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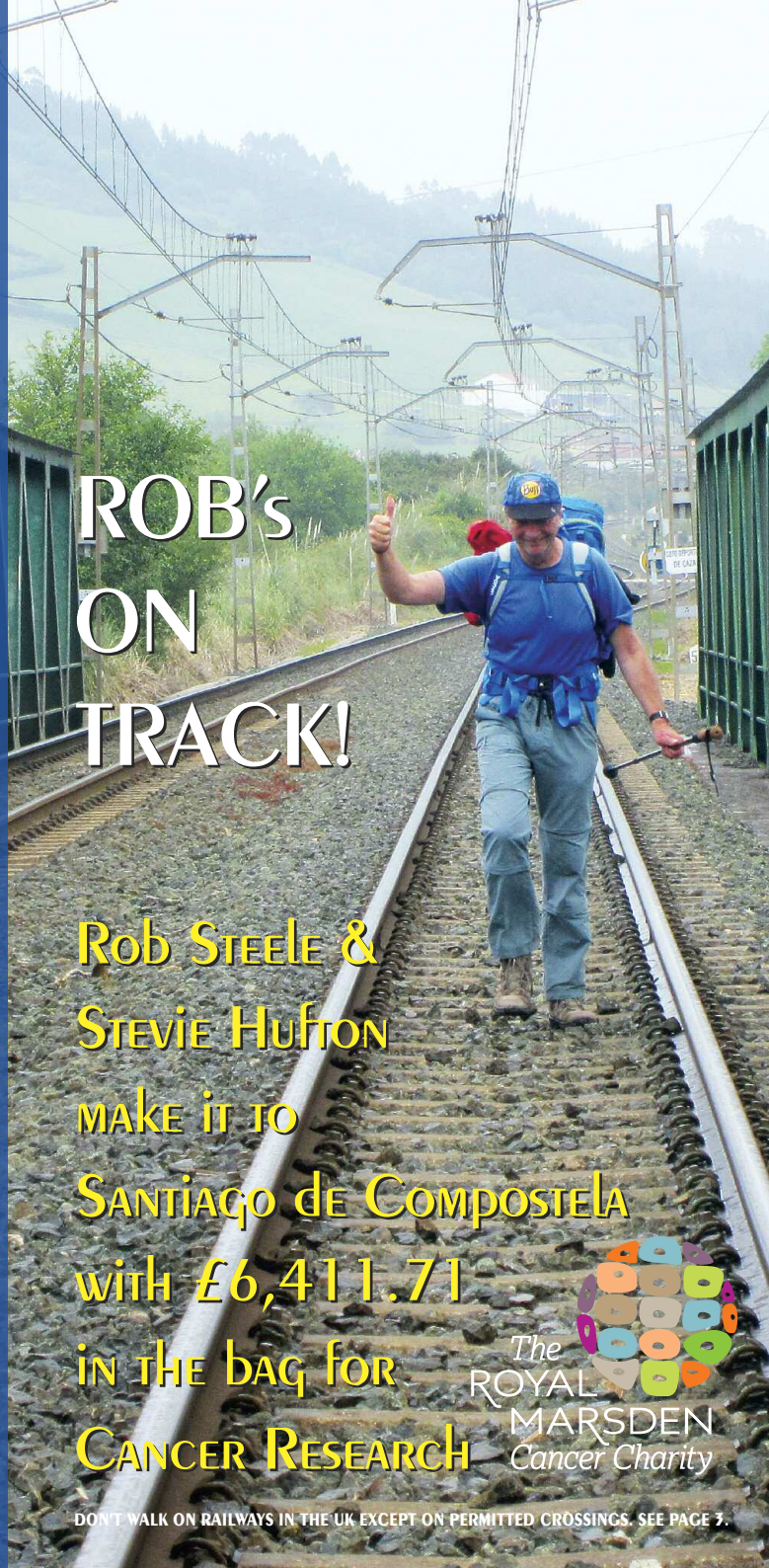
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SEASCALE

There are so many rumours going around our village I will try to give you some answers.

Firstly the Parish Council is renting out some spaces in the beach car park, lined in blue to Morgan Sindall at a cost to them of £1,000 a month. £6,000 was paid upfront which has enabled us to repair all the beachfront lights and paint the toilets.

Plans for a new play area on the beach will be displayed at the school.

We reported the problem with rabbits in the last issue. We are dealing with them.

Sadly another asset is under threat. It is the library. We are looking at the moment to see if we can take it on for the community, but we would need volunteer librarians. We would like to see it as a hub for us and surrounding villages.

Our Christmas Lights switch-on will be Sunday 13 December. See the notice boards and website nearer the time for more information. *Eileen Eastwood*

FRONT COVER AND “ROB’S BIG WALK”

I learned that the photo of myself walking across the rail bridge in Spain on the cover of this edition of Tethera caused some consternation when it got displayed on Facebook a few weeks before publication, with one detractor saying “how stupid” and “what a bad example to set youngsters”. So I believe that an explanation of what I was doing is in order.

Possibly the first thing to mention is that I have now walked over 5,000 kilometres on Camino routes, mainly in Spain but also in France and Portugal, over the last 14 years, and I have been routed on some very unusual “paths” – these have included being sent down the hard shoulder of a busy motorway on The Camino Frances (2001), even having to cross over a busy slip road to get on to it, and down rail tracks on several occasions including on The Cami de Sant Jaume 2 (2012), as well as on “The Big Walk” as per my photo on the cover.

Over 200,000 Peregrinos (Pilgrims) walk these Camino’s every year and, to date, I have never heard of a single one of them coming to grief by getting mowed down following any of the routes. I guess things are a little different abroad, and what is acceptable and normal in “foreign lands” is usually very different to that at home in the UK.

However, I would also like to reiterate that I certainly wouldn’t encourage anyone to emulate me by walking on rail-tracks, or indeed down hard shoulders of motorways ANYWHERE.

Rob Steele, author of the associated article starting on page 16

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

NORTH WEST CONNECTIONS PROJECT

This project, currently in the early stages of planning by the National Grid, will involve establishing a route for connecting the new Moorside nuclear power station to the national electricity grid, to the north near Carlisle and to the south at Heysham. Part of the southern route will cross the local Parishes of Seascale, Gosforth, Drigg & Carleton, and Ravenglass, down a corridor route broadly similar to the existing 132kV electricity distribution line. However, the scale of the new pylons will be substantially larger than the existing pylons. The new 400kV pylons will be around 50m tall (around a third of the height of Blackpool Tower!) compared with the existing pylons of around 27.5m.

The National Grid is expecting to submit its planning application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2017. Assuming the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy and Climate Change approves the application, construction will commence in 2019, with the works completed and operational by 2024.

The impact on the local area will be twofold; the significant near term construction phase, which will include bringing in construction materials and the associated traffic (all along the coast), followed by the post-construction phase which will leave a permanent major visual impact on the environment.

The Parish Councils of Seascale, Gosforth, Drigg & Carleton and Ravenglass, together with other Parish Councils and interested parties, are engaging with the National Grid with a view to minimising the impact on our area. Look out for local meetings on this topic, and National Grid Community Information Events and share your views.

SEASCALE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Seascale Methodist Church are planning to hold a Christmas Tree Festival which will be open to the public from Thursday 3 December until Sunday 6 December, the theme for the tree decorating being "Christmas Carols". Local organisations are invited to take part. Organisations can display flyers and have collection boxes for their own funds beside their tree. The church notice board will display the opening times. Proceeds from sale of refreshments and raffle tickets will be shared between Clic Sargent, a charity which supports children and young people with cancer and church funds. For further information please contact Alison Hanshaw on 21935 or e-mail ajhanshaw@outlook.com

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The next issue will be available to view about 10 days before the publication date

DRIGG BEACH CLEAN

This is some of the rubbish recently picked up on the beach by myself and Anthony Millard with his quad bike and trailer. It had been collected in piles by a retired Egremont man.

For the Queen's 90 birthday Keep Britain Tidy are doing litter picks. *Alan Bell*



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Tethera is constantly on the lookout for 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.



The new Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway engineering workshop. It was completed in time to be open to the public during the August bank holiday weekend when the railway celebrated 100 years of operating a 15" gauge railway. It is approximately twice the floor space of the old workshop, has a 12.5-ton overhead crane and three roads (tracks) into it.

DRIGG CHARITY COMMUNITY FUND COMPLETED BEACH PROJECTS 2010/2015

The Drigg Parish Plan of April 2008 said:

The Parish Council will explore ways of getting the beach and its environs tidied up, and generally improve the beach access area.

This plan was developed from parishioners' answers to questionnaires and requests. This gave a mandate for the expenditure of our Parish money. This project had the largest support for any expenditure which was given by 46 people who wanted the access area at the Beach improving.

At a public meeting the 1st Beach Project was set up to achieve these aims.

All work required the approval of Muncaster Castle and Natural England as the SSSI includes the road and verges and the dunes and beach hence the delay in work starting.



The old car park.



The old gate



New car park and gate.

- The 2nd beach Project to:
1. Repair the damage to the track drainage from winter storms by raising the track by about 2/3 feet with beach gravel and re-siting the outflow: £1200.
 2. Installing two interpretation boards and an audio post. Cost £4500 paid for by FLAG & Heritage lottery money award to Copeland Council.

This has been achieved by Mr A. Bell working with Copeland Council in formulating the project and selecting the contractor and designer from Differentia and providing information for the board. The second board was designed by Differentia and

To improve the:

- 1 Car Park.
- 2 The Litter Bins.
- 3 The Access Gate to the Beach.
- 4 The Slippery State of the Track.
- 5 And add some seating.

Eliminating the slippery state of the track with algae was achieved when drainage of the track took place in 2010-2011 by laying twin wall piping the whole length of the track at a cost of £2020.

- 1 Improving the car parking areas with log barriers and fresh stone
- 2 A new gate and a pedestrian gate
- 3 Two benches purchased and installed
- 4 A welcome sign plus bicycle tethering rings and two new litter bins. (Copeland Council supplied one and installed the two £300) at a total cost of £3762.45

Overall Total Beach Project 1 cost was £5782. The Drigg Charity Community Fund contribution £5482.



Old welcome sign.



Keeping tradition alive – a fine selection of carved shepherds' sticks was on display at this year's Wasdale Show on Saturday, 10 October, which was the best attended for many years. The fine calm weather helped to make a grand day out for locals and visitors alike. Gareth Harrison

paid for by Natural England: estimate £2100.

Overall Total Beach Project 2 cost was £8800.

The Drigg Charity Community Fund contribution was £1200.

Work costing £13,462 has been completed over the 5 years on the Beach Projects.

This has cost The Drigg Charity Community Fund half that amount of £6662.

Alan Bell

New welcome sign.



VOLUNTARY SOCIAL CAR SCHEME

Do you own a car, enjoy driving and have spare time which you would like to put to good use? Voluntary drivers are needed in the Seascale, Holmrook, Ravenglass and Eskdale areas.

The scheme provides transport for members of the community who cannot make their journey themselves by public or private transport.

Examples of journeys are doctors' or hospital appointments, visiting friends in hospital, reaching the nearest public transport connection, or going to the shops or the hairdresser.

You need a current driving licence and to be under 76 years old to qualify for the insurance cover provided.

People using the service pay a fixed fare of 37p per mile (25p per mile over 25 miles) in cash to the driver. Other expenses are reimbursed by Cumbria County Council.

The Co-ordinator for this area is Joyce Dalton. If you are interested in becoming a voluntary driver for the scheme please contact her on 019467 24394.

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/public-transport-road-safety/transport/commtrans/voluntarycars.asp>

EVENTS CALENDAR

in and around Drigg, Gosforth and Seascale

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

- 25 October – Sunday.** La'l Big Band jazz performance. Whitehaven Golf Club.
- 25-31 October – Sunday to Saturday.** Halloween Week at Muncaster Castle. 10.30am - 9pm. Crafts for the kids, ghostly group tours, fire juggling, cannon blow-out and scary maze. Live theatre experience with the University of Cumbria. Rooftop firework extravaganza. Ticket information from www.muncaster.co.uk
- 30-31 October – Friday & Saturday.** Halloween Ghost Train at the RATTY. Travel in darkness and keep eyes peeled for fiendish friends! £15 adult and £7.50 child (3-15). Ticket includes all-day travel and a reserved seat on the Ghost Train home from Dalegarth at 6pm. Book in advance at ravenglass-railway.co.uk or 01229 717171.
- 3 November – Tuesday.** Gosforth WI AGM and Goldmark Clothing sale, with competition a jewellery box. Gosforth Public Hall, 2pm.
- 5 November – Thursday.** Woolpack, Boot. No fireworks. Bring the dog for a firework-free evening say Harry and Paddington!
- 6 November – Friday.** Drigg bonfire and fireworks.
- 6 November – Friday.** Egremont Farmer's Crafts and Fairtrade Market, 9.30am-1pm. Market Hall.
- 7 November – Saturday.** Gosforth CofE School coffee morning. 11am-1pm in the School Hall. Recipe book launch, children's activities and cake. Everyone welcome.
- 7 November – Saturday.** Bonfire and fireworks at Bower House Inn. From 5.30pm. 23244.
- 7 November – Saturday.** Fireworks at Seascale Golf Course. Bonfire 6:45pm. Fireworks 7pm. Burgers and Hot Dogs available.
- 7 November – Saturday.** La'l Big Band jazz performance. Seacote Hotel, St Bees. 8.15pm.
- 7 November – Saturday.** Gosforth Nursery annual fireworks display. Gates open 5pm. Hot and cold food available. £3 adults, £2 children.
- 9 November – Monday.** Seascale WI AGM and "Judy and John's Visit to India". 7pm, Seascale Methodist School Room.
- 14 November – Saturday.** Rummage sale at Santon Bridge Village Hall, in aid of the hall's funds. 1.30pm start. Delicious refreshments with home-made cakes too.
- 14 November – Saturday.** Cumbrian Railways Association autumn meeting, Burnside Hotel, Windermere. Speakers Paul Staples, Fleet Director of TPE, Len Clarke on working on the permanent way and Philip Tuer on Cumbrian's Railways and the Great War. 019467 28296.
- 15 November – Sunday.** Arts Out West play 'When Trolls Try to Eat Your Goldfish'. 4.30pm, Drigg Village Hall. For children 5+ and their families. Comedy adventure show sees performance poet Dommy B collaborating with live music by multi-instrumentalist Jess Barr. <http://dominicberry.net/trolls>. More details at www.driggevents.co.uk or John 24321 or Terry 24177.
- 15 November – Sunday.** Cumbrian Railways Association field trip, covering Ulverston, Plumpton Junction and Conishead areas, led by Les Gilpin. 019467 28296.
- 17 November – Tuesday.** Drigg Local History Society meeting and talk by Vera Lowrey about household items of yesteryear discovered in her grandmother's attic in Drigg. 7pm for 7.30pm Drigg Village Hall.
- 18 November – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust 'South Walney Nature Reserve and the Dunes of Barrow Project'. Mathew Lipton, resident warden of South Walney CWT Nature Reserve brings us up to date. Seascale Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Rosemary Hutt 019467 28737. Suggested donation £2.
- 19-22 November – Thursday to Sunday.** Woolpack Wine Festival. Boot.
- 20 November – Friday.** Live music by Cindy Hoten. Woolpack, Boot.
- 20 November – Friday.** Egremont Farmer's Crafts and Fairtrade Market, 9.30am-1pm. Market Hall.
- 27 November – Friday.** U3A Harder Walk to Burnmoor Tarn. Park at Dalegarth station, Eskdale. Walk will be to Boot village and taking Corpse Road to just before the Corn Mill. Historical route with boggy areas. Bring food and drink for 20-minute stop midday. Info from Beneta Livesey 019467 25381.
- 28 November – Saturday.** Woolpack, Boot. Fun and games with DJ Paul, and the famous Pheasant Plucking Competition!
- 28-29 November – Saturday & Sunday.** Santa Express on the Ravenglass Eskdale Railway. ravenglass-railway.co.uk or 01229 717171 for bookings.
- 28-29 November – Saturday & Sunday.** Ulverston Dickensian Christmas Festival. 17th year of this spectacular occasion packed with people in costume savouring the atmosphere of that era.
- 29 November – Sunday.** Cine North film screening of 'Paddington'. 4.30pm, Drigg Village Hall. Paddington Bear reaches the silver screen courtesy of director and co-writer Paul King. Starring Imelda Staunton and Nicole Kidman. More details at www.driggevents.co.uk or John 24321 or Terry 24177.
- 1 December – Tuesday.** Gosforth WI Christmas party, with competition a table decoration. Gosforth Public Hall, 7.15pm.
- 3-6 December – Thursday to Sunday.** Seascale Christmas Tree Festival 'Christmas Carols', tree decoration in Seascale Methodist Church. See page 4
- 4 December – Friday.** Holmrook Reading Room Christmas mince pie, buffet and wine evening. Contact David on 019467 24632.
- 4 December – Friday.** Egremont Farmer's Crafts and Fairtrade Market, 9.30am-1pm. Market Hall.
- 5-6 December – Saturday & Sunday.** Santa Express on the Ravenglass Eskdale Railway. ravenglass-railway.co.uk or 01229 717171 for bookings.
- 12 December – Saturday.** Christmas Party Night – 3-course dinner and entertainment. Woolpack, Boot. Tickets £19.95.
- 12-13 December – Saturday & Sunday.** Santa Express on the Ravenglass Eskdale Railway. ravenglass-railway.co.uk or 01229 717171 for bookings.
- 13 December – Sunday.** Seascale Christmas Lights switch on at the Bowling Green. Watch noticeboards for more information.
- 14 December – Monday.** Seascale WI Craft Evening by Susan Neate. 7pm Seascale Methodist School Room.
- 18 December – Friday.** Carol Service. 6.30pm, St Peter's Church, Drigg, with Phoenix Praise Band and local children.
- 18 December – Friday.** Egremont Farmer's Crafts and Fairtrade Market, 9.30am-1pm. Market Hall.

19 December – Saturday. Seascale Cricket Club Christmas function. Windscale Club, evening. Live music by Weathered Rock and disco by Ultimate Sounds. Tickets from behind the bar or committee members (28352, 27864, 28292).

19 December – Saturday. Live music – Fret 64. Woolpack, Boot.

19-23 December – Saturday to Wednesday. Santa Express on the Ravensglass Eskdale Railway. ravenglass-railway.co.uk or 01229 717171 for bookings.

20 December – Sunday. La'ál Big Band jazz performance. Seacote Hotel, St Bees. 8pm.

27 December – Sunday. Sausage Sunday and live music from "Those" folk guys. Woolpack, Boot.

28 December – Monday. Fish'n'Chips and Rock'n'Roll. Woolpack, Boot.

29 December – Tuesday. Hardknott Big Fat Quiz. Woolpack, Boot.

30 December – Wednesday. Dominoes and Pool Knockout. Woolpack, Boot.

31 December – Thursday. No Nonsense Dining Room or Pizza and Party in the Hardknott Bar. Woolpack, Boot.

20-23 January 2016 – Wednesday to Saturday. GADS Pantomime 'Aladdin'. Gosforth Public Hall. Tickets go on sale in January. See page 34.

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.

Drigg and Holmrook Family Group. Mondays 9.30-11.30am (term time only) in Drigg & Carleton Village Hall. Bring babies, toddlers and pre-school children for a variety of play, crafts, snacks.

Fishing Club. Holmrook Reading Room. Contact David on 24632 for details or to join.

Fitness Classes. Tuesdays 6-7pm, Seascale Sports Hall. Tuesdays 7.30-8.20pm Beckermat School. Thursdays 7.15-8.05pm Kettlecise, 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.

Gardening Club. Holmrook Reading Room. Contact Henry Stewart on 24652 for details or to join.

Gosforth and District Art Society. In Gosforth. Every Monday but with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. 7-9pm, Gosforth Village School. Contact Jakki Barratt: jakki@karletta.co.uk.

Gosforth and District Art Society. In Seascale. Every Thursday morning 10am to 12am in Seascale Methodist School Room but with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. Contact Jakki Barratt: jakki@karletta.co.uk.

Gosforth Rainbows. Every Monday, term time, 5-6pm in Gosforth Public Hall. Come along or register interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Gosforth Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Scouts Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm, contact Dave Marsden 24632. Cubs Wednesdays 6.15pm to 7.30pm, contact Jackie Harper 27211. Beavers Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm, contact Kathryn Ketchen 25912. In the Scout Hut next to the school.

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.

Gosforth WI Craft Group. Gosforth Public Hall, 2-4pm, last Thursday each month. Charge of £2 to include hall fees and tea/coffee.

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

Holmrook Reading Room playground. Refurbished by Lottery Fund and Drigg Community Fund. Open to all.

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 third Saturday of each month in school term in the Methodist Church Hall at 2pm to 4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Moky Fit Class. Seascale Primary School, 6.30pm. Con tact Nicola Tubman at nicat1206@gmail.com

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

Music Jam. Jam at the Wheatshaf 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 St Marys Room, Gosforth. Contacts: Tim Austin 26778 or Xandra Brassington 25794. The change in venue applies from September.

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.

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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 Beckermert 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.

Phoenix Praise Worship Band. Meets in Gosforth Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7pm Fridays during school term-time. Come along and sing, play or help technical support. All welcome – no church affiliation necessary. Jill or Keith Hudson 019467 21592. jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk

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 Tea and Chat meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

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. Special events and entertainment. All welcome.

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 24632 to be involved. Supervised children welcome.



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This ancient mill at Boot has for hundreds of years been a major focal point of the valley. Many local people can trace their family histories back to one or other of the many millers who have over the years worked Eskdale Mill.

How many of you can remember visiting the Mill as a schoolchild or have your own children been on a school visit to the Mill?

We need that to continue.

Dave King, the resident miller, will retire after many years of dedicated service in February 2016. The Trust which runs the Mill on behalf of the local community is in the process of asking for Heritage Lottery funding to refurbish the miller's house and to restore the Mill to enable it to continue as an asset to the local community and to Cumbria as a whole.

The work is likely to take some two years and during that time it is the intention of the Trust to keep the Mill open to the public but this can only be done with the help of local people.

The Trust needs volunteers to be trained to open and present the Mill to the public. The number of volunteers will clearly regulate how often the Mill opens. So we are looking for individuals, couples, or local interest groups to come forward and offer a day or two, a weekend or a week or more.

Too few volunteers will see the Mill open on a very restricted basis, or closed altogether. If the community wants the Mill to remain a going concern over the next few years the Trust will need their support.

The Trust has had great success in obtaining funding for a hydro electric project, work on which starts in the near future and now the Trust needs to underline that success by remaining open to the public in this interim two year period.

Once the Mill house is ready, the Trust intends to employ a new resident miller but local help is



essential if the Mill is to remain a focal point in the valley until that new miller is in place.

I have been putting together a provisional list of volunteers who will have been trained this October with a view to opening the Mill for a new season starting at Easter next year.

Volunteers will be asked to act as a guide/source of information to visitors and be responsible for the daily opening and closing of the Mill.

If you would like to help please contact me on the number below so as to enable the Trust to put together a plan for the Mill to see us through the next few years.



On a last note, about ten years ago there was an outcry from local people that the Mill had to be saved from private hands and the community stepped forward with money and time to save the Mill from that loss of public access.

That was a great success.

Now the Trust is asking for the community's support in what may be an equally difficult task, that of keeping the Mill running into the future.

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February	13	Sat	Ulverston/Buddhist temple	£8.00	
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March	12	Sat	Penrith/Rheged	£10.00	
	26	Sat	Coniston/Hawkshead	£8.00	

Muncaster Microbus runs Whitehaven shopping trips on Tuesday and Thursdays which can call at Gosforth and Seascale. Details from www.muncastermicrobus.org.uk. Bookings: 01229 717229.

The Muncaster Microbus organisation was set up nearly 20 years ago to provide passenger transport in the Mid-Copeland area, using volunteers driving an eight-seater minibus to provide a registered bus service in the area. It was funded by the Rural Development Agency, through their Rural Transport Fund, with additional funding from Cumbria County Council.

It was a small group of enthusiasts who did the driving, took the bookings and maintained the vehicle. The area that is covered is large, and we discovered early that, really to solve some of the problems, the bus needed wings! Several different services were tried, like meeting the 6pm trains at Seascale Station, but no-one realised that they could use the bus to get home without pre-booking. Over time, however, the small vehicle proved to be too small for the twice-weekly trips to Whitehaven and for the primary schools to use to transport their pupils locally, if necessary. Also it was getting a bit old!

Our parent organisation, which had helped us set up, folded and the Committee had to make a decision. Do we carry on or do we stop as well? We decided to carry on and formed ourselves into a Company Limited by Guarantee and a Charity. We also were able to buy a new vehicle with funding from the Countryside Agency and money that we had saved by having a school contract to take children to and from Waberthwaite School.

We no longer have that contract and have formally registered the journeys that we do to Whitehaven on a Tuesday and Thursday as a Demand Responsive Bus service. This is our main source of income. We also organise regular Saturday day trips

to towns and other attractions in Cumbria. They do not start too early and usually get passengers home in time for tea! Apart from that, the bus can be hired by any community group and is used to take people to the Farmers Market in Egremont, plays at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick and Holker Flower Show, among other things. The local primary schools use the bus, as well as the Combined Parishes Youth Group.

However, running the bus is not without problems. The main one is getting volunteers to drive it. At the moment, what can be done by the current vehicle is determined by how many drivers that we have. We have just enough volunteers to maintain the service that we provide, but no more. Anyone over 21, with a D1 entitlement on a clean ordinary driving licence, can drive the minibus, after an assessment by our driver manager. If the driving test was passed after 1997, then further training has to be taken. If this applies to you, then please come a talk to us.

There are eight Trustee/Directors at the moment, several of whom have been there from the start. We would like some new ideas and skills to help the Board carry the organisation forward. We have been successful in a bid to get a new vehicle from a Government fund, one of only four in Cumbria. There are increasing problems with local passenger transport as there are now only two community car schemes and one private hire operator in the area.

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ROB'S BIG WALK, PART 2

Spain: The Last Leg (and still hurting!)



Stevie and Birgit en-route to La Isla.

Although the English sections of the walk were longer than what lay in front of us in Spain, I would no longer have my support vehicle. This meant that I had to backpack everything that I would need for the next month and because of the extra weight I was now carrying, I realised that this wasn't going to be easy on my walk from Plymouth town centre to the ferry port. However, as I had previously walked hundreds of miles all over the world carrying all my kit, I didn't really envisage any problems!

After a very pleasant overnight ferry crossing we arrived in Santander in the early afternoon, and as we had things to do before we continued walking, we found suitable overnight accommodation and then

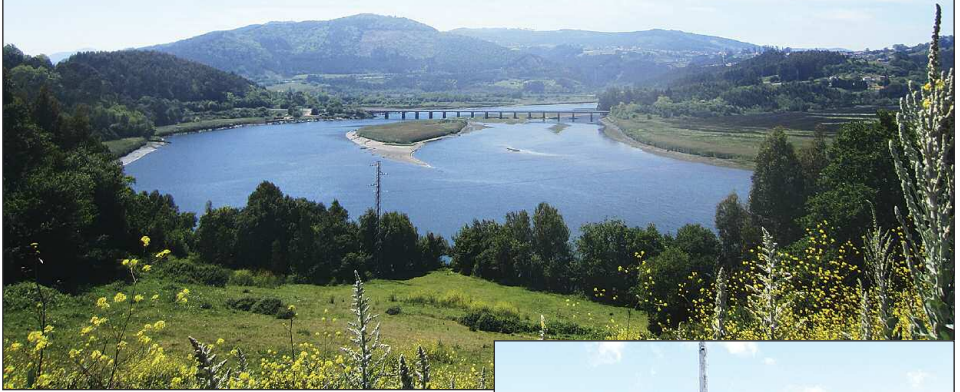
went to the Cathedral to get our "Credentials," the Pilgrim's Passport which we needed to be able to stay at the "Peregrino Refugio's" (special accommodation on the route) and where we recorded our journey to enable us to qualify for our "Compostela" when we reached Santiago de Compostela.

The next morning we were up early and soon picked up the way-marked "Camino Norte" out of Santander into open country. My rucksack felt heavy, but this wasn't surprising as I was carrying a lot of additional things like a tablet and associated equipment to try and keep my blog up-to-date to maximise the money that we were trying to raise for cancer research. After around 21km we found a delightful little bar that rented a room out at a reasonable rate to Peregrino's so called a halt for the day. The next day we managed a little better and rattled off another 25km followed by 22km the day after. We were now in the beautiful town of San Vicente de Barquera, the route was beautiful if a bit on the hilly side and I was starting to get an increasingly painful right knee. We continued on to La Franca the next day, now leaving Cantabria and entering Asturias, and after a night in Celorio we arrived in Ribadesella. Well, when I say "Arrived" I have to admit that I was really struggling at this point and it was starting to dawn on me that I might not actually get to Santiago de Compostela. We had arranged to meet another friend, Birgit, who had



Thirsty work.

View from near Soto de Barco.



flowed in from France and has previously accompanied me on many miles of Camino walking, in Ribadesella. We were sitting outside a bar in the town centre discussing our options when a very strange thing happened... Please see the box at the end "It Really IS a Small World"

After the intervention from "Above" we continued west, sometimes following the coast and sometimes a little inland through La Isla, Villaviciosa, and Gijón to Avilés, where Birgit had to leave as she only had one week off work. Then Stevie and I continued to



Only in Spain – Mway sign directing Peregrino's left!

The beautiful port town of Luarca.





Freddy 'taping' Rob's knee outside the Refugio at Calzada.



Peregrino's nose to tail approaching Santiago de Compostela.

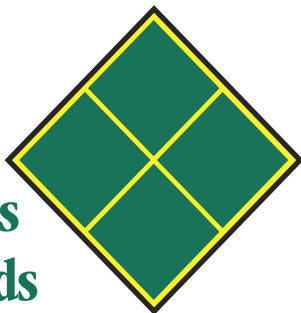
Sotto de Barco where we found that the hostel that we had intended staying at had closed down and the only other available accommodation was the**** Parador "The Palacio de la Magdalena" where unbelievably we were offered a room for 50 Euro as we were Peregrino's.

After this we walked through Soto de Luna, Cadavedo, and the beautiful port town of Luaca, Navia, Tapia de Casariego before finally crossing a long bridge when entering our final province, Galicia at Ribadeo, where we turned our backs to the sea and headed inland for the last 190km towards Santiago de Compostela. The route became very hilly and my knee, which had still been painful started getting a lot worse, but with such a relatively short distance to do, I just put my head down and kept going through Vilela to Calzada, where I met an incredibly kind German guy, Freddy, who "taped" my knee. So, keeping going through increasingly beautiful scenery eventually to Baamonde, we passed the 100km to go marker stone, then after a night at Miraz in a Refugio run by the English organisation, the Confraternity of Saint James and a night in a monastery at Sobrado de los Monjes in a Refugio run by the monks we spent out last night on The Camino Norte at Boimorte and then joined The Camino Frances at Arzua for the final 40km. We spent the last two nights of

Windmills in the mist near Mondonedo.



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Arriving at the Cathedral at Santiago de Compostela with Andrea, Stevie, Sabine, Freddy and myself.



If this walk taught me one thing, it's that...

IT REALLY IS A SMALL WORLD!

The first encounter was the chap who joined me for three days walking near Stourport, Konrad Nofer, and whose father spent several months in the Polish Resettlement Camp near Millom at the end of WW2.

The second was that Chris Power, a friend of Pete Woolley who kindly stepped in to drive the support vehicle when I ran out of drivers. His wife, Harriet, was Bridesmaid at Stevie Hufton's sister, Trisha's, wedding.

The third, at The Culm Valley Inn in Somerset, I was talking to a young lass and it turned out that she was the God-Daughter of Terry who has Fell View Garage at Eskdale.

Fourth, Final and most unbelievable was in Ribadesella in Spain when a lady came out of a bar and looked at us, then pointing to Stevie saying "Stuff", then to me saying "Bob" and then quickly disappeared back into the bar, returning a few

moments later with her husband. It was Bob and Cal Howman, Stevie's old next-door neighbours from Gosforth who he had lost touch with and hadn't seen them since his wedding, 8½



Bob and Cal Howman at their house in Ribadesella.

years before! They had bought a house there and just happened to be out because there was football on TV and had picked the same bar as us. They listened to our "crack" and told me that there was an excellent "Abiatori" (Doctor's walk-in centre) in town and that it would open at 10am the next morning and that I "Must" go, and then take the day off the next day to rest and as they had spare bedrooms, stay with them the next night – so reluctantly and unenthusiastically (not!) agreed!

Here, to cut a long story short, I received some excellent treatment and a large dose of cortisone, a day's rest and with the additional aid of a knee brace was, thankfully, able to keep going. *Rob*

► the walk in Salceda and Lavacolla before finally Hobbling into Santiago de Compostela just short of 10 weeks since leaving home.

My main emotion was relief – realistically, I doubt whether I could have walked for another single day, my knee being in a really bad shape, but it had got me there, 1550 kilometres or as near as 1,000 miles that makes no difference, all the way from my home in Cumbria to Santiago de Compostela :-)

I met some wonderful people on the way and now, over a year on, I am still in touch with some of them.

How much did we make for Cancer Research on this, my 20th Annual Walk? Well it was a grand total of £6,411.71. Was it all worth it? – YES

Rob Steele, Gosforth



A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS STORY! GOSFORTH AGRICULTURAL SHOW

On Show Day, and all the preceding week, Johnnie Park (the Show's Chairman) was buzzing around the Show field setting up this or sorting that. His walkie talkie radio was in almost constant use as he tried to find tables for this tent, or where this or that trade stand was going, what about chairs, how to keep the ground from getting churned up on the wet days that preceded the show, in fact if there was a problem to be solved Johnnie was the man to do it. He was even seen sorting the problem of overflowing ladies toilets – no task was beneath him. Few of us realise just what goes into making a show and the responsibility that falls upon Committee members to see that everything is prepared.

However, it all turned out well as Gosforth Show, held on Saturday 15 August could only be rated a five star event. In its favour was the weather, after a damp start and a previous wet day, the sun came out and it kept dry for the duration of the

show. Crowds were pulled in by the star attraction, Big Pete and His Monster Trucks who performed twice during the show. These incredible vehicles thrilled the crowd when they made mincemeat of cars that had been provided for the display and the two Monster Trucks competed against each other. Big Pete's commentary kept the crowd abreast of what was involved and ready for what was to happen next.

The show had the usual features, cattle, sheep, goats, horses and jumping, dogs and poultry classes, children's sports and tug of war to name a few. The handicraft and industrial tent had the most entries ever, over 1,100 including very large classes of children's artwork and baking. The quality and quantity of the exhibits could rival even the largest county shows. The ladies on the handicraft committee had to work even harder to prepare the staging and entries and act as stewards to the many judges who had a very difficult task. We mustn't



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prominent championship in the last two years. It is good to see the youngsters coming through and having a go.

In the Secretary's Tent it is action all the way, with Julie the Show Secretary sorting entries and numbers and Lilian, the treasurer counting money, putting up the prize envelopes. The cups and trophies were polished and sorted to go with the prize money for winning entrants.

Evidence of the show's successful promotion could be seen by the increased trade stands including

several vehicle and machinery stands. The vintage cars, tractors and motor cycles had been polished until gleaming and created a fine display.

The beer tent and catering tent with the addition of entertainment kept everyone fed and watered throughout. Catering was another problem for Johnnie and the Committee as last year's caterers decided not to come and a new one had to be found. Luckily the "Kellbank" stepped in to do its first-ever outside catering event. At the end of the day a lot of exhausted but happy people left the field many who would return next day to put everything away.

You might think that that is that until next August but not so. Plans are already underway and questions asked "How to improve this or that" or "We need more tables" and "What about next year's special attraction". In fact it never stops.

Sheila Lawson

The committee thanks everyone who helped make Gosforth Show so successful. The sponsors, the trade stands, the volunteers who staged it, the folk who entered their crafts, produce, livestock, horses, dogs, vehicles, the wrestlers and themselves. Without you all there would be no show. Thank you all who came and enjoyed this wonderful community event.

▶ forget that at the end of the day it all has to be cleared away too (with a little much appreciated help from some of their husbands or friends). The Horticulture Tent is just as important with flowers and vegetables in abundance. The Whitehaven Bee-keepers Association brought an excellent display in a small tent adjacent to the Industrial Tent and the presence of a queen bee created a lot of interest.

As usual the Local History Tent was popular being busy all day long and this year Vera and Sheila were helped by many friends preparing displays of their own families or clubs. We were lucky to be given a series of local photographs taken in the 1980s by the late John Bateman of Thornbank. These made us realise how much the village and surrounding area has changed and reminded us of many village characters who are no longer with us. It is a large collection and we have kept some of it back for next year but we would still love to receive displays (no matter how small) of other families or clubs in the area. If you have anything or would like to know more just contact either Vera Lowrey or Sheila Lawson.

A tradition that has been recently revived at Gosforth Show is the Cumberland and Westmorland style wrestling and we have been lucky to hold a



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The school is celebrating the achievements of last year which included becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School. This means that the school is supporting all children who have a range of difficulties when it comes to learning. We have also become a Beach School where the children regularly have lessons on the shore side and learn all about their environment. This is a very exciting venture for us and we know that the children love their time learning on the beach. In addition we achieved the Arts Mark Status and are continuing to develop our provision for arts across the curriculum.

This coming year is also exciting as we prepare to celebrate our 65th birthday. We are already thinking about the best ways to celebrate this. We have a growing collection of archive material and would welcome help to collate and display this for people to view. If you are interested in helping us please contact the school. We are also waiting to find out what form the Government's Priority School Building Programme will take. Last year we were notified that Seascale School had qualified for support in either refurbishing or possibly a complete rebuild of the school. We await the results of the scoping survey with great anticipation.

Our Friends of Seascale School are also hard at work planning various fund raising events. Please look out for posters with further details which will be displayed around the village. We hope to see many of you at our future events. *Jackie Thomas*

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- Saturday 28 November** 2.00-4.00pm. Christmas Fair. Gosforth Public Hall.
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- Sunday 13 December** 4.00pm. Christingle Service – Churches Together. St Mary's Church, Gosforth.
4.00pm. Village Carol Service. St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale.
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- Friday 18 December** 6.30pm. Carol Service. St Peter's Church, Drigg.
6.30pm. Carol Service. St Michael's & All Angels Church, Nether Wasdale.
- Sunday 20 December** 6.30pm. Village Carol Service. St Mary's Church, Gosforth.
- Thursday 24 December** 4.00pm. Crib Service. St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale.
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10.00am. Family Christmas Communion. St Peter's Church, Drigg.
10.00am. Joint Christmas Service, Methodist led. St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale.
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GADS

Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society has had a busy year in 2015 and our last achievement was a very successful production of "Olivia" – a school musical written by Malcolm Sircom. The workshop was supported by a grant from the Cumberland Building Society Charitable trust. Twenty-one participants from 8 to 18 were assisted by three young producers in a week long workshop which culminated in a brilliant performance after just one week of intensive drama. This popular workshop will be repeated next year in the week Monday 8 to Saturday 13 August 2016, so reserve the dates now if you want to take part.

In 2015 we began a series of informal play reading evenings that we call "Plays for Pleasure". We meet. We read. We chat. We have a laugh. We have a cuppa. And we get to know each other. It's a way of keeping the group together between productions and an ideal way for new members to get involved. Plays for Pleasure will start again in February, once our next Pantomime is all over.

Talking of which, our next show will be the popular pantomime "Aladdin". It is written by Alan Frayn, who also wrote "Jack and the Beanstalk", which we performed in Jan 2015, so you know it will be good. Auditions have already taken place and rehearsals begin in early November, but there is still time to get involved or help – we always need more help back stage. If you just want to come and see the show, it's on from Wednesday 20 to Saturday 23 January, 2016 and tickets go on sale in January.

We are currently rationalising our costume

department, as we have limited space and storage conditions are far from ideal for some of our stock. We will be passing on some items to museums, auction or other drama groups, to give them a new lease of life. If you have donated costume in the past and would prefer to have it returned to you, please get in touch.

Finally, in March 2016, we will be entering a short one-act play in the All England Theatre Festival. "Nemesis", written by Seascale's own Peter Wilson. It is a dark grey comedy and a variant on the theme of Sartre's "In Camera". Three characters, somehow confined in a single room, realise that they are all dead and it is their hell. Here an ineffectual middle-aged husband, his sardonic, academically frustrated wife and his younger mistress, after mutual murder and much argument, recognise the situation but are eventually released by a new appreciation of each other. There are only three parts (a middle-aged man and woman and a younger woman). If you fancy taking part, please get in touch.

For more details of any of our activities, or to get in touch, please visit our website at www.gads.org.uk. Here you can find well over 600 photographs from previous shows going right back to 1934, and with many from 1980 onwards. More are being added as we get them. The website also contains details of forthcoming "Arts Out West" and "Cine North" productions at the Public Hall, Gosforth. GADS are on Facebook and Twitter. If you prefer more traditional methods of communication, phone our Chair Karen Polmear on 28392 or Secretary Pete Cook on 21772. We look forward to seeing you in January for Aladdin.

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BLENGDALE FOREST — BIG TREES,



A gap in the forest from previous thinning is regenerating naturally.

this wonderful woodland and no more so than over the last few years when the forest has been the focus of an extended period of timber harvesting activity. I hope over the next couple of paragraphs to introduce you to some silviculture (the art of looking after trees) and bring you up to date with our plans for Blengdale.

Our broad vision

Blengdale Forest has a character born out of the big conifers, the river Bleng and views of the Western Lake District fells and Cumbrian coastline. Unlike Miterdale to the south, Blengdale has no recent history or association as ancient woodland. Blengdale is a forest of two distinct halves with the valley of the River Bleng having a different character to the plateau of Hollow Moor, which overlooks the Wasdale Valley. Many of you will have already appreciated this difference when walking in the valley on a windy day. Whereas the valley of the river Bleng is sheltered, the plateau is exposed. Similarly the soils are different. In the valley are brown earths, which support the nutrient-loving Douglas firs that grow so tall. Brown earths are also better for rooting and help the trees sustain their height even against the gales, which now catch their crowns as they poke above the shelter of the valley. At 170ft (51m) they are some of the tallest trees recorded in Cumbria. The plateau around Hollow Moor, and also Brown Edge, have much wetter peaty gley and surface water gley soils. These offer a poor nutrient supply and limit rooting and this makes it more likely that tall trees will be blown over and restricts the species that can be grown. These wetter soils are ideal for Sitka spruce, a more prickly conifer than Douglas fir which is soft in the hand and when the needles rubbed together releases a strong citreous smell.

As the forester responsible for the management of the trees in Blengdale for the last 18 years I have had the privilege to help shape the future direction of

for Blengdale is to see the forest structure become more diverse with greater species and age range whilst maintaining the “Big Trees” in the valley bottom and the forest’s coniferous character. Native broadleaves are regenerating and being planted but the character of the forest is firmly rooted in its tall cathedral avenues of Douglas fir and Sitka spruce, both non-natives introduced from North America, but now freely regenerating across the forest especially in the valley of the river Bleng itself. The exposed plateau will continue to be managed through felling and restocking areas every 40 to 60 years, the areas of standing water will be left unplanted this time round with some birch and willow introduced to help develop wind firm diverse edges. The valley bottom is being managed through regular thinning and we are encouraging natural regeneration; a management approach which we call Continuous Cover Forestry. In some places we are helping nature along by planting new species such as Silver fir and Japanese cedar under the mature canopy so that we develop a more resilient forest which is able to withstand future disease and changing climates.

The recent period of timber harvesting is part of our management plan to thin the forest every four to six years. Through such thinning we usually remove no more than 20% of the trees so that the remaining trees are encouraged to put on girth as well as height. The 20% figure comes from forest research that shows that removing more than this increases the risk of the trees left behind becoming unstable

LITTLE SEEDLINGS AND A ROMAN CAMP

and liable to blow over. We aim to start thinning the forest when the average tree height reaches 12m in conifers and 14 to 16m in broadleaves. The removal of mature trees creates gaps, which provide space for seedlings to regenerate and grow into saplings, small trees and eventually reclaim the sky that their parents currently reach up to. The act of harvesting disturbs the top layer of vegetation and provides nature with a seedbed for regeneration.

If you have visited Blengdale you will see the different paint marks on the trees which we use to tell the contractors, who carry out the work, which trees should be felled and which are to be left. The painted bands around some trees indicate a special "Frame" tree, which will form the future framework of the forest. Frame trees are chosen for their straight stems, being without disease and have good anchor roots to hold them firm into a future where we are told we will see more high wind events than we have known in the past. We thin around these frame trees, removing other competing trees, opening up the crowns of the paint banded trees, so that they grow large, wind-firm and produce lots of seed. Painting the bands around the tree makes them visible from all directions helping us mark other trees and helping the harvesting contractors avoid damaging them as they fell and extract neighbouring trees. The trees we want to remove are marked with diagonal paint lines on two sides. The diagonal line helps the contractor find the mark in a world of vertical tree stems. What about the different paint colours I hear you and every student from the forestry college (now at Ambleside) ask? This is simple – whilst we mostly use pink or yellow we sometimes run out and use a different colour. The colour rarely means anything, the shape of the mark being more relevant to a tree staying or being felled.

Our plans for thinning the forest this time were modified by the



Young planted Japanese Red cedar seedling.

arrival of the *Phytophthora* larch disease. *Phytophthora ramorum* is a fungus-like pathogen which causes extensive damage and death in a wide range of trees and other plants. Larch trees are particularly susceptible, and large numbers have been affected across Britain. Importantly the disease reproduces from the live needles of larch trees and it is because of this that we need to fell infected trees along with a minimum 100m buffer around each infected tree. The disease was first identified in Blengdale in Summer 2013 and since then there have been four separate outbreaks across the forest with the most recent being in July this year. In response we have felled many larch trees and on Hollow Moor we mulched a large area where the trees were too small to be economic to sell. You will also have noticed that some larch trees are now standing dead. These trees have had herbicide injected into their

Mulching machine on Hollow Moor.





After the diseased larch have been removed previous planting under the tree canopy is revealed.

► stem rather than felled as we either could not easily extract them or we wanted to retain them to protect the forest behind them from damaging winds.

The current round of thinning is now complete and whilst we have some wind-blown trees to tidy up, and some timber stacks to despatch, our main harvesting activity is now focussed in other forests. Over the next few years we will have time to see how the frame trees and the new gaps around them respond. There are few more exciting moments (for a forester!) than coming back a few years after a thinning to find the forest floor sprouting with young tree seedlings. Our work in Blengdale is now concentrating on planting the areas where diseased larch has been removed, replacing worn out boundary fences and reinstating paths and tracks so that people can continue to enjoy the forest.

Tree planting will get under way this coming winter when we will be planting 12,000 birch and

Wild cherry below Lowcraigh, on the left as you enter the forest from Wellington. This area has been identified as an ancient woodland site so we are planting native broadleaf trees to replace the Larch we have felled rather than Douglas fir. We will also be working on Hollow Moor where we will be planting 13,000 Scots pine and birch at the junction of Guards Lonning and the Hollow Moor track.



Paint-marked frame tree and young Douglas fir planted under the larch.

To protect these trees from deer browsing we will be putting up a temporary deer fence. The first sign of this year's planting will be when a large excavator arrives in Blengdale. This machine will prepare the planting site at Hollow Moor by turning over the soil to form mini planting sites for each tree. Over the winter of 2016/17 we will do more planting of 16,000 Douglas fir, Pacific silver fir and some Scots pine in the area between Scalderskew Beck and the Bleng and in the recently felled glade just up from Blengdale Bridge. With only a handful of larch left in Blengdale we hope the Phytophthora disease has run its course in this forest and we can keep the few remaining trees for some years to come. Our biggest challenge ahead is dealing with the depth of mulch on Hollow Moor, it's great for stopping weeds but in some areas is too deep to plant trees into. For the moment, we are waiting to see if nature's army of fungi and insects will help break down this cellulose spread for us.

I'm sure everyone has their favourite places in Blengdale, I have two. My favourite view is from the middle of the new National Park built Bleng river bridge just up river from where Scalderskew Beck joins the Bleng. On a winter's day with snow covering the forest this is a magical place. My favourite place is in the middle of the forest west of Hollow Moor next to a pile of stone which archaeologists describe as a burnt mound. Here many centuries ago a Roman army stopped for a period and set up camp. The landscape would have been a very different place then and I wonder what they would think of the conifer forest now and what the forest will look like into the future.

Look out for my colleagues or me if you are in the forest and please stop us for a chat, or a question or two about what we are doing, we are always keen to share and explain what is happening in Blengdale.

Gareth Browning, Area Forester



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PROFILE: THE LATE CAPTAIN CHARLES ALLAN PARKER RM

On the south wall of St Mary's Church in Gosforth rests an elegant marble plaque to the memory of Captain Charles Allan Parker RM, killed in action at Kamchatka. Captain Parker, of the local family whose residence has been Gosforth for many generations, served as an officer in the Royal Navy. He saw much of the empire during his service; from Europe and the Americas to tours of the Pacific islands, he progressed through the ranks gaining commission as Captain at age 33. He also gained the local rank of Captain in the army, for honourable services.

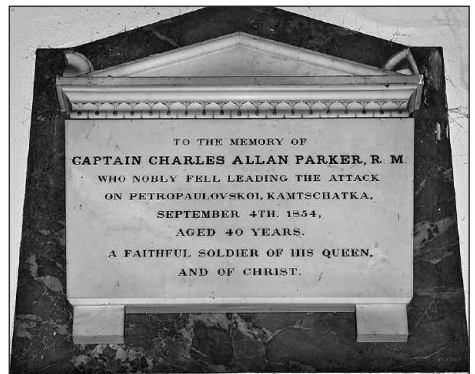
Many worshippers and visitors over the years may have wondered what the story is behind the memorial, the truth of which is indeed somewhat curious. The fateful campaign in Petropavlovski was part of the Crimean War, but it was far from the location of the 'Charge of the Light Brigade'. In fact, Kamchatka is a far flung peninsula off the Eastern flank of Russia, descending into the North Pacific Ocean.

At the outbreak of the war, there were British and French naval ships stationed across the Pacific under the command of Rear Admiral David Price. At a temporary base in Callao, Peru early May 1854 orders from the Admiralty were received to locate and shadow the Russian squadron thought to be loose in the Pacific, fearing damage which may be inflicted on trade with China and threat of invasion to Hong Kong and Australia.

Landing off Honolulu that July, the allies learned that the Russians had not long since departed and began pursuit. Unlikely to intercept the Russians at sea, the allies made way for the harbour of Petropavlovski, the only port in the region known to be capable of handling warships. The fleet lead by HMS President and accompanied by (amongst others) HMS Pique, HMS Eurydice and HMS Virago endured a 'tedious' passage from Honolulu, they were later joined by the French vessels La Forte and L'Obligat. By the time the allies arrived off the coast of Kamchatka 18 August, the Russians had sufficient time to reinforce and upgrade the garrison. On 31 August, an attack strategy was formulated and would commence the following morning. Before the attack could commence however, it is reported that "Rear Admiral Price was accidentally killed by a shot from a pistol in his own hand".



Price was buried on land on 2 September without military honours, at this time two Americans (seemingly whalers) fell in with the officers' landing party and were taken aboard HMS President to afford information of the local area, purporting to have knowledge of the positions of hidden Russian batteries. In the Council of War which followed on 3 September, the information was accepted as valid and a plan devised for a land assault lead by Captain Parker. The objective would be to overrun the batteries, stifle resistance and occupy the dominant ground above the harbour. As the attack began early morning 4 September, the British ships approached the shore and began to fire upon the garrison with some success – the action was severe and English



Some of Captain Charles Allan Parker's attachments during his career:

HMS Victory October 1831.

HMS Britannia May 1832; Lisbon. September 1832 in the Tagus (during the struggle between Dom Pedro and Dom Miguel).

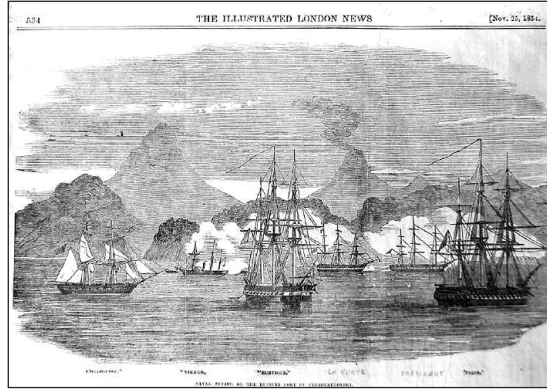
HMS Conway August 1833; Brazil, Falkland Islands, Chili, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Gulf of California.

HMS Pique July 1837; Cadiz, Lisbon, Taugiers, Gibraltar, St Andero, Bay of Fundy, Halifax, Quebec.

HMS Niagara June 1838; Kingston (Canada).

Ship Mohawk October 1840; return to HQ until 1848.

HMS President August 1853; Tour of the Pacific, ultimately fell on this duty.



with the Admiralty he visited Neuchatel in 1831 to assist in suppressing a revolt, for which service he received a medal from the King of Prussia. He became totally blind in 1845 but continued work in the Gosforth parish and rode his horse each day until his death in 1872.

Thanks are due to the Parker family for this history. Memorial photograph is by David Culley.



▶ vessels alone fired 3,000 balls. Captain Parker would organise the main assault, leading the 700-strong squadron in military array ascending Nikolski Hill to attack the Russian garrison from the rear. Unfortunately they soon ran into trouble, being unable to locate the Americans' pathway they struggled through thick and tangled brushwood unable to maintain the momentum and formation of the attack. It soon became apparent the hill was strongly fortified and protected with a force of infantry. With extreme bravery and determination the allies pressed forward until Captain Parker fell dead. The attackers then fell back but sustained heavy fire, suffering large casualties as they attempted to re-embark their ships. The toll to the allies was 209 dead and 150 wounded.

It is not known whether the Americans intentionally directed the British into this compromising situation, nor the reason why Rear Admiral Price took his own life, the unfortunate series of events no doubt contributing to what would later be described as a 'hopeless attack'.

This Captain Parker was the eldest son of another Captain Charles Parker, who also served a career of some merit in the Royal Navy. He entered service in 1799 at age 14, in 1804 during the Napoleonic War he was taken prisoner by the French and after nearly seven years a prisoner, escaped from the 'Citadel' in Verdun and made his way back to Britain disguised as a travelling peasant. Almost immediately returning to service he was soon made Lieutenant but suffered severe injury 1814 and his eyes damaged due to extreme cold, later being forced to leave service owing to failing eyesight. Maintaining connection

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Stuart, who runs his own business 'QD Golf' will also provide members and non members with what many regard as Club Pro's service ie Coaching, Retail, Club Repairs – something which Seascale has missed since the departure of its last PGA Professional in 2006.

Seascale Golf Club is regarded by many as one of the best golf courses in Cumbria and ranked 80th in the top 100 golf courses in England by 'Today's Golfer'. Stuart remembers some eight years ago when he first travelled up our west coast to play at Seascale. He said "I couldn't understand why I had

never heard of this place before; it's a hidden treasure and excited to now be managing the Club." Both the Club and Stuart have the ambition and belief that together they can build on the strong foundation of this historic club.



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SEASCALE CRICKET CLUB – 2015 SEASON REPORT

2015 was another good season for the Cricket Club.

Following re-organisation of the North Lancs and Cumbria Cricket League for 2015, the main objective for the First XI was to avoid relegation which they managed to do by the beginning of August.

Highlights of the season were two victories against much bigger clubs both of which had a professional player in their team.

First was Millom at home, where Seascale's stand-in skipper Steve Brown Jnr produced an outstanding spell of bowling taking 6/38, including the wicket of the professional first ball, to reduce Millom to 111 all out. In reply, Seascale went to a 6 wicket win on 112/4 in just 15.3 overs, opener Adam Brown smashing 68 from 39 balls, including 7 x 6s and 5 x 4s.

At home to Ulverston, Adam Brown was amongst the runs again hitting 105 in a Seascale total of 224 all out. Daniel Lee then took the prize wicket of the Ulverston pro as he took 5/71 to help reduce Ulverston to 168 all out, the winning margin 56 runs.

There were two other important wins during the season. Away at Egremont, Seascale made 204/7, Andrew Knott scoring 70 not out and Robin Sparshott hitting 52. Egremont were then bowled out for 126, Daniel Lee taking 4/41 and Steve Brown Snr 3/38.

At home to Workington Reserves, Adam Brown hit 118 as Seascale finished on 230. In a tight finish, Workington were then bowled out for 217, Andrew Knott taking 3/48.

First XI - 2015 Playing Record – finished 7th out of 8 in

Division 1

P	W (10)	T (7)	L (0)	R (4)	BP (bat)	BP (bowl)	Pts
21	4	0	15	2	18	8	74

Adam Brown was the only batsman to make the League batting averages (qualification 300 runs at an average of greater than 25.0) hitting 626 runs from 19 innings, at an average of 32.9. The 626 run total is a new club record at this level.

Daniel Lee took 35 wickets @ 23.1 each to qualify for



Back row (l to r),
Alan Kirkham,
Steve Brown Jnr,
Robin Sparshott,
Harry Whitfield,
Dave Stubbings,
Daniel Lee.

Middle row
(l to r), Jack
Stubbings,
Steve Brown Snr,
Adam Brown.

Front row (l to r),
Phil Knott,
Andrew Knott.

the League bowling averages (qualification 30 wickets).

Second XI

For the first time in over 30 years, the Club ran a second XI in the Cumbria Cricket League. This proved to be a resounding success with the team finishing mid-table and all the younger players getting invaluable experience of playing a longer form of cricket.

Date	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Result
17/5	Seascale II	214/6	W'haven III	122	W (92 runs)
	R.Robinson 72)		(S.Brown Snr 4/9)		
24/5	Seascale II	72	Egremont III	221/7	L (149 runs)
			(H.Whitfield 3/26)		
7/6	Seascale II	174/5	Cockermouth III	78	W (96 runs)
	(D.Lee 59 no)		(C.Lloyd 4/14)		
19/6	Seascale II (20/20)	151/5	Cleator III	154/6	L (4 wkts)
21/6	Gosforth	250/8	Seascale II	246/8	L (2 wkts)
			(D.Lee 85 no)		
28/6	Seascale II (Cup)	135/8	Egremont III	233/4	L (98 runs)
3/7	W'ton III (20/20)	130/5	Seascale II	100/6	LD (30 runs)
			(R.Robinson 45 no)		
16/7	Seascale II (20/20)	88/6	Gosforth	83/7	W (4 wkts)
	(A.Holburt 37 no)		(D.Lee 4/18)		
31/7	Seascale II (20/20)	97	W'ton III	98/5	L (5wkts)
16/8	Seascale II	230/7	Cockermouth III	170	W (60 runs)
	(D.Lee 94)		(A.Kirkham 3/25)		
23/8	Egremont III	192/9	Seascale II	44/0	RAIN
	(A.Lee 3/13)				
31/8	Cleator III (Cup)	111/5	Seascale II	110/6	L (5 wkts)
31/8	W'haven III(Cup)	96/0	Seascale II	196/3	W (100 runs)
	(S.Brown Jnr 77)		(J.Stubbings 76)		

Second XI - 2015 League Playing Record – finished 4th out of 7 in CCL

P	W (6)	WD (5)	T (3)	LD (1)	L (0)	Rain (3)	Pts
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Junior Section

Moving on from last year when the Club successfully entered an Under 11 team in the local Junior League, this summer the Club were able to field an Under 13 team as well. Both teams carried on with the same enthusiasm as last year. It is a huge mark of success that in a small village like Seascale, that we able to field two teams of children on a weekly basis. The Club has lots of very talented young players demonstrated by the inclusion of some of the older ones in open age games this year. Two players were put forward for the district side and Jay Connor has been selected for the district under 13 side for the next season.

Our plans for the 2016 season are to continue with both the Under 13s & Under 11s and also look to put together a younger plastic ball team to ensure we can continue the growth of our junior section. None of this is possible without the adult helpers giving up their time and the Club would like them to know their input is very much appreciated.

Three's Company

This year's three's company was held at Calderbridge where Seascale once again ran out winners. In the morning game vs Gosforth, Seascale recovered from 42/6 to post 87/7 in their 20 overs, thanks mainly to 33 retired from Jack Stubbings. Reece Robinson then bowled both Gosforth's openers out first ball in the first over as Gosforth were bowled out for 51, the winning margin for Seascale 36 runs.

In the afternoon game vs

Calderbridge, Seascale batted much better scoring 121/5 with Daniel Lee retiring on 33, Andrew Holburn on 30 and Jack Stubbings hitting 29. Calderbridge could then only manage 31 all out in their reply with Reece Robinson continuing his good form to finish with the remarkable figures of 3 overs, 3 maidens, 3 wickets for 0 runs. Next year's competition is due to be held at Gosforth.

Christmas Do

The Club will be holding its annual Xmas function on Saturday 19 December at the Windscale Club. Back by popular demand will be WEATHERED ROCK and there'll also be a disco provided by Ultimate Sounds.

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SEASCALE KNITTING CLUB

So, this year's knittiness is now gone from the sea front, it survived the wind and rain but did look a little tired at the end. The knitting club continues to thrive and please do join us whenever you can. The 'Knitters Christmas Eve' was found on the internet, I don't know who wrote it. However, it's a bit of fun! *Penny Cater*

A Knitter's Christmas Eve

'Twas the night before Christmas and all around me
There was unfinished knitting not under the tree.
The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care
'Cause the heels and the toes had not a stitch there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
But I had not finished the caps for their heads.
Dad was asleep – he was no help at all.
And the sweater for him was six sizes too small.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I put down my needles to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash.
Tripped over my yarn and fell down in my stash.
The tangle of yarn that lay deep as the snow
Reminded me how far I still had to go.
When out on the lawn I heard such a noise,
I was sure it would wake up both Dad and the boys.
And although I was tired and my brain a bit thick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nic.
Yet what I heard left me very perplexed
For nothing I heard was what I expected.
"Move Rowan! Move Patons! Move Koigu and Clover!
Move Shelridge! Move Starmore! Move Spinrite!
Move over!
Lopi, don't circle around, just stand there in line.
Pay attention you sheep and you'll work out just fine!
I know this is hard, as it's just your first year,
But I'd hate to go back to 8 tiny reindeer."
I peered over the sill. What I saw was amazing!
Eight woolly sheep on my lawn all a-grazing!
And then in a twinkle, I heard at the door
Santa's big boots stomping on the porch floor.
I rose from my knees and got back on my feet.

As I turned around, St Nic I did meet.
He was dressed all in wool from his head to his toe
And his clothes were hand knit from above to below.
A bright Fair Isle sweater he wore on his back,
And his toys were all stuffed in an Aran sack.
His hat was a wonder of bobbles and lace,
A beautiful frame for his rosy red face.
The scarf on his neck could have stretched for a mile,
And the socks peeking over his boots were Argyle.
On the back of his mitts was an intricate cable.
And suddenly on one I spotted a small label:
"S.C." in duplicate on the cuff.
So I asked, "Hey, Nic, did YOU knit all this stuff?"
He proudly replied, "Ho, ho, ho, yes I did.
I learned how to knit when I was a kid."
He was chubby and plump, a well-dressed old man,
And I laughed to myself, for I'd thought up a plan.
I flashed him a grin and jumped up in the air,
And the next thing he knew, he was tied to a chair.
He spoke not a word, but looked down in his lap
Where I had laid my needles and yarn for a cap.
He began then to knit, first one cap then two.
For the first time I thought I might really get through.
He put heels in the stockings and toes in some socks,
While I sat back drinking a scotch on the rocks.
Quickly like magic his needles they flew,
Good Grief! He was finished by two!
He sprang for his sleigh when I let him go free,
And over his shoulder he looked back at me.
I heard him explain as he sailed past the moon,
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Recently, I have been contacted several times by customers who have received phone calls, often citing their names, pertaining to be from Microsoft or another company like BT, claiming to have found viruses on their computers.

I would just like to point out that it is impossible for a remote computer to be able to detect such viruses unless you have sent them an email in the past (and a recent mail has arrived with a virus), in which case it will, almost certainly, be someone you know personally.

If you get such a call, please do not allow them to use Remote Desktop on your computer, since it allows them complete access to it – they can do pretty much anything that someone sitting at the computer could do, but will know precisely how to do it, having practised this a number of times previously.

So, what happens when they take control?

- ◆ First, they ask you to turn the computer on and will ask you to open Remote Desktop.
- ◆ They then ask you to read out the code that program gives you, allowing them to access your computer.
- ◆ They will then “show” you the proof that viruses exist. In reality, these are just standard tests which they know will show an error – these errors are perfectly normal and are on all Windows computers, which is how they know that they are there.
- ◆ Once they have “proven” that the machine is infected, they will then ask you to subscribe to an anti-virus package, often costing far, far more than is usual (we’re talking hundreds of pounds, instead of around thirty).

At some point, they may also slip a “diagnostic tool” in on the computer, particularly if you’ve turned them down, which is (in reality) a virus or a Trojan horse. What is a Trojan? Basically, it’s a malicious program which, unlike a virus, cannot self-replicate, but requires a user to install it on the machine (often thinking it’s another program, or hiding as part of another program – they are often found as part of illegally downloaded programs).

This can then open up holes in your security programs, allowing viruses in.

What to do?

Firstly, don’t panic. There is no way that they can tell that you have a virus. If they’re claiming to call from Microsoft, or BT, hang up. If they’re calling from a known IT agency that you deal with, tell them that someone’s on the other line and that you’ll call them back, hang up, make sure that the line is clear and you have a dial tone, then ring that agency with a known IT support number. That way, you can be sure that you have accurate information and you’re not being scammed.

If possible, use a second telephone line or mobile, or wait ten to twenty minutes before making the call – some telephone scammers will keep the line open and pretend that they’ve hung up, while still remaining connected, so that you won’t actually be phoning anyone, but still talking to them.

Under no circumstances should you give them any money or credit or debit card details, or (worse) your bank details.

If you have fallen for the scam, shut the computer down immediately – you can use the windows key to open the menu and select Shut Down, often before they realise what you’re doing. If that doesn’t work, turn the router off (there’s usually a button) or if you’re using a cable to plug into the router, unplug it. This will cut the connection to the internet and therefore their control over the computer.

If you have multiple computers connected to the internet, or are using a direct ADSL modem (rare, these days), then you can, at a last resort, turn the computer off by first pressing, then (if need be) holding down the power button for at least 4 seconds.

And, finally, if you think that you have been caught out and have given card details, cancel that card immediately. The longer you delay, the more risk there will be of unauthorised payments being made from it.

And don’t feel embarrassed. Recently, a Suffolk company was caught out by such a scam pertaining to be from their bank – they had over a million pounds of their money transferred to “safe” accounts before they realised that they were being scammed, so it can happen to anyone.

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I still can't get my head around sitting in the sun making Scandi style decorations or knitting thick woolly socks.

I must admit I do love mixing up the spices to fill my linen and tartan hearts – they smell so lovely!

Proving popular at the moment are the wooden pyrography decorated tree decorations – Snowman, Rudolph, star, gingerbread man, angel, robin, dove, snowflake to name a few. I also do hearts with 'Love from...' or 'I love Seascale/Cumbria'.

These are available any time of year.

I now have my latest jewellery collection well under way – ideal for gifts for that special lady or even yourself!

This collection is mainly gemstones – deep purple agate, aquamarine, spider vein turquoise and also fossilised coral, lava stones, aurora borealis, rainbow moonstone in sterling silver plus lots more – just come and have a look!

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Iona and Peter Frost Pennington, Vivienne Tregidgaand Phil Anthony Gable discussing filming "Are we dead yet?" at Muncaster Castle.

“ARE WE DEAD YET?”

FEATURE FILM TO BE SHOT IN WEST CUMBRIA

Two years ago I relocated my business, Impact 108 PR and Marketing Company, to Seascale in order to look after my elderly parents, my lovely father sadly died last October. Mother was very ill but thankfully with lots of nurturing she is back to fighting fit again and telling me off for the way I wear my hair!

When I'm not helping companies raise their profile and gain higher profits I love producing films. I produced 'The Fat Chat Show' and the 'Cumbrian Kitchen Show' on YouTube featuring Cumbrian businesses and Head Chef Jon Fell from Sella Park House Hotel. It was a huge success with over 20,000 hits significantly raising Jon Fell's profile as the amazing chef he is.

A Touch of Hollywood

It was lots of hard work and fun, but not as much fun as I'm having working with Phil Anthony Gable who recently returned to Workington from Los Angeles to look after his parents. There seems to be a theme running here!

Phil has spent more than seven years in Hollywood working in the film industry becoming experienced in directing and the mechanics behind how films are made. He also writes the most amazing film scores and has for more than 20 years.

We both thought Muncaster Castle would be an

ideal film location and putting our creative heads together we came up with a story line featuring the ghosts who might haunt the castle.

Muncaster has always been one of my family's favourite places to visit for many years and during that time I have got to know the hard working couple who own and run the castle – Iona and Peter Frost Pennington.

With our synopsis in hand Phil and I went to meet Iona and Peter to put the idea of shooting a feature film at the Castle. They loved it, thinking it light and funny and something they felt their brand could to be associated with.

The hard work begins

You would think that shooting a film was easy!

In order to create interest and investment in the feature film we want to shoot next year we first need to shoot a short five-minute film that will act like a trailer for the main feature. It will introduce the main characters, the location and build suspense so that an audience want to see more.

We will enter this short film into lots of film festivals across the world. The main one will be The Sundance Film Festival in the USA which puts a lot of emphasis on independent films by budding film makers, giving them a stage and opportunity to showcase. The short film will also be used to entice

talented directors and 'A' list actors to be part of the film.

"It takes a lot of cash, equipment and people to make a film" explains Phil, "with the success of Downton Abbey US investors are keen to look at film projects in the UK that have that historic feel and Muncaster Castle certainly fits that bill. I am hoping we will raise enough funding to bring a cameraman over from Hollywood who has 4K cameras that will give the film that Hollywood block buster look."

To raise the funds Phil has launched an appeal on www.Indiegogo.com. "I'm really hoping that people will get behind this project. When the feature film goes ahead next year we will be employing lots of local people."

How it works

Funding for the main feature film has to be in place before any filming can start so that everyone gets paid from the actors and crew, equipment hired or purchased, and accommodation and food.

"The 'A' list actors with the calibre and pedigree of say Joanna Lumley are box office sellers and will ensure our film is a huge success, however, they command a huge fee" says Phil. "This is why we have to make a real good job of this short film so that we can entice 'A' list actors and directors to want to be part of it".

Thankfully there are people who are keen and enjoy investing in films in exchange for some involvement. We just have to get our short film in front of them.

The funders do not get any return on their investment until the film is released and makes money from the box office, DVD sales or TV series rights.

"Flossy"

Because filming of the short film is not able to start until November when the castle is quieter Phil and I were keen to get cracking with our "Are we dead yet?" series.

Our first collaborative five-minute film was called "Flossy" and was featured in the Whitehaven Film Festival this summer to much acclaim.

'Flossy' featured a TV Ghost Hunter show host Cynthia Taylor Mumford played by Rose Marian Finn and her side kick Hugo (Todd Morgan) who travel around the country visiting haunted locations. They

It's not at all glamorous on a film set – it was cold even though it was supposed to be summer ! and very late at night. We were all extremely tired after working till 2am! But there were no complaints and Keyleigh and Todd kept us laughing all the time.



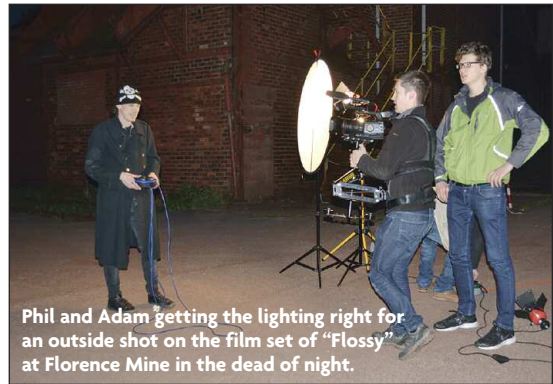


Phil Gable Director and Adam Pearce cameraman on set at Florence Mine shooting “Flossy”.

arrive at Florence Mine that’s reported to be haunted by the ghosts of lost miners. Cynthia has the ability to see ghosts all the time but Hugo has never seen one until that is he meets Flossy played by Keyleigh Rose Slack.

“We used local actors, crew and filmed it at Florence Mine in Egremont which is a really spooky place at night.” Explained Phil.

Rose Marian Finn who played the lead role Cynthia Taylor Mumford, Phil Anthony Gable Director, Vivienne Tregidga Producer, Todd Moran who played Hugo, and Keyleigh Rose Slack who played Flossy. The gang at the Whitehaven Film Festival this summer.



Phil and Adam getting the lighting right for an outside shot on the film set of “Flossy” at Florence Mine in the dead of night.

It was an ideal project to test how well Phil and I were going to work together, and fortunately we got on very well.

Filming “Flossy” took three four-hour sessions of night time filming at Florence Mine and then a further three weeks to edit.

“People just don’t understand how much work goes into editing a film together,” said Phil who also wrote and produced the music for “Flossy.” “We produced this film on a very small budget and lots of goodwill from everyone involved.”

How you can take part

You can see our “Flossy” film and the advert for our new short trailer for the feature film on www.indiegogo.com and search for “Are We Dead Yet?” Our crowd-funding page will come up and we



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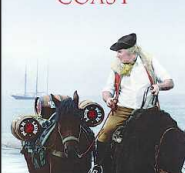
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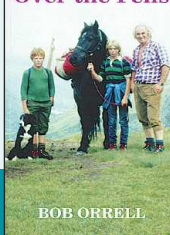
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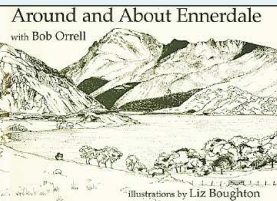
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Around and About Ennerdale with Bob Orrell

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1ST GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

What a busy summer we've had! We've taken part in the Gosforth FunRun, which makes everyone very competitive, had our AGM featuring a very entertaining play about Jack and the Beanstalk, with puppets made by the Beavers and a bridge pioneered by the Scouts, and held a sandcastle competition on Drigg Beach. The Beaver Scouts have been to Carlisle Airport, where they could climb into a Lancaster Bomber, and the Cubs enjoyed paddling the tiger boats at Scarness. The Scouts took part in the county manhunt, where they were in the lead all day but finally just pipped at the post by another group, so well done to them. We also had a camp at Nether Wasdale, with activities provided by the Friends of the Lake District, and a long walk back to Gosforth the next day. The term ended with our usual ritual waterfight at Miterdale – at the time of writing, I don't know if we've all dried out yet!

We're now looking forward to a weekend at Great Tower Scout Camp Site, where we're going to be doing tree climbing, archery and crate stacking amongst other things, and we're going to be planning another busy year, especially as it's 100 years of Cub Scouts next year.

So if you're interested in joining us, as a young person or an adult helper, please get in touch!

Jackie Harper 019467 27211

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Just like Waymark Youth Praise Band which came before it, Phoenix has been privileged to provide contemporary and traditional worship music at many services and celebrations across the churches in Gosforth, Seascale and Drigg, and also at a number of Methodist and ecumenical events in Egremont.

The only difference between Phoenix and Waymark is that Phoenix welcomes singers, musicians and techies of any age, not just 'youth'! Our underlying aims have always been the same: to have fun making Christian music together and enjoying wide-ranging discussions about life, the universe and everything.

We shall continue to meet most Friday evenings in term-time at 7pm in the schoolroom at Gosforth Methodist Church. New members/enquirers of any church affiliation or none are warmly welcomed to join us or ask us for more details before giving us a try (no strings attached!). All you need is an enthusiasm for singing, playing an instrument or providing technical support, and a lively interest in the Christian faith.

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medicine, engineering to economics and politics to psychology. Dozens will start higher apprenticeships and apprenticeships at firms including BAE Systems and Sellafield with career paths including nuclear, project management and finance. Many others have secured good jobs locally with the qualifications and employability skills to ensure they succeed.

Principal David Batten said the College has high expectations for its students and they have delivered a superb set of results that can take them wherever they want to go. "It has been a fantastic year for our students, many of whom have outperformed expectations through sheer hard work and determination and that of their tutors and staff and we are very proud of all of them. "They go on to the next step – whether that's a university degree course, higher apprenticeship or a good job – with a college education behind them and all the benefits of self-confidence, independent learning skills and maturity that having been at a sixth form college brings.

"We have an increasing number of students heading to university; 60 per cent are the first in their families to do so and we are glad to be raising aspirations to show students they can aim high and succeed."

Many of the students gathered at the college on Rating Lane to collect their grades, speak to tutors who were on hand to offer congratulations and advice on next steps and to enjoy a breakfast barbecue. Nathan Tracey, of Barrow, got the grades he needed for a higher apprenticeship at BAE in project management while Luke Fearon, of Lindal, will start an apprenticeship at Sellafield after passing his A levels.

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SEASCALE'S INNIS DOES THE FASTNET

An avid sailor from the age of 12, I have often dreamed of competing in a classic off-shore yacht race ... and on 16 August I crossed the start line of the 90th anniversary Rolex Fastnet race to fulfil that dream. Being a 700-mile (1130km) off-shore yacht race the Fastnet is generally considered one of the world's classic races, racing across the south coasts of England and Ireland to the Fastnet rock, known as 'The Teardrop of Ireland', because it was the last sight of Ireland for emigrants sailing to America.

As an experienced sailor in both dinghy and yacht racing I had to pull on all my knowledge and experience to prepare myself for the challenges of the race. After I took part in two legs of a round the world yacht race in 2005 I took a break from sailing for 10 years, concentrating on family and career, so it was a daunting task to prepare myself to get back on a boat, and the challenges the Fastnet race presents. The mental preparations were tough owing to the break in sailing and joining a crew put together specifically for this race. However if I thought the mental preparations were tough – they were nothing compared to the physical journey I had to take. Until I started training in earnest in the New Year I thought I was fairly fit, but the instructors at the Seascale gym soon showed me I had a long journey to travel. When I wasn't on the boat doing qualifying race I was attending a number of different fitness classes from Kettle bells, Keep fit and Circuits. The workout and 'motivational encouragement' the instructors provided was key in getting my body to a place I don't think it's been for many years! – a fitness level relevant for the multitude of tasks on the boat such as sail changes, winching and general movement around a bouncing yacht.

The sailing campaign was a joy, if exhausting experience I will never forget. It involved two training/teambuilding weekends in the Solent (Southampton) and four qualifying races along the south coast and across the channel to France and the



Channel Islands, then finally culminating in the Fastnet itself.

The Fastnet was everything I hoped for, and more. We had all sorts of weather from no wind and clear blue skies, light winds and zero visibility, to strong wind with driving rain. Over 4½ days of non-stop racing, 4 hours on and 4 hours off, with broken sleep during off-watches to go back on deck to perform a racing manoeuvre (I think the longest unbroken sleep I had in 4 days was 2 hours!). Many people, my wife included, do not see that as fun, but it was exactly the buzz I was expecting! The hard work and pain worked out well worth the effort as the result we achieved were well above anything we ever imagined: overall 77th out of approximately 320 boats. In class – 21st out of 71 boats, and 'school boat' class (yachts with teams put together just for this race from recognised RYA training centres) we were 2nd overall.

Along with the personal experience I also decided to use this opportunity to raise the awareness of the Ocean Youth Trust with whom I sailed with some 27 years ago. The experiences I gained through this inspirational charity helped form me as a sailor and shape me to the person I am today.

If anyone feels they would like to know more about sailing opportunities, OYT or general sailing, I would be happy to chat; you can contact me on inniswilkinson@msn.com

The Ocean Youth Trust

OYT is a charity that offers 'Adventure under Sail'. OYT is open to all young people from any walk of life but also provides opportunities to youngsters facing adversity including those who are visual or hearing impaired or have learning disabilities. They work with those who are young carers or are excluded in some way along with young people suffering from terminal illnesses and their siblings. The OYT also supports young adults 'Not in Employment, Education or Training', and assist those who suffer from social and economic deprivation whom they support financially through their Equal Chance Appeal. More information on the OYT (North) can be found at www.oynorth.org.uk



This is us rounding the Fastnet Rock!



CUMBRIA WILDLIFE TRUST

Cumbria Wildlife Trust is the only voluntary organisation devoted solely to the conservation of wildlife and wild places in Cumbria.

It was formed over 50 years ago and is currently supported by over 14,000 members. It cares for more than 40 nature reserves, campaigns for the protection of endangered species and habitats and works with adults and children to discover the importance of the natural world.

In most areas of the county there are local support groups who help to spread the word about the work of the Trust. The Group local to this area is the West Coast Support Group based in the Gosforth and Seascale but includes the area from Whitehaven to Ravenglass.

In winter we hold meetings, alternating between Gosforth and Seascale when we invite speakers to talk about wildlife related topics, sometimes quite scientific but other talks can be of a lighter nature. Some recent talks have covered topics such as moths, orchids and work on nature reserves.

The summer meetings are usually held at an outdoor venue to look at the different habitats and associated wildlife within the local area and occasionally further afield. We have recently visited St Bees Head, Clints Quarry and Maryport Harbour.

If you would like to attend our local meetings we advertise them in local papers and put posters around the district.

For those who wish to do some practical work the Trust organises work parties on their nature reserves as well as meadow, upland and wetland conservation work. There is also the opportunity to get involved in surveys.

In our local area there are two Nature Reserves – Eskmeals Dunes and Clints Quarry. Eskmeals is a sand dune site, containing a mixture of habitats and species, including grassland flora and estuarine species of flora and fauna. Clints Quarry is a former limestone quarry purchased by the Trust in the 1980s to preserve the rare limestone flora, including bee and pyramidal orchids as well as supporting birds such as kestrel and raven.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust there are various electronic ways including an excellent website (www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk), twitter, facebook, or by phone (01539 816300).

Rosemary Hutt

GP SURGERY CRISIS HELP APPEAL

Recent closures of the Bootle Surgery owing to a GP staffing shortage has led to some patients having to go to the Seascale surgery for appointments. The Muncaster Microbus has stepped in to provide transport on one or two days each week for patients who don't have transport to see the doctor.

Microbus spokesperson Liz Clegg says, "We have been able to help out on a short term basis, but what is really needed is a community car scheme that covers the areas not served by the existing car schemes." She explained that car schemes are more flexible, and so better able to meet patients' needs.

"Whilst it is relatively inexpensive to run a car scheme because the drivers are volunteers and use their own vehicles, we hope to raise some local government or community funding to cover some of the fixed costs. Users will only have to pay a small mileage rate to use the community car scheme."

The new community car proposal will be run separately from the Microbus bus service, so that it can operate a local door-to-door service to the doctors or other services. "We hope we might even be able to collect people's medication prescriptions from the surgery for them" added Liz.

Volunteers are needed to organise and drive to get the scheme on the road. Jim Madell can be contacted on: 01229 718766 or through: info@muncastermicrobus.org.uk

FIREFIGHTERS' "THANK YOU"

Thank you to the residents of Seascale, Gosforth and the surrounding areas, who turned up at the Charity Car Wash at the Fire Station in Seascale earlier this year. A special thank you goes to the Seascale Stompers Dance Group who, as usual made a considerable contribution, thanks again. Also thanks go to several people who made donations without having their cars washed – this was really generous and very much appreciated. Last but not least a big thank you to Linda McKenzie who turns up every year with cakes and scones to feed the car washers. This year we made around £600, which is passed to the Fire Fighters Charity which helps injured firefighters on the road to recovery and also supports families of those firefighters who tragically have died in the line of duty.

Thank you all once again. *The Seascale Firefighters*

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