new set of opening hours. Calder House will be open from breakfast onwards – the ideal spot to stop off for a morning coffee, a light lunch, afternoon tea or an evening meal.

"We'll also be looking for additional staff to join the team," explains Andy, "to cover many aspects of the business – bar, reception and waiting staff for morning, afternoon and evening shifts. We'll welcome applications from anyone aged 16 and over. Look out for the adverts!"

"We're planning to relaunch on the late spring bank holiday – Monday 25 May," concludes Steve. "It seems as though we've been surrounded by wallpaper and fabric swatches for months so we can't wait to share the whole design with everyone. Now, the first thing is finishing off that external painting..."

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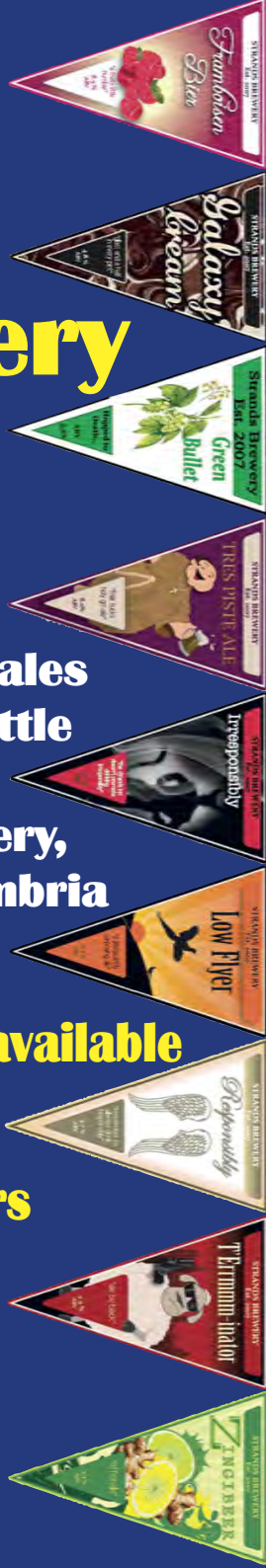
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ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

RECENT CHANGES AND FUTURE PLANS

St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Seascale

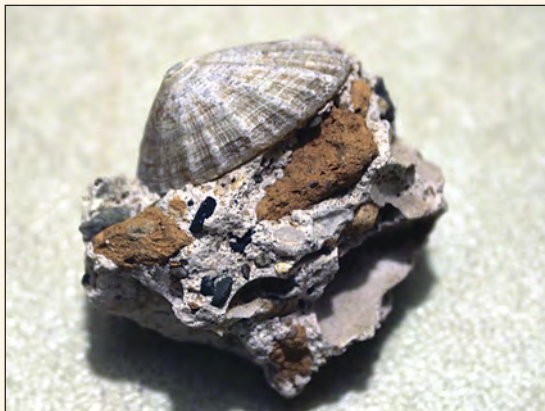
Early in 2012 it was recognised by the Parochial Church Council that the Hall was losing money, despite hire charge income, and had to be sold as the priority for money given by parishioners had to be sustaining the Church and its services. To this end, we looked at re-ordering the church – giving up some of the internal space to providing functions currently provided by the Hall before we sold it. In the main this required removal of pews in the rear two-thirds of the church and dividing off this part for community use with moveable screens and chairs for use for the odd church services and events when all the space was needed. It would, of course, also require provision of toilets, better disabled access, improved high level parking, basic catering facilities and improved heating/insulation.

In order to start the ball rolling a Flower Festival was held 4-7 May 2012 to commence fundraising and to test opinions of those who visited on the above proposal for the church. Written comments were invited and by far the majority were in favour, however a major problem, which required more urgent attention, had raised its head.

South Aisle Roof deterioration

The gutter along the South Aisle (the side that faces the main road) was slipping from its normal position perched on the top of the side wall and starting to overhang dangerously. A temporary arrangement was made to re-position it but when the reason was

External scaffold and security boarding in place.



From the old concrete roof – proof of materials used from the beach.

The concrete was progressively broken out to leave only the support 'I' beams



investigated it was found that the concrete of which the South Aisle Roof was made had decayed and the top layer was slumping (and had taken the gutter with it).

A conservation architect determined that beach sand and gravel had been used and that the likelihood was that the salt had not been washed out of it before use – however it had lasted more than 120 years. He recommended that the roof be replaced with a timber construction within two years. This roof was to be overlaid with new leadwork and underclad with the existing decorative boarding. His estimate of cost was £7,500 to produce a scheme and obtain competitive tenders and £93,000 do the work.

Raising repair funds

Of potential grant-funders applied to those that responded positively were:

All Churches Trust – £1,750.
Garfield Western – £10,000.

English Heritage (administering the Heritage Lottery Fund) – £6,000 for design and tendering + £63,000 'in principle' for installation based on the Grade 2 listing of the church.

Tenders were requested of three companies and William Anelays (the cheapest) made the total costs associated with installation over £140,000 – well above what was estimated or that we could afford with current grant offers.

Why couldn't The Church make up the difference?

Many people are under the impression that Anglican Churches receive funding either from the central body or even from some other official sources. This is not the case and has not been since 1868 when Parliament abolished the Church Rate and Churches began to be entirely reliant upon voluntary contributions, usually in the form of collections. The return on any early investments made by the central church has long since reduced drastically.

It costs about £560 a week to keep St Cuthbert's operating. This includes a contribution to clergy pay and pensions (though not the full amount as we have to depend on other parishes with a larger income within the Carlisle Diocese to make the books balance). Donations are, wherever possible, gift aided which means that the government returns the tax paid, when those donations were earned, to the church. This is worth another 25p in every pound donated.



Internal high level platform to catch the concrete rubble.

English Heritage and supporters to the rescue

We made an appeal to English Heritage for enhanced funding which, fortunately they agreed to which, along with VAT that we could recover, meant that St Cuthbert's had to fund only about £4,500 itself. This it was able to do thanks to a generous response to an appeal directly to its supporters through a letter accompanying its Newsletter and earlier donations.

Roof replacement

Anelays started work on Monday 11 August. Despite this start being later than they would have liked due to the wait for enhanced funding, they were blessed with reasonable weather for much of their planned 12 week program and they finished exactly as planned on Friday 31 October. They did a superb job and found no difficulty in their work passing a rigorous inspection by the English Heritage representative. The attached pictures illustrate the work.

As part of the English Heritage conditions for giving the roof repair grant we are now obliged to keep the church open at least several hours a week



Building the replacement wooden framework in progress.



Re-clad roof. Leadwork nearly completed.

for public access and to carry out our essential maintenance plan of work each year for at least 10 years.

During the enforced shutting of St Cuthbert's the Methodist Church was kind enough to host our Sunday services and the Roman Catholic Church (St Joseph's) the Wednesday services.

Development of closer relations between denominations

In 2003 a National Anglican – Methodist Covenant was signed and has been hailed as a major step to unity between the two. In 2011 an 'Ecumenical County of Cumbria Declaration of Intent' was signed by representatives from the Anglican, Methodist and United Reform churches in Cumbria. This committed

the three Churches to exploring ways of seeking the best use of buildings and of sharing ministry and mission.

In response to these initiatives, in Seascale we are only using one church building for alternate periods between Methodist and Anglican congregations for all the services on each Sunday which saves on heating bills and brings our two congregations closer together. We have already held United Evening Services for over 40 years. We also have a close, though informal relationship with St Joseph's Catholic Church in this village.

The services in St Cuthbert's and the Methodist Church, whoever leads them, are shared between the congregations with Methodists joining in Anglican worship and vice versa. On Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Day only one united Anglican/Methodist service was held and we

hope that this will continue. The village United Carol Service was hosted by St Joseph's.

The future

In considering the best future use of all of the church owned buildings we therefore need to review past plans and revise them as appropriate to fit in with the above arrangements.

The sale of St Cuthbert's Church Hall, having been delayed, has become more urgent and it should be 'on the market' early in 2015, unfortunately in advance of any changes to St Cuthbert's Church building to accommodate current Hall activities.

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COLD, WET WINTER NIGHTS...



What do children do on all the cold and wet nights in winter? You would think the 6-8 year-olds would stay inside, play games, make models, do some crafts and keep warm. Well not in Beaver Scouts! Our youngest girls and boys spent an evening inside learning tracking signs, while Leaders organised with Scouts how we can do a trail in the dark.

Spiky Grass

The following week, with hands full of glow sticks, four Scouts hit the Dell, cinder track and footpaths in Seascale to lay the trail. Beaver Scouts are always keen to get out but when you tell them they are going on a Scout Hunt they jump up and down with excitement. On a lovely clear evening (after many wet and windy ones) the Beaver Scouts left the hall. The excitement grew as they could see the glow stick trail which would enable them to find the Scouts. The Scouts did a great job splitting the group up to go different ways and taking the Beavers Scouts off the cinder track into the dunes, which made it that little more interesting, and spiky in the long grass!

Turn Off Your Torch

The Scouts did a great job, with the Beavers learning the first rule of night walks which is 'you don't need a torch' because when they did they could not see the glow sticks in the distance! The Beaver Scouts were buzzing about their adventure. You would think they had never walked this route before and it just shows that a path you may do often can always lead to adventures.

Farm to Fork

In January The Scout Association teamed up with Tesco and created a new badge for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts: Farm to Fork. Our Cub Pack (8-10 ½ years)



was the first group to complete this with Tesco Whitehaven.

We were met by Ian who adorned the Cubs in hi-vis tabards and white hats. During the visit

the Cubs had to complete a number of activities including calculating which piece of fruit had travelled the furthest, naming a variety of fish and tasting and describing a number of cheeses. Other activities included tasting different breads, feeling the flours and making a bun with the dough. It was a fantastic evening and the Cubs enjoyed it so much that they asked Ian if they could visit again. The Cubs are really looking forward to working on the tills, so if you shop in Tesco on a Thursday evening watch out you could be served by one of our Cubs!



Tents and Snow

Camping in January is not everyone's idea of fun but once again 2nd Seascale Scouts were to prove that a bit of cold does not deter them. We had been eagerly watching the weather forecast as the camp approached and there was a whoop of delight when



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the advance party reported back that they had pitched our tents in the snow.

Unfortunately this had melted by the time the Scouts (10½ - 14 ½ years) arrived at Great Tower, Windermere. Saturday was the perfect day weather-wise with a bright sun rising over the mountains, which made the day's activities of air rifle shooting, crate stacking, mountain biking and tree climbing all the more enjoyable.

The evening was filled with a wide game where the scouts had to capture the opposing teams' flags. Although it began to rain on Sunday the Scouts still had a fun-packed morning taking part in backwoods cooking, geocaching and team games. Everyone had a great weekend and is looking forward to Frostbite Camp 2016!

Join the Adventure

In the UK there are 500,000 members; consisting of girls and boys from age 6 to 25 and adult leaders and supporters. 2nd Seascale Scout Group meets on Thursday and caters for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and has links with the local Explorer Scout unit. To find out more, please contact:

Neil Henderson, Scout Leader
Info@SeascaleScouts.org.uk



EXHIBITION AT FLORENCE MINE

Seascale artist Gareth Harrison and woodworker Ralf Bidder are staging a joint exhibition of their work at Florence Mine Arts Centre, Egremont. The exhibition is on now, and runs until Friday 28 March. Regular opening times are Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm. The artists plan to be working at the event Wednesday to Saturday usually 10am-4pm.

The former iron ore mining site is now an established arts and cultural centre, situated in the old shower blocks, adjacent to the original winding house and pit-head wheel.

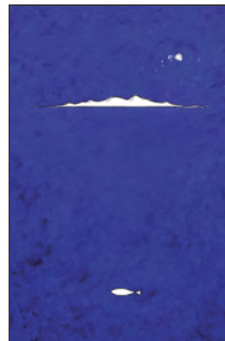
Whilst Gareth is known locally for his landscape paintings and photography, notably featuring Wasdale, this selection also features many of his more contemporary and exploratory artworks. Graphic designs and use of flat space, coupled with use of mixed media and found objects allow some familiar motifs, such as Great Gable and the Isle of Man, to feature as elements of compositions verging on the abstract.

Ralf was raised in Munich, settling in Cumbria after many years of travelling.

He now has a workshop near Holmrook, from



which he produces a range of items such as bowls, spoons and candle holders, through sculptural pieces to clocks, stools and tables. His philosophy is to aim for a work process and outcome that is environmentally sound, using traditional tools and wood from sustainable sources to put into practice the idea of a synthesis of mind and hands – mindfulness.



Both artists will be working at times on new pieces within the exhibition, Ralf hoping to have one of his pole lathes set up for turning and Gareth will be using a corner of the floor space for ongoing artworks.

Florence Mine is situated just off the A595, from which the pit-head can be seen. There is plenty of free parking on site, and it is also within walking distance of Egremont town centre and Lowes Court Gallery.

More details can be had from Florence Mine, tel: 01946 824946, or Jenni Payne (organiser) on jennipayneart@gmail.com info@florencemine.com www.florencemine.com

SANTON BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL ART, CRAFT AND LOCAL FOOD FAIR

The 2015 Santon Bridge Art, Craft and Local Food Fair will take place on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March. The fair will include cookery demonstrations from 'Ambassador for Cumbrian food', Gary McClure. Gary, who is also the Made in Cumbria Chef, is the well known Artisan sausage maker from Broughton in Furness.

Gary will be one of the many local food producers, artists and craftspeople at the event. The popular 'food village' will again take place outside the hall and local food includes meat and game, smokery products, cheeses, herbs, preserves, cakes and confectionery.

The art and crafts side will include a wide range exhibitors include paintings, photography, pottery, kiln

fired glass, sculpture, jewellery, textile and woollen products and hand crafted wood.

Santon Bridge Village Hall committee chairman Ian Warren says "The hall has recently been refurbished and greatly improved so will be an even better venue for the fair. We look forward to building on previous years' excellent events"

The art, craft and local food fair is being held on Saturday 28 March, 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 29 March, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free parking, free entrance and refreshments with home baked cakes add to the attraction.

Proceeds from the fair go towards the upkeep of the hall and the on-going refurbishment programme.

Contacts: Ian or Madeleine Warren 019467 26233



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GOSFORTH ART EXHIBITION 4-5 APRIL

Jo Froggatt



The Easter Gosforth Art Exhibition is open in Gosforth Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 4 and 5 April. It showcases the work of members of this very popular, well attended group that takes place in Gosforth and Seascale on a weekly basis.

This exhibition over the Easter weekend displays wonderful original-only paintings and cards for affordable prices with the purpose of ensuring there are original artworks for all.

There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle as usual which is really great fun, especially for the children, and homemade refreshments which are always popular with our local supporters who often come each day just to enjoy a chat with friends and family to enjoy a community get together.

It is free to come in and wander around at your leisure. Please come and support this local group which has been active in the area for over 40 years.

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ESKDALE ART SHOW 23-25 MAY

During the Bank Holiday in late May, an exhibition of paintings and crafts for sale by artists and crafts people, both local and from further afield, will be staged in St Bega's school, Eskdale. Organised by the Friends of Eskdale School, the exhibition is free to enter and open from 10am to 4.30pm daily. Free parking is available in the school grounds. In its twenty-second year, the exhibition raises vital funds for the benefit of the children of the school.

Staged against the spectacular and tranquil backdrop of Eskdale, the exhibition offers precious minutes of relaxation and enrichment of the imagination. What can you expect? Judged against previous exhibitions, you will find the venue packed with people. Group after group will be wandering around the exhibition, their faces radiant with joy.

On the walls, you'll discover different styles of modern art: charcoal drawings, pencil drawings, oil paintings, water colours and not forgetting photographs typically capturing the stunning local views. Some of the art reflects daily activities and some brings you into a world of imagination and dreams. As you stroll through the exhibition rooms, don't be surprised if you hear the voices of stewards telling visitors about the artists and their works. The wide variety of ceramics, woodwork, sculpture, fabrics, jewellery and cards ensures that there is something for everyone, no matter how large or small the budget. Following on from last year's very successful children's shop, which proved their entrepreneurship and consumer-friendly manner, the children of St Bega's will this year be selling a variety of plants and pots.

After absorbing the splendour of the art, you may want to take the weight off your feet. Why not relax at a table in the small café and talk to others about the exhibition whilst enjoying the mouth watering selection of homemade hot and cold refreshments?

When it's time for a leg stretch, walk off the calories with a stroll around the picturesque village and enjoy the diverse variety of private gardens, many of which are open to view during the Sunday and Monday.

If you fancy a day out combining a taste of culture, the taste of local produce and a chat with some of the friendly exhibitors, why not pay a visit? You'll be assured of a great day out.

Further information is available at
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SEASCALE'S CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR I

Seascale young people produced a very fitting and moving tribute to mark this occasion. The model of Seascale village circa 1914 was the centre point of the Remembrance weekend exhibition which was opened by Eileen Eastwood on Saturday 8 November.

The Children's Craft Club and Messy Church were involved with constructing parts of the model village supported by Maureen Hogg, Janet Hardy, Jackie Folkes and Allison Hanshaw.

The exhibition included the Commonwealth War Grave Commission certificates for each of the Seascale WWI war dead, along with details of the regiments the men served with and regimental war diary details. Examples of war documents available to family historians were also on display. There were snippets of information regarding life in Seascale around that time; the young people were amazed to hear how many shops there were at that time, and amused that there was an "Inspector of Nuisances" employed in the village. Snippets of information were obtained from Neville Ramsden's book on Seascale.

Visitors to the exhibition were greeted by a wall of poppies beautifully created by the Brownies who also handmade the Seascale Coat of Arms.

Scout Cubs and Beavers produced a poignant wall poster with the names of the Seascale WWI war dead, and also made a decoupage poppy "Seascale circa 1914" sign. The scouts were very excited to discover that one of their



leaders and a couple of the scouts live in houses where WWI heroes had actually lived. It really brought the project alive.

Shackles Off put together a booklet with details of the war dead which showed the soldiers details along with the regiment they served with and the date and place they died, and also which war cemetery they are buried in. Poppy window posters were produced for the

houses to display to identify that a war hero had lived there before serving in WWI. Poppy loom band bracelets were also made and worn by the young people as a mark of their respect.

The model village and exhibition then moved to Seascale library where it has been on display until recently. There is a copy of the booklet which was produced by Shackles Off in Seascale library.

It was quite remarkable to discover that the 14 men from WWI mentioned on the war memorial at St Cuthberts church are all buried in different

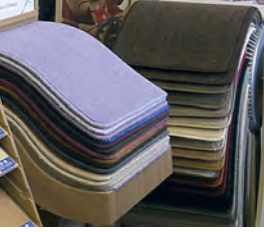
cemeteries. If anyone locally is planning on visiting any of the WWI battle field war cemeteries and would like further information on the Seascale WWI war dead please get in touch. (phone: Allison 21935)

I received a phone call from Rita Weightman's granddaughter Ruth as she wanted to include a photo of the model village in a book she is currently working on relating to WWI in the local area.

Thank you to all our wonderful young people in Seascale for remembering them.

Allison Hanshaw





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The cast.

GADS PANTOMIME “JACK AND THE BEANSTALK”

The highlight of this year’s pantomime “Jack and the Beanstalk” was the outstanding performance of the junior chorus and dancers – the credit goes to Paul Fligg the Musical Director and Emily Taylor the Choreographer. Alison Fligg, who played Jack, the principal boy, and Sam Ketchen who played Simon made a fine pair as the children of the dame played by Andy Williams. Rosalind Amey proved an excellent evil witch in costume and acting. Harry Ketchen and Greg Wilson spent their time inside “Buttermilk” the cow and brought it to life by appropriate head and body movements. The “Night Magic” scene was a total surprise, done in complete darkness and using UV sensitive painted coloured



Alison Fligg, the principal boy with Buttermilk.

shapes of gardening tools, flowers, flying owls, bats and even two small bees illuminated with a UV light made a fascinating build up for the growth of the giant beanstalk. This was the creation of Jim Polmear, the Stage Manager and his stage crew. *David Gray*

Thanks to everyone who supported us by coming to see our Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk. We hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it. Our next production will be Nemesis written by Peter Wilson and it will be performed as our entry at the All England Theatre Festival in Grange-over-Sands on Saturday 21 March.

We will be holding auditions for our spring play on Thursday 26 and Monday 30 March 2015 at 7pm in the supper room at Gosforth Public Hall with performances from Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 June 2015. If you are interested in being involved please come along and find out more about it.

The GADS AGM will be on Wednesday 29 April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome but non-members are not allowed to vote. Please see website for details of venue.

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POLECAT SEEN IN GOSFORTH — TRAPPED IN A HOLE



Here is evidence of possibly the first sighting of a polecat this far north in the country. This one was seen in Gosforth. The reason the polecat looks distressed is because it was at the time stuck in a hole! It was immediately freed by being dug out, and took off like a rocket.

Up until the mid-19th century polecats remained common and widespread, but increased predator control associated with game shooting caused a sharp decline thereafter. By 1915 the polecat had been eradicated from most of its British range, remaining well established only in a small part of mid Wales, Herefordshire and Shropshire, where pressure from humans was lowest.

By the end of the 20th century polecats had recolonised England as far north as the southern fringes of Manchester, as far south as Wiltshire, and east into Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire – counties where the species became extinct over a hundred years earlier.

Photo is by Hazel Jacklin. We have no idea what the turquoise patch is – maybe a trick of the camera's flash, although it is said that there is a tinge of that colour in the fur.

David Gray

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Line Dancing: 7.30 – 9.30pm

TUESDAY

Thai Chi: 11.00am – 12.00noon

Quiz Night: fortnightly: 7.30pm for 8pm start

WEDNESDAY

Scottish Country Dancing: 7.30 – 9.30pm (Starts 7 September – April)

Darts and Dominoes League

Knitting Club: fortnightly 6.30 – 8.00pm

THURSDAY

Folk Dancing 7.30 – 9.30 (September – April)

Bingo: 8.00 – 9.30pm

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BEER A' PLENTY!

At 4pm on Thursday 12 March we at West Cumbria branch of CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) will be opening the Seasc-Ale beer festival, at the Windscale Club. It was a simple decision to choose the Club as the venue for our spring beer festival, providing, as it does, pleasant comfortable surroundings, modern facilities and the wonderful support of SASRA and their team.

Up until the closure of Whitehaven's Civic Hall, our highly successful beer festival had become a key feature on the town's social calendar. However, with this loss of an established venue, we have begun to look at new opportunities for 'spreading the word' as to what CAMRA, and real ale, have to offer.

Locally, the branch has produced sterling work in promoting Cumbria's breweries and pubs. We've now more than thirty breweries producing excellent real ale, ranging from the 'big-boys' of Jennings, down to the smallest of micro-breweries. Our involvement in the annual Taste Cumbria festival in Cockermouth has given each of these a presence at event now with national exposure. Presentation of Pub of the Year and Season awards help give recognition to the very many fine country, town, and village pubs in West

Cumbria; as does inclusion for the very best in the famed Good Beer Guide.

Nationally, CAMRA's objectives are many. A current priority is protection and promotion of the traditional British pub: there is no better place to have a decent beer than drinking socially down 'the local'. There are, too, specific campaigning goals: most people will know that we push for 'full pints' in oversized glasses, but we have also successfully lobbied parliament on issues ranging from Beer Duty to laws regarding tied houses. But not forgetting the beer itself – protecting the full range of styles and strengths of Britain's brewing heritage; milds, stouts, IPAs and even the increasingly popular golden ales, as well as more traditional pint of bitter or 'best'.

It is exactly this kind of opportunity to showcase quality, local and national real ales that is the inspiration behind our beer festival at The Windscale Club. Admission and beer price will be kept affordable (£2.00 / £1.50 a half respectively) and with sessions on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday we expect a good mix of clientele at all times. The Saturday is most likely to be best attended, with 6 Nations Rugby on big screen!

See you there!

Brian Maudling, Treasurer – West Cumbria CAMRA



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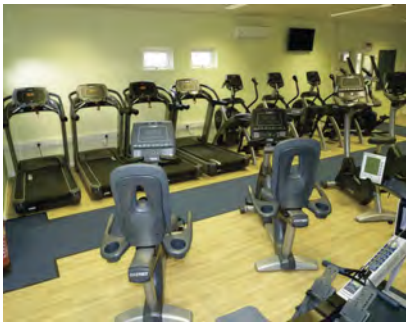
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SASRA: STILL HERE!

SASRA, the Sellafield Area Sports and Recreation Association, has been a part of the west Cumbrian community since its establishment in the 1950s. Founded to provide sports and recreation facilities to the region's fledgling nuclear community, it both underpinned and encouraged a sense of cohesion.

A lot has changed since the 1950s. Galloping developments in technology have changed our expectations of home entertainment. Our homes are warmer. Although the pressure of juggling work and family commitments has always been present, many people report a fragmented sense of community. Social life is increasingly defined by family and friends rather than wider groupings. SASRA now operates as a limited company, run by an executive board of directors with a membership over 8,000.

And yet... Recent developments have shown that community spirit is still very much present in the region. Anyone living or working in west Cumbria is eligible to join SASRA Ltd; while the majority of members still work on site, a sizeable minority claims no direct link with the nuclear industry. Without this sort of community spirit, the Seascale Community Fitness Centre could not have been established. Attracting an initial investment of £160,000, the centre was launched thanks to a complicated web of corporate partners and individual supporters from across the region. The centre boasts a flourishing membership, its premises are bursting at the seams and it turns an annual profit.

Even if the gym is not your thing, SASRA Ltd remains a key prop in this part of west Cumbria. It owns and operates both the Falcon Club in Egremont and the Windscale Club in Seascale as well as squash facilities and tennis courts. You can take up Scottish country dancing or English folk dancing, indoor bowling, or pretend that you're the next Shaun Murphy. SASRA Ltd's affiliated sections include angling, sea fishing, archery, a rifle club, golf, and a music and arts programme. For those who prefer to take their exercise sitting down there's always the chess club, knit 'n' natter, or the option of propping up the bar while accruing loyalty points for the next pint. Find out more at www.sasra.co.uk.

And now... Take SASRA Ltd out of the equation and community life would become immeasurably poorer. Challenges that SASRA Ltd faces as a limited company are different from those when it was plain old SASRA. No longer dependent on the nuclear industry, its future is largely in members' hands. Renew your membership, get involved, and make a difference!

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THE SEASCALE FIRE SERVICE

The old fire station



This article gives a brief history of the development of the local fire brigade. The old method involved 'doing it yourself' along with the help of your neighbours and taking buckets of water from the farm's duck pond. This was replaced by the use of a team of trained but volunteer firefighters, just as we see today.

So after one or two fires on the local farms, which had relied for their help upon such people who had seen the smoke coming from the fire, in the spring of 1906 the parish council decided that as the village was expanding with more houses being built, without a local pond, a change was necessary and so the Seascale Brigade was formed.

This new service was manned by volunteers and funded locally, as would any similar village charity.

"A concert was held on Tuesday evening, 21 July 1914, in the Scawfell Assembly Rooms in aid of the funds for the Seascale Fire Brigade. There was a fair audience, considering the fine evening would tempt many people to enjoy the evening outdoors. The visitors turned up well. The concert was deserving of more support than it received from the residents as the object was an effort to keep down the rates by providing appliances required by the brigade which otherwise would have to be a charge on the parish. The programme was an excellent one of varied vocal and instrumental music, with humorous character

sketches, and was well performed. During the last six months they had been called to two fires in the neighbourhood and had recently saved a visitor's motor, which took fire."

Prior to the arrival of the first "modern" fire engine, Seascale brigade had only used a hand-propelled fire cart to be followed by motor cars with a fire box attached to carry the equipment. The Brigade never possessed a horse drawn engine. Ladders were never carried but borrowed from two locations within the village – as and when needed.

So in the spring of 1906 the Seascale brigade was formed and the development of the service followed from these extracts taken from the local newspapers and Parish Council minutes.

Mr Isaac Postlethwaite was paid £20 for building the Fire Station. The Furness Railway was to be paid £1 rent each year for the land.

The Council met at the new fire station on Friday 18 May 1906 to test the fire apparatus and form the brigade and Mr Jeffrey was appointed Fire Captain, Mr W. Braithwaite Vice-Captain.

Brigade members were called out by the firing of a maroon to attract their attention.

Seascale Fire Brigade – The personnel in June 1913

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Organiser: West Coast Local Support Group

Where: Gosforth Methodist Church Room

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Walton Braithwaite	Henry Casson
W. Brockbank	Hudson Casson
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T. Tippier jnr	Rev.PB. Mercier
W. Cleaver	William Richardson
A.C. Shibbins?	I.J. Postlethwaite

Parish Council: October 1920

A cheque for £2-5-0 from an Insurance Company was passed to Captain G Fidler of the Fire Brigade for disbursement amongst its members.

Parish Council: January 1923

Captain G Fidler of the Seascale Fire brigade announced his resignation from the post. He has been Captain since 1910.

Parish Council: September 1923

The new Captain of the Fire brigade, Mr S. Trippiar, requested the following equipment:

- 1 Extension Ladder
- 1 12-14 ft. Ladder
- 1 Jumping Sheet – 9ft by 9ft
- 100yds of water hose
- 6 Maroons
- 1 doz. refills for Portable Extinguisher

and the Seascale plan of “Fire Plugs” to be brought up to date.

Parish Council: November 1923

A Special Meeting held concerning the Seascale Fire Brigade and its new fire engine plus reel cart, yet minus its wheels, bought by public subscription.

Parish Council: May 1924

The new fire engine would not fit in the fire station and the door close. The door had to be modified from opening to sliding.

Parish Council: November 1926

The charges arising from the recent fire at Black How Farm:

8 men	at 7/6	£3-0-0
2 Maroons	at 10/-	£1-0-0
2 Main charges	at 35/-	£3-10-0
6 refills	at 4/-	£1-4-0
	Total	£8-14-0

The Alliance Insurance Company objected to these charges and wanted them more in line with those from Egremont and Millom etc.

Parish Council: January 1927

A Report to Council recommended an extra 6 feet be added to the fire station.

Parish Council: March 1927

LMS Railway wanted an increased rent for an enlarged station. Increase from £1 to £2-10-0 pa.

Parish Council: February 1928

The Fire Brigade extension ladder had rotted having been left outside in the weather.

Parish Council: May 1929

Listed below are the names of the men newly enrolled onto the Fire Brigade.

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|---------------------|---------------|
| J. Wilson | J. W. Borwick |
| W. Braithwaite, Jnr | W. Mashiter |
| C. Turner | N. Malinson |
| J. Burrows | Wilson Turner |
| W. Hogg | J. Newton |
| T. Ward | |

The Councillor Responsible for the brigade was the Revd Akam.

This home grown service was eventually taken over by the civil authorities, Millom Rural District, in 1938 when the local fire equipment was sold to the Council for £50. The equipment included four hose pipes, three at 60 feet and one at 30 foot for the chemical engine. This money was invested in Defence Bonds to support the war effort. Before the advent of control by the local council the villagers were charged for the attendance of the local fire-fighters at your house fire. Typical of these charges was a charge of £2-10-0, which was never paid, made to the owner of Victoria Terrace for attending a fire at that residence. This charge included £1-10-0 for four firemen and 7/6 for the use of a lorry.

Whitehaven News: June 1967

The cost of Seascale’s new fire station has escalated from £11,500 to £15,700 due to the costs associated with the Drill Tower and an access road. The 40-foot tower was the main reason for local objections to the scheme.

December 1968

The Station was eventually built at a cost of £14,564 by Eden Construction of Carlisle. On 2 December 1968 it was officially opened by Councillor Alan G. Langley of Seascale Parish Council and Mr HJ. Porter the Chief Fire Officer for Cumberland. The building, which includes an office which contains the Communication panel, workshop, lecture room,



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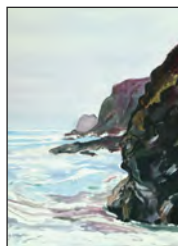
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showers and kitchen was designed by the County Architect and was planned for minimum maintenance. The Seascale crew of ten firemen, two leading firemen and Sub-Officer Horace Broome were in attendance.

January 1983

The 22 year-old Seascale fire engine is due for retirement. It has spent its last ten years at Seascale and had 11,000 miles on the clock and attended

about 30 emergencies each year. The village firemen have decided to buy the engine for £200 to be preserved for use in charity events. Present at the hand-over by Chief Fire Officer Francis were Sub-Officer Ken Mawson, Leading Fireman David Moore and Fireman Leslie Moore, Chris Steele, Tony Holman, David Twentyman and Ron Brown.

Fireman and Sub. Officer Ken Mawson, of Bailey Ground Farm Seascale, was presented with his 20-

year service award recently. He started with Seascale Fire Brigade in 1963, made leading fireman six years ago and then Sub. Officer in 1982.

Sub. Officer Ken Mawson retired from the service in January 1996 after 33 years service. He has been replaced by Sub. Officer David Moore.

Nev. Ramsden



The old fire engine while still in service before the buy-out by the firemen.

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SPOTLIGHT ON TONY HOLMAN



In November 2014 about 100 friends, work colleagues and family came together to help celebrate Tony Holman's big birthday. It was a brilliant evening with lots of good food, real ale, speeches and the amazing Roosters. At some point during that evening I was asked by Trevor if I would write a short piece about Tony for Tethera.

Having been a friend of Tony's for over 45 years I was happy to be asked. In this short article I can only scratch the surface of what this man has already crammed into his life so I will focus on what he has contributed to the community.

Only a couple of weeks after Tony was born in Muncaster he moved with his family to Seascale where Tony has lived ever since, establishing himself as a true member of the Seascale community.

Although I did not go to school with him at Wyndham I have heard so many stories (so many times) that I sometimes think that I was there! Whilst at school Tony made many lifelong friends who have shared in of much of what follows. In fact two of The Roosters – Paul Toole and Paul Clarke were at school with Tony.

The first part of Tony's working life began when he was 13. His dad told him to go round to Bailey Ground Farm to see if they needed any help with hay timing. Tony soon became part of the Mawson team and a close friend to the family. It was at the farm that I really started to become friends with Tony. We had some great times and we were even trusted to look after the farm on a couple of occasions. Tony is

still fixing and mending things either on the farm or at the Bailey Ground Hotel. Tony and Lois continue to support the Mawsons business and can often be found at Liz's café consuming her delicious cake and ice cream.

It was also about this time that he started getting interested in things with engines in them but particularly motor cars. This was probably due to his big brother Brian being a rally navigator for Chris Steele. I have lost count of how many different cars and motor bikes Tony has owned. One of his big achievements was to build a lovely two-seater MG replica car with his dad. It is still his pride and joy. His passion for motor bikes continues and he regularly plans routes for the "Fells Angels" (old school friends with big motor bikes). These tours are not for the faint hearted as they often involve numerous stops for tea and cake.

After leaving school Tony secured an apprenticeship at Sellafield as a fitter and turner.

During his time at Sellafield he was responsible for the maintenance of a wide variety of robotic equipment. After over 40 years of dedicated service Tony took early retirement, but retirement in the Holman household does not mean putting your feet up.

About the same time as joining Sellafield and working on the farm Tony decided to join his dad, Ken Mawson, David Moore and others as a retained firefighter for the Cumbria Fire Service in Seascale.

Perhaps being born on the 5 November had something to do

with his passion for putting fire out?! Tony was presented with a long service award for 35 years service by Cumbria County Council and has recently achieved 40 years service. Forty years of service is a tremendous achievement, during which time Tony and his colleagues have attended hundreds of call outs. Tony continues to be a member of the Fire Service and has also given his time to training young firefighters, teaching youngsters about fire safety and the role of the fire service. Tony has enough stories to write a book – something I have suggested on several occasions. Ask him to tell you above how many firemen it takes to rescue a pig that had got stuck in the mud!



Lois, Tony and very young Laura.

— LOYAL SUPPORTER AND CITIZEN OF SEASCALE

In addition to Tony's work at Sellafield, helping on the farm and being on the Fire Service he felt he should do more so he joined the Parish Council. Tony served on the Parish Council for 16 years during which time he was also a Governor at Seascale School for four years. Another of his community roles was being on the Seascale Fun Day Committee and he even got his ladders out and hung the Christmas lights.

His mum Joyce and dad Jack were both well-known and respected members of the Seascale community. They raised their three children Brian, Hazel and Tony in their home on Fell View Road. Tony's wife Lois (Tuley) was raised on Santon Way just down the road from the Bailey Ground Farm. So perhaps they were destined to get together and in June 1980 they were married in Seascale. I had the privilege to be Tony's best man (he had done the same for me a year earlier). It was very fitting that Tony and Lois had the Seascale fire engine to transport them – thankfully there were no callouts that day!

Lois has also played her part in village life and in particular she is one of the committee who organises the annual Seascale Flower Show. Needless to say Tony is always on hand to help in setting up and dismantling the show.

Their two lovely daughters, Laura and Natalie, were raised in Seascale and both helped out on the farm and had various other part-time jobs in the village. They have both now moved away to further their own careers in photography and pharmacy but maintain strong connections in the village.

Apart from being a man who likes cake, anything with an engine and putting out fires, Tony is a modest, genuine and caring individual with a great work ethic and good sense of humour. Tony is a man who often put others before himself and a man who believes that if you live in a community then you should do your best to give something back to that



Tony receiving his 35 years service award from the County Council for services to the Fire Brigade.

community. Tony Holman, his family and friends should be proud of what he has given back to Seascale.

Roger Milburn



SEASCALE KNITTING CLUB CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

We have now had our first anniversary and at Christmas we donated £100 to the Howgill Family Centre in Whitehaven. The monies were our left-over subs after paying for the room (there is a £1 charge per person). We gave vouchers that the centre could use at their discretion.

After the success of the summer adornment of the sea front it was felt that Christmas could not go un(knitty) noticed. Twenty three local businesses agreed to host knitted treats in their windows as part of the 'What's in the window' quiz. It was hugely enjoyed, and as ever, the knitties produced wonderful items. (In case any one was wondering there were 24 robins.) There were also 42 feet of knitted paper chains, not mention copious amounts of Santas, snow men, carolling penguins and beautiful knitted wreaths. Some of the businesses were keen to keep their displays, and the folk who knitted the items asked for a donation to charity .



We raised over £50!

The club goes from strength to strength with an ever increasing membership. Folk dip in and out as they please but we usually have at least ten knitters at any one session. Some knit for themselves, others for charity and many are learning how to knit and crochet. There are patterns, needles and yarn to share for those who need them. We also welcome unwanted yarn to knit for charities.

The group welcomes anyone who has an interest in yarn – crocheters, cross-stitchers, quilters and embroiderers are very welcome too. Our motto is 'just don't bring glue!'

We continue to meet fortnightly at the Windscale Club from 6.30 to 8.00pm on a Wednesday. To help you work out when we meet, points of reference are Weds' 4, 11 and 25 of March and fortnightly thereafter. You will be assured of a warm welcome!

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Jam Side Up meet on the first Friday of every month in the Kellbank Hotel in Gosforth. It all began around seven years ago in Seascale, and since then the group has evolved in those seven years but the philosophy at its heart has always been to encourage musicians of all abilities to play jazz in a supportive atmosphere. As a result, every jam night is different and exciting.

The music kicks off around 8.30pm with an easy jazz standard for everyone to join in. The sessions are always varied with a wide range of playing abilities,

ages and instruments of all shapes and sizes. The more experienced players are on hand to provide help for the jazz beginners. Some music is provided, but jammers are more than welcome to bring along their own music or arrangements.

Jam Side Up isn't just for players, everyone is welcome to drop in for a drink and to listen to us. You could hear anything from the trad jazz style, to sultry jazz vocals, to Herbie Hancock funk, to bebop, to latin numbers. And remember – Jazz is open-ended music designed for open minds!

Visit www.jamsideup.net for more information on the format of the jam or join us at www.facebook.com/jamsideupjazzclub. *Anna Brown*

FLO JAZZ

Flo Jazz is a new Jazz Club at Florence Mine Art Centre, Egremont. It is held on the third Friday of every month and features a superb in-house band. People are welcome to turn up and Jam. All levels welcome. Singers are also welcome. Music is provided but if you want to play something specific, you must supply copies for the Band. (Rythmn Section).

Arrive at 7.30. Music starts at 8pm. There is a white board displaying numbers to be played – simply add your name if you wish to join in or if you wish to play fill in one of the vacant slots.

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GOSFORTH SHOW HISTORY 1875-1919

The Gosforth and District Agricultural Society was formed in December 1875 by a group of local farmers whose surnames included Tyson, Gunson, Benson, Grice, Braithwaite, Spedding, Wilson, Matterson, Cook, Parker, Plummer, Hartley, Mossop and Steele to name but a few.

The very first show was held on Wednesday 20 September 1876 in two fields near the Church (now Denton Park housing estate) loaned by the first Chairman, John Tyson of Blennerhazel Farm, Gosforth. The first Patron was Mr A.B. Steward of Newton Manor and Mr Stanley of Ponsonby Hall the first President with Lord Muncaster, M.P. of Muncaster Castle as Vice-President.

Show visitors and competitors started arriving early morning on foot and in horse-drawn vehicles from the surrounding villages. Some folk and animals came by train to Seascale railway station and then walked. Mr Fearon's handsome coach and team of four chestnuts brought many leading townspeople from Whitehaven.

There were 478 entries of which 128 were horses including Agricultural, Roadsters, Hackneys and Leapers which were housed in the larger field where the driving and leaper courses were staked out. For spectators there was a large wooden grandstand and the second field accommodated the cattle, sheep and pig pens as well as a luncheon tent. Lunch was a large affair where toasts were drunk to all involved in the show as well as Her Majesty the Queen and long speeches continued into the late afternoon.

A premium of three guineas was awarded to Messrs Head and Heron for their wonderful display of farm implements and the farmers' root crop classes were laid upon the grass including long red mangolds, swede turnips, carrots and potatoes.

Hotly contested was the "Three pounds of butter without mark or print" class with fifteen ladies entering but of course butter was made on most farms by the wives and daughters and sold locally so



The first showground beside Gosforth Hall (now Denton Park) ran from 1876 to 1913.

to be best in a butter class at Gosforth Show was important when selling butter at the Whitehaven market on Thursday.

Two competitions were judged prior to show day. In the "Green Crop Competition" a field of three acres or more was judged and William Sharpe of Drigg Moorside was first and Mrs Gowan of Byersteads was second; probably not a weed in sight even though weed hoeing would be by hand hoe or by crawling between the stitches on your knees on sack hessian kneelers. The field of course would be worked by heavy horses – ploughing, stitching and sowing perhaps with a fiddle drill.

William Benson of Low Boonwood was awarded the Newton Manor cup for the "Best Managed Farm in the Parish of Gosforth" judged to be in the best general state of cultivation, neatest and most exact order as to fences, gates, drains, farmyards, cleanliness from weeds and in the most eligible succession of green and white crops. During his speech the Chairman quipped that he had visited the farm a few days before the judging took place and the only fault he could find was that the grindstone was slightly out of line; this brought laughter from the other diners. I am sure the crack about it would have been very interesting and the

M.S. Singleton at Gosforth Show in about 1908.



topic of debate at the next auction, farm sale or over a pint in the pub when everyone was enjoying a game of nap or at the whist drive when the next fox hunt came to the village. Today in 2015 we do not have these competitions – I wonder if anyone would enter?

The *Whitehaven News* has always supported Gosforth Show. In 1897 they gave a ladies silver watch value £2 10s as a prize for the fresh butter and in 1904 upped this to a ladies gold keyless watch valued at £3 3s. In 2012 the *Whitehaven News* gave the show £400 to buy eggs and spoons, hula hoops, flags, buckets and balls for our popular sports for all on show day.

Mr Hinde, jeweller of Whitehaven gave an electroplated hot water jug to the value of 15s for first prize in the class for a dozen fresh brown eggs and jam stand valued at 7s 6d for second.

The weather has always played a vital role in the success of the show and many early show reports say it was favoured with faultless weather but in 1883 gale force winds blew down the luncheon tent on the eve of the show but this did not deter the committee who quickly made arrangements to use the nearby school. For five years recently we have had very bad weather but

the show has never been cancelled because the various committees have pulled together and staged successful shows enjoyed by all who took part and visitors alike.

The 1913 show was the last show held on the Denton Park fields as World War One broke out. No show was held until 1919 when it restarted on the new field near Harecroft Hall.

This year's show is on Saturday 15 August when the exciting attraction will be "Big Pete and his Monster Truck Team".

We will continue the History of Gosforth Show in the next *Tethera*.

Vera Lowrey and Sheila Lawson



SEASCALE CRICKET CLUB 2014 AGM REPORT

The Cricket Club AGM was held on Saturday 10 January 2015 at the Windscale Club.

The 2014 annual Club awards were won as follows:

Frank Woolley Trophy (First XI player of the year)	Adam Brown
Villas Trophy (Midweek player of the year)	Matthew McEwan
Goldsborough Cup (Most Improved player of the year)	Harry Whitfield
Junior Shield (Junior player of the year)	Harry Whitfield
Reading Rooms Association Cup (Clubman of the year)	Steve Brown Snr
First XI batting averages	Adam Brown (31.0)
First XI most runs	Adam Brown (589)
First XI bowling averages	Daniel Lee (43 wkts @ 11.4)
First XI most wickets	Daniel Lee (43)

For the 2015 season, the First XI will once again play in the North Lancashire and Cumbria Cricket League Division 1, and for the first time in over 30 years, will enter a 2nd XI in the Cumbria Cricket League, playing on Sundays. There'll still be a midweek team playing at home on Thursday nights. Following the success of last years U-11s, most of the team will progress to play U-13s whilst the club will also continue the U-11s. Adult and Junior practice will continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from early April as in previous years. Contacts for the teams are: Steve Brown Snr (28352), Andy Lee (28292) and Lee Fleet (Juniors – 27864)

Seascale CC		First XI	2015 Fixtures
Day	Date	Opponents	H/A
Sat	25/4	Ulverston	H
Sat	2/5	Egremont	A
Sat	9/5	Lindal Moor	H
Sun	10/5	Dalton *	A
Sat	16/5	Carlisle	A
Sat	23/5	Millom	H
Mon	25/5	Dalton	A
Sat	30/5	Workington II	H
Sun	31/5	Hawcoat P**	A
Sat	6/6	Egremont	H
Sat	13/6	Ulverston	A
Sat	20/6	Carlisle	H
Sat	27/6	Lindal Moor	A
Sat	4/7	Millom	A
Sat	11/7	Dalton	H
Sat	18/7	Workington II	A
Sat	25/7	Egremont	A
Sat	1/8	Ulverston	H
Sat	8/8	Lindal Moor	H
Sat	15/8	Carlisle	A
Sat	22/8	Millom	H
Sat	29/8	Dalton	A
Sat	5/9	Workington II	H

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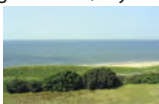
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STRESS MANAGEMENT

1. How many people reported work related stress that was making them ill in 2011/12?
2. What proportion of all work related illness is that?
3. What is the definition of stress?
4. What are the symptoms of stress?
5. What are the main reasons for work stress?
6. Name the main way to relieve work related stress?
7. What shouldn't you do to relieve stress?
8. Name 3 things that are key to good stress management?
9. What else will help?
10. What duty do employers have with regards to stress in the workplace?

Answers opposite

New Year's Resolutions

We are all used to setting resolutions at this time of year mainly to lose weight, take more exercise and stop smoking, but what about reducing the stress in your life? This is especially true if you feel stressed at work because this can make you ill. In the period 2011/12 the HSE (Health and Safety Executive) reported that 428,000 people felt work related stress was making them ill. That is 40% of all work related illnesses and is probably an under estimate as many people either don't recognise it or don't report it.



What is Stress?

Stress is defined as the adverse reaction people have to excessive pressures and demands placed on them and the main reasons for people feeling stressed at work are work pressure, lack of support from managers and work related violence and bullying. If



you are not sure whether you are suffering from stress the usual symptoms are pounding heart, dry mouth, odd aches and pains and loss of appetite for food and sex. If you have these symptoms you need to pinpoint the cause. One of the main ways to relieve stress at work is to learn to say "no" when you know you haven't got time to do whatever is being asked of you. Outline your reasons in a specific measurable way but always offer a solution.

Keys to Good Stress Management

1. Physical activity can get you in the right state of mind to identify the cause of your stress and find a solution. There is a solution for every problem but if you remain passive, thinking there is nothing you can do, your stress will get worse. The feeling of loss of control is one of the main causes of stress so taking control is a crucial part of finding a solution that satisfies you and not someone else. You need to look at ways to manage your time like making a "to do list" at the end of each day and listing what you have to do in order of importance.
2. A good support network can also ease your work troubles and helps you see things in a different way. The activities we do with friends gives us a chance to relax and having a good laugh with them is an excellent stress reliever.
3. Try to ensure that you do not work more hours than you are contracted for. The UK workforce



works the longest hours in Europe and so they don't spend enough time doing things they really enjoy. Aim to set aside a couple of nights a week for some quality "me time".



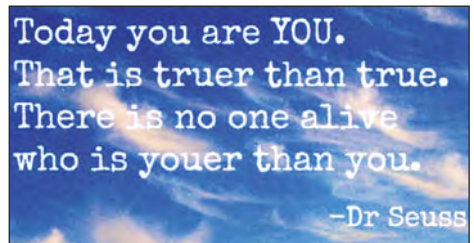
4. By setting yourself challenges, in work or outside, you can help build your confidence as you are being proactive and taking charge of your life, which in turn will help you deal with stress.
5. It's important that you don't rely on alcohol, smoking and caffeine as your ways of coping as over the long term they will not solve your problem. Men are more likely to do this than women as they are less likely to seek support from their social circle.
6. Volunteering has been shown to help relieve stress as it makes you feel good to help others and also shows you that many others have worse problems than you do. Even just doing somebody a favour each day can be enough to make you feel better.
7. In all aspects of your life, work smarter rather than harder. Become more organised, so for example when you go shopping you run 2-3 errands at the same time, keep telephone conversations short and to the point, only look at emails once a day etc. Concentrate on the tasks that will make a real difference and leave the least important jobs till last or when you are tired.
8. Look for the positives in life and things for which you are grateful. Write down three things at the end of each day which went well for you. By making a conscious effort each day you can train yourself to be positive about life.
9. Accept things that you can't change and concentrate on everything you do have control



over e.g. if your company is going under and you are going to be made redundant there is nothing you can do about it so concentrate on getting a new job.

10. Learn to relax. Use deep breathing exercises and take up Yoga or Tai Chi.

You could also talk to your employers as they have a duty of care to their staff and must run stress risk assessments on a regular basis.



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Answers: 01, 428,000. Q2, 40%. Q3, The adverse reaction people have to excessive pressures and demands placed on them. Q4, Pounding heart, dry mouth, odd aches and pains and loss of appetite for food and sex. Q5, Work pressure, lack of support from managers and work related violence and bullying. Q6, Learn to say "no". Q7, Smoking, drinking or ignoring it. Q8, Being in control, having a good social network and adopting a positive outlook. Q9, Relaxation. 10, They have to ensure health, safety and well being of their employees and run a risk assessment for work related stress.

THE MAYOR'S CHAINS, DAFFODILS AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A few of the hi-lights of life at Seascale Brownies

The autumn term at Seascale Brownies seemed to pass by in a flurry of activity. We were joined in September by several new Brownies who were all ex Rainbows, and this now means that we have a waiting list.

A visitor early in the term was Copeland's Mayor Mrs Eileen Eastwood who answered all the Brownies' many and varied questions and told all girls all about what it was like to be Mayor. But the hi-light of the evening for the girls was trying on the Mayoral Chains of Office which Eileen had brought along. I'm sure we have one or two aspiring Mayors in our midst!

Before the nights drew in we took the opportunity of daylight to plant some daffodil bulbs with the dual purpose of been part of our Brownie Seasons badge and a commemoration of the fact that 2014 was the 100th Birthday of Brownies. Who knows? By time you read this article some of the bulbs maybe pushing their way through the frozen soil.

Early in November we were delighted to have a visit from Alison Hanshaw who showed and talked to the girls about the model of Seascale depicting how it looked when WWI broke out. The girls were fascinated to know that most of their homes weren't even built 100years ago. She told us about the booklet detailing the young men from the village who did not return after the war. This meeting was also very special for another reason as this the night when all the new Brownies made their promise and we were pleased to see their families coming to support them.

In-between times there was fun, games and lots of

Brownie crafts and before we knew it Christmas was nearly upon us – at our penultimate meeting we welcomed once more the ladies of the Women's Outlook. The Brownies love meeting and greeting, serving the supper (thank you Maggie and Joan for organising the food) and then to round off the evening each six performed their choice of Christmas carol.

And so ended what had been a very special year for Brownies everywhere, we all had a great time and it left us with some super memories.

All that remains is to thank everybody who helped in any way during 2014 and give a special Thank you to my fellow leaders Lynn, Maggie, Joan, Sarah S and not forgetting Sarah H (who left us for pastures new in 2014) for all commitment and time you give to Brownies out of your busy lives –THANK YOU EVERYBODY AND HERE'S TO THE NEXT 100 YEARS!!!

Brownie Greetings, Jennifer Matches



 **Seascale Parish website**

Although the new Seascale Parish Council website is 'Under Construction' as we go to press, you can see the general layout and structure, plus also some initial content, by going to www.seascaleparish.com

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 1.30pm - Adults and Children March up the hill behind the band
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 2.30ish- Morris dancing
 2.45pm - Teas in the hall and distribution of children's teas
 3.00pm - Raffle Draw and Children's Sports start
 Stalls and ice cream



Nether Wasdale Church School closed 80 years ago because there were too few pupils. In any case, the facilities were basic in the extreme. (The toilet was an earth closet in a little building round the back.)

The Old School building has continued in use for occasional church and community meetings, and for many years Stockport Grammar School used it as a kitchen and dining area when they brought parties of children to camp at the nearby Church Stile Camp Site. Stockport G.S. provided kitchen equipment (cookers, fridges, sinks, etc.) to enable this to happen.

More recently, the Church Council has installed much more suitable furniture, an inside toilet, three different heating systems and double glazing to bring the building up to date. What is more, the Wasdale May Festival Committee (which provides community teas at the Old School on the first Saturday in May each year) took the initiative in transforming the kitchen. Thanks largely to a grant from the County Council (plus generous donations from the Wasdale community), the Hall now has state-of-the-art kitchen equipment including a range cooker and a commercial dishwasher which can do all your washing up in three minutes!

The Church Council is now looking for more groups to make use of these splendid facilities. We welcome one-off bookings and of course more regular usage. And it would be great to see a local school or scout troop following in the footsteps of Stockport Grammar School by setting up their tents at the camp site and using the Old School as their cooking, eating and meeting base.

Be sure to have a good look at the Old School when you come to the Wasdale May Festival on 2 May. For further information please contact me on 019467 26258 or killick.wasdale@btinternet.com.

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Before Christmas the club organised bag packs at both the Co-op in Cleator Moor and Morrisons in Whitehaven to raise funds for local charities and in January held its annual Burns Supper with a difference at the Red Admiral – the difference being the Haggis which was played in by Mark Rudd playing the fiddle; the English translation of the address to the haggis was used enabling everyone to understand it, and finally many present were each asked to recite a piece of poetry, most of which was very short but highly amusing. Auld Lang Syne closed the evening as usual.



District Governor Roger Mason and Paul Conner.
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AN EVENING THAT WENT WITH A BANG...

On a wet Saturday night in early November, the Gosforth village fireworks were held. This annual event, organised by Gosforth Nursery Management Committee, has become a fixture in the village calendar and is a popular and well attended event. Despite the weather, this year was no exception. It's always great to see all ages turn out for the event, although everyone is so wrapped in their wet weather gear it can sometimes be hard to see who everyone is!

Gates opened at 5pm and the refreshment tent was ready with supplies of soup, hotdogs and baked potatoes, tea, coffee and cakes. The soup was made by Sandra Biggins and the cakes were all supplied by volunteers, and dropped off at the nursery earlier. We had a great mixture of cakes this year, so thank you to all of you who provided them. The rain was lashing down, and the refreshments tent was the place to be! Huge thanks go to Greengarth RUF for letting us borrow the tent (as well as the people to put it up) and also to Carillion who supplied the lights and generator. Both of these pieces of equipment make all the difference to putting on the event. Thanks also to Gosforth C of E Primary School and the Friends of Gosforth School (FOGS) for letting us use the school field, tables and other equipment. Again, we couldn't do the event without you.

Bang on time, at 5.30pm, it was time for the fireworks. The weather decided to give us a break and the rain stopped just as we switched the lights off to enjoy the display. Once again, we were treated to a fantastic show with the fireworks coming thick and fast. A myriad of colours and effects, it was an entertaining display which was appreciated by the crowd, young and old alike. Ian Simpson and his band of volunteers were responsible for choosing, setting up and setting off the fireworks. This sounds like a great job, but unfortunately they are all so busy on the night running from one firework to the next, they

hardly get a chance to see the amazing display that they create! Thankfully, Roger Lomas was on hand and captured the full display on video which they watched afterwards in the tent as they dried out!

Despite the weather, it was a great event. The team were tired at the end of it but very grateful to everyone for coming, to all of the helpers – in the tent, on the gates and doing the fireworks. It's a short event, but it takes a lot of people to make it a success and it's the enthusiasm of all those people that makes it work. We were very grateful to those who helped take the tent back down again and clear up the school field so that Lyndsey Martin and Andy Pratt would be happy on Monday morning and they might even let us do it again next year!

We had some great support from local businesses, who sponsored the event and we'd like to acknowledge them here: LLW Repository Ltd, The Village Store at Gosforth, Prima Uno, Robinson + co, The Wild Olive, Floor Coverings Cumbria, J.D. Moore Joinery, Beck Place Services and Gosforth Bakery. We were privileged to have your support. Gosforth Nursery is a registered charity and was graded by Ofsted as "outstanding" at our inspection in 2014 – the highest level you can achieve. We continuously try to enhance the care that we can provide to the children who attend the nursery and fundraising events such as the village fireworks are an important part of that. We're currently working on expanding our facilities with an outdoor classroom due to be constructed soon where the children will be able to take part in outdoor activities, whatever the weather.

If anyone would like to sponsor or help out at next year's fireworks, please let us know. You can contact the nursery on 019467 25800 or by emailing gosforthnurserycommittee@gmail.com



WEVA PLANS FOR 2015

WEVA is the acronym for the **W**estern **V**alleys of Cumbria, a group founded in Nether Wasdale a decade or so ago to promote and encourage links with like-minded people in France, or, more especially in the small town of St Martin d'Auxigny right in the centre of France, close to the beautiful mediæval city of Bourges. It is an area of rolling farmland, small-scale, but excellent vineyards (Sancerre wine being its most well-known appellation) and orchard upon orchard of apple trees, the fruit of which is crushed and turned into apple juice that really tastes like apples. CJSMA stands for Comité de Jumelage de St Martin d'Auxigny (the St Martin d'Auxigny Twinning Committee). The full story of how these two apparently dissimilar areas of central France and Cumbria's western valleys became connected may be obtained on request.

This year it's WEVA's turn to do the travelling and already les braves gens (the good people) of St Martin are preparing to welcome, feed, lodge, entertain and embrace as many west Cumbrians as possible who can be persuaded that visiting France in this way and staying with real French people in a real French home is utterly, utterly different from camping, staying in une chambre d'hôte (B&B) or being part of an organised tour with an English-speaking guide in constant attendance. To allay any concerns about language and communication, at least a couple of crash-course language sessions will be available before departure date, namely Wednesday 13 May, returning to the UK on Monday 18 May; not too long, but long enough to get a real flavour of St Martin and the generous hospitality always on offer. Apart from travelling expenses and spending money, there should be nothing more to pay in France. Our hosts really are very generous.

Unfortunately, WEVA cannot provide a luxury coach this year, but it is quite possible and permissible to take your own car and incorporate the St Martin visit into a longer trip to France. Otherwise, travel will be by rail from Seascale or air from Manchester: exact details to be confirmed.

If you are interested in any way (and who wouldn't



Main square at St Martin d'Auxigny.

be?), please contact WEVA chair, Rosalind Amey on 01946 820426 and westernvalleys2@googlemail.com or membership secretary Graham Hutson on 019467 25477 and hutson521@btinternet.com. Membership of WEVA costs just £10.00 per year for individuals and £15.00 per year for households of two or more.

So these are the WEVA plans for 2015, because without planning nothing would happen and no-one would be anticipating the pleasures of five days of French friendship and fun.

Bon Voyage!

SEASCALE FOOTBALL

Some years ago Seascale football team disbanded. In the recent months, a number of lads have been congregating and playing football at the local pitch on Coniston Avenue and reforming Seascale FC, showing great promise. With training on a weekly basis and progress being made, Seascale FC is due to start playing at the start of the open age Egremont District Sunday League 2 in August, at Coniston Avenue football pitch.

With plenty of spaces available, and everyone welcome, we're looking for more people, old and young, to get involved and play the sport representing Seascale and surrounding areas, whether it be volunteering to help organise matches, events or charity activities, or coming to have a kick around and partake in the return of the football club. Training takes place at Coniston Avenue Football pitch on Sundays at 2pm whatever the weather. Boots are highly recommended but not necessary.

For more information, contact Stuart Rigg 07419 110819, or Alan Case 07791 901689.



**Egremont &
District Pool**

Term-time Timetable 2015

MONDAY

9.30 – 11.00	School Swimming
11.00 – 12.00	Aqua Babies
12.00 – 1.00	Adults Only (deep pool) Adult & Child (shallow pool)
1.00 – 3.00	School Swimming
3.00 – 4.00	Lane Swimming
4.00 – 6.00	Swimming Lessons
6.00 – 7.00	Seascale Club
7.00 – 8.00	Ladies Only
8.00 – 9.00	Challenge Swim

TUESDAY

9.30 – 11.00	School Swimming
11.00 – 12.00	Aqua-Fit (shallow pool) General Swimming (deep pool)
12.00 – 1.00	Adults Only (deep pool) Adult & Child (shallow pool)
1.00 – 3.00	School Swimming
3.00 – 4.00	Lane Swimming
4.00 – 5.30	Swimming Lessons
5.30 – 8.30	Copeland ASC

WEDNESDAY

9.30 – 11.00	School Swimming
11.00 – 12.00	Concession Swim
12.00 – 1.00	Adults Only (deep pool) Adult & Child (shallow pool)
1.00 – 3.00	School Swimming
3.00 – 4.00	Lane Swimming
4.00 – 6.30	Swimming Lessons
6.30 – 7.30	Challenge Swim
7.30 – 8.30	Adults Only

THURSDAY

9.30 – 12.00	School Swimming
12.00 – 1.00	Adults Only (deep pool) Adult & Child (shallow pool)
1.00 – 3.00	School Swimming
3.00 – 4.00	Lane Swimming
4.00 – 5.00	Swimming Lessons
5.00 – 7.00	Copeland ASC
7.00 – 8.00	Ladies Only
8.00 – 9.00	Club Hire

FRIDAY

9.30 – 11.00	School Swimming
11.00 – 12.00	Aqua Babies
12.00 – 1.00	Adults Only (deep pool) Adult & Child (shallow pool)
1.00 – 2.00	School Swimming
2.00 – 4.00	Staff Training
4.00 – 5.30	Swimming Lessons
5.30 – 6.30	Copeland ASC
6.30 – 7.30	General Swimming

SATURDAY

9.30 – 10.30	Swimming Lessons
10.30 – 11.30	General Swimming
11.30 – 12.30	Inflatable Fun
12.30 – 2.30	Pool Party Hire

SUNDAY

9.30 – 11.00	Fun Time Floats
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As there are now no subsidies available for this service we are fortunate that Reay's are prepared to take on providing a local service and to try and schedule it so that it best suits passengers and has the potential of being sustainable. It is hoped that it will be supported with a similar the number of passengers who travelled on the buses before Reay's took over, otherwise the service may be lost, or at best reduced to 1 or 2 days per week.

All services shown operate Mondays to Fridays.

Seascale		9.50	12.20	14.50
Gosforth		9.57	12.27	14.57
Egremont, Blue Bell		10.20	12.50	15.17 (Old Hall)
Whitehaven (Tesco's) arr.		10.54	13.24	
Whitehaven (Tesco's) dep.		11.15	13.45	
Egremont, Blue Bell	9.20	11.50	14.20	
Gosforth	9.39	12.09	14.39	
Seascale	9.46	12.16	14.46	

SEASCALE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

As we look forward to a new bowling season we hope the weather will be as kind as 2014, though looking out of the window at the snow blowing against it there needs to be some improvement! It is hoped that, weather permitting, the Bowling Green will be opening on Saturday 11 April.

Two members of the club achieved success in County competitions in 2014 – Maureen Eccles winning the Ladies Champion of Champions competition and Henry Stewart winning the County Secretary's competition.

Eileen Eastwood, President of Seascale Bowling Club, and the Committee extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in taking up the sport. Information regarding opening arrangements will be displayed in the pavilion, or just keep a look out for people playing, call in and have a chat and a cuppa. It doesn't matter if you have never played before as the Club has several sets of bowls available together with overshoes for anyone wishing to try the game without spending money on equipment. The only restriction is that shoes must be flat soled – trainers are ideal. Basic instructions will be given to beginners and after that it's just plenty of practice to improve.

This year Cumbria has been designated, by the

Bowls Development Alliance (BDA), as a "Hot Spot" for bowls. This is a national initiative to encourage more people to take up the game of bowls. The management of this initiative is being undertaken by Active Cumbria who will be organising and publicising events throughout the county during summer. It is hoped that Seascale will be involved in at least one such event. BDA will be bringing their Bowls Roadshow to each local authority area within Cumbria to show the public what bowls has to offer and provide encouragement and details of local clubs. Please look out for publicity material in Spring.

The annual membership fee is £30, plus a £5 joining fee for new members. For this members can play free of charge. Non-members are charged £3 per two-hour session including the use of Club bowls.

The Club organises competitions throughout the season as well as friendly games against other local clubs and social events. For anyone not wishing to enter competitions there are plenty of opportunities to join in and make new friends at casual bowling sessions on most days from 2.00pm until dark. If you require further information please contact any Club member, Parish Council member, ring the Club Secretary, Henry Stewart on 019467 24652 or e-mail: seascalebowlingclub@gmail.com

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'TRAIN THE BRAIN' STARTS IN SEASCALE

You would think in today's modern society illiteracy is consigned to the dark ages, but it's not. At least seven million adults in the UK are functionally illiterate according to an annual UN survey! That's one too many.

Dyslexia accounts for a large portion of these statistics but with the right support and training from an early age this needn't be the case.

Inspirational entrepreneurs like Sir Richard Branson and Jamie Oliver prove that dyslexic people are in fact very intelligent with unique skills for problem-solving and ability to see the bigger picture.

Lack of Support

Over three years ago the county withdrew support to schools of specialist teachers, Reading Intervention and specialist teacher training. Schools were told they had to provide support themselves. Some did, but too many couldn't or wouldn't. Parents either had to employ a specialist tutor, which can be expensive, or try and support their child as best they could.

Getting Proactive

This is when West Cumbria Dyslexia Association decided to get proactive and create a Saturday school with qualified teachers at affordable rates for parents.

"It was hard work generating enough funding to get the project off the ground, but our small committee was determined that children and young people in west Cumbria deserve the best start in life" explained WCDA board member Anne Mackenzie.

"We are very thankful for all the funding support we've gained from; The Community Fund, Whitehaven & District Lions Club, Sellafield Snowball Committee, Cumberland Building Society, Cockermouth Lions, West Cumberland Lions, and the Seroptimists. We also do a lot of our own fundraising" said Anne.



Dyslexia committee with two representatives from the Snowball committee saying thank you for their kind donation.

Saturday School

The first Saturday School started in Maryport and proved very popular. It is designed to help children and young people who are struggling with reading and spelling. Each child has an individual programme according to their needs. Activities include reading, phonic activities, phonic and spelling games, individualised computer programmes and the use of reading and spelling applications.

"Because the class is on Saturday mornings, the work tends to include games and fun. We have found that children respond very positively to this approach, and even the initially reluctant keep coming back!" explained Anne.

'Shackles Off' in Seascale

Demand for the WCDA support for dyslexic children has grown and just under a year ago they opened a Saturday School called 'Train the Brain' in Seascale at 'Shackles Off'.

"The pupils came up with the name 'Train the Brain' themselves and we thought it was a nice play on words eluding to the closeness to Seascale train station and exercising the brain."

If you feel your child would benefit from a boost with their reading, writing or spelling, or if he or she is beginning to struggle with class work give Leanne a ring on 07973 797423.

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