

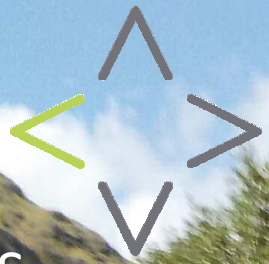
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SEASCALE

Just a short report this time – it is about the Christmas lights. We are going to purchase new ones as we have received a donation from the Seascale Stompers of £400 and £500 from our new Co-op. Along with the Parish Council budget we will be able to replace the ones that have failed.

We have received some Community Fund money for the cycleway so I hope the committee will have a report in the next magazine.

We have decided that we must be doing most things right as we do not see residents at our general meetings or our AGM.

I hope everyone has a good summer and I am sure that the young people are looking forward to the new play park.

Eileen Eastwood, Seascale Parish Council

BATTLE OF THE SOMME

There were three Seascale men who lost their lives in The Battle of the Somme. As we reach the 100-year anniversary of the battle, we will remember those from Seascale who never returned.

1 July 1916 Sergeant Matthew Hudson Mossop M.M. – he lived at Laurel Bank, Seascale, at that time. Served with 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

7 July 1916 Private Arthur Gibson – he lived at 1 The Crescent, Seascale at that time. Served with Borders Regiment 1st/5th Battalion

18 November 1916 Sergeant Joshua Hardisty M.M. – he lived at Taylor's Cottages, Seascale at that time. Served with Borders Regiment 11th Battalion

The Battle of the Somme began on 1 July 1916 and ended on 18 November 1916. How poignant that this village lost men on the first and the last day of the battle.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ROAD SAFETY

When driving under the Seascale railway arch put on your lights and be seen. And when walking along country roads we were all taught to walk on the side facing oncoming traffic. But surely on bends in the road it is safer to be on the outside so that traffic from both directions can see the walkers more clearly and earlier?

The next edition of Tethera is scheduled to be published on the last weekend in October. We are always on the lookout for stories and event dates. The closing date for contributions will be Saturday 1 October.

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

DAVID MORGAN (DAI TO HIS FRIENDS)



Half mast. In respect of David

Nearly all of our previous newsletters had some news on

David saying how much over the years he has done for Seascale village. It is so sad he is no longer with us and our thoughts are with his wife June, his two sons and their families.

Many years ago when we were raising funds to make the old shunting shed into a sports hall and build a bowling green David helped to raise funds. We didn't know he was a good folk singer until he did a concert at The Wansfell. He was a man of many talents; he helped with nearly all the organisations that needed help. He didn't just take walks along the beach and footpaths – he never walked past rubbish. We were the envy of other beaches and villages. David was our village treasure.

He flew all of the flags on the appropriate dates. I know we will never replace him but we will be organising beach cleans in his memory. We already have a volunteer to fly the flags.

David always kept an eye on the recycling bins and waste bins and reported back to the Parish Council if they were full.

We owe him so much. We could enjoy our clean beach and village all year round because of David.

Please help keep up his good work. I am sure all of us can pick up rubbish instead of walking past. I have seen two gentlemen doing it. Let it be a legacy for David that we carry on.

David made a comment to me when we were discussing rubbish on the beach that he wished he had a vehicle to help him get along the beach and down the lanes. In my Parish write up in one of the magazines I mentioned this. The response was unbelievable – the Stompers raised funds, the WI and other groups supported it and we had a large private donation. David got his vehicle and enjoyed using it.

Eileen Eastwood

THE SEASCALE SHOW

It's almost showtime again! This year's Seascale Show is taking place in the Windscale Club, Gosforth Road, Seascale on Saturday, 6 August at 2pm.

Seascale and District Horticultural Society has a long history, having been formed on 8 February 1896, making it 120 years old this year. The first show included classes for butter, eggs, flowers and vegetables, farming classes and wild flower classes for pupils of Seascale Day School. Later shows were held in a marquee in the cricket field, with a string band, and a Ball to follow.

We can't promise you a band or a Ball this year, but there will be the usual teas with delicious cakes and an auction of produce at the end of the show. There will be a sale of perennial plants and new for this year, a sale of craft items. You might even be able to pick up a Christmas present or two!

Schedules for exhibitors are still available in local shops, or contact Janis Paterson on 019467 28483 for further details.

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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.

NETHER WASDALE MAY FESTIVAL AND STRANDS BEERFEST



Children's Maypole and Whitehaven's brass band parade on 7 May.



Mark and Lesley Corr receive CAMRA Award for West Cumbria Pub of the Year, & impressive line-up!



EXCURSION TO ISLE OF MAN

Given good weather, there are plans for sailings of MV Balmoral between Whitehaven and Douglas, Isle of Man, on Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 July, by the White Funnel Line. It may be too late to book tickets by the time you read this, but it could be worth a try. The website is: <https://www.whitefunnel.co.uk/> and their telephone number is 0117 325 6200.

One disappointment though is the potential loss of the historic Horse Tramway along the Douglas Promenade. It survived from 1869 until last year. A press release was issued, and can be seen at <http://www.douglashorsetramway.net/>

It starts with these words: "Douglas Horse Tram Service to be discontinued."

It was issued by Douglas Borough Council on 21 January 2016. "It is with very great regret, following detailed discussions and meetings, that Douglas Borough Council is to discontinue the Douglas horse tram service because of the increased

financial burden on Douglas ratepayers. The decision to terminate the service was passed at a special meeting of the Council on Thursday January 21 2016."

However there has since been a reprieve, and horse trams will run this year. But it's not certain that they will continue next year.

Your compiler of Tethera, Trevor Preece, was involved in the production of a book on the horse tramway by the late Keith Pearson, in 1999. A few copies of this well-illustrated book are still available for £14.50, plus postage of 10%. The publisher of this book is Adam Gordon, Kinradwell Farmhouse, Brora, Sutherland KW9 6LU. 01408 622660. adam@ahg-books.com

Website is www.ahg-books.com

Adam also has copies available of the "The Manx Electric Railway Saga" book by Robert Hendry, lavishly illustrated with many colour photographs.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR GOSFORTH LIBRARY

Gosforth library has re-opened as volunteer-run.

Late last year Cumbria County Council decided that they had to reduce the number of libraries owing to funding restrictions. Gosforth library was one of the libraries selected for closure.

Gosforth Parish Council know that having a library in the village is important to many people and so we've been working with the County Council to find other ways of providing the service. The result is a "library link" – a volunteer-run library supported by the county librarians.

The library is still in the same place and your county library card can be used to take books out in the same way as before. It's also possible to

request books from the county stock, either in the library or online, and you can return any books taken out from other libraries. In short, you should be able to use the library pretty much as before. We've also got free WiFi, but currently no computers for internet access – at the moment we can't afford to buy new PCs but we're open to offers if you want to donate one!

We'd like to acknowledge the support we've received from Gosforth Public Hall, the landlords of the building, and to thank County Councillor Norman Clarkson for the substantial grant he gave us from his local fund to facilitate the first year of operations. We'd also like to thank all those who have volunteered to help run the library.

The library will be open from 10am to noon on Saturdays, 1pm to 3.30pm on Mondays and 3pm to 5.30pm on Wednesdays.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer librarian we'd be happy to hear from you. Training will be given and we're flexible so you can do as many or as few sessions as you want, perhaps a couple per month. Please contact Chris Walton (25526) or email the Parish Council clerk: gosforth.parish@outlook.com > gosforth.parish@outlook.com

Chris Walton, Gosforth PC

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DAVID FLIES THE FLAG

Gosforth has the honour of seeing the Cumberland Flag flying adjacent to the Village Store. This flag is sometimes misidentified as the Cumbria flag. The flag design is based on the banner of arms on the county of Cumberland which was granted in 1950. The three flowers on the top half of the flag represent Parnassus flowers which grow on the marshy uplands and the green fertile plains of the county. The blue and white waves represent the coastline and famous lakes of the county.

The flag was officially recognised on 13 December 2013. The design was based on an earlier version but the artistry was improved at



the request of the Flag Institution by a county-based Vexillographer (flag designer) Philip Tibbetts, a noticeable improvement being the enlargement of the three flowers.

WEST LAKELAND ROTARY NEWS

Last month the Rotary club held its annual "Alan Hurst" charity walk. This year it was in aid of the West Cumbria Carers. Each year a different route is chosen, this year's walk covered a 40 miles stretch of the "Ribble Way" and was done in four days. A party of 35 was involved which included Rotarians, partners and friends, many of which have participated in these walks over the years. These Rotary walks are so named after the late Alan Hurst who was the prime organiser of them for many years.

Margaret Whitham's Walk Diary

Day 1. Commenced walking from Ribchester to Clitheroe a distance of 10 miles, some road walking involved, but the scenery was frequently changing as the path went through woodland areas and fields, many well manured. Unfortunately a bridge was down, so the diversion



added 2 miles on to the day's total.

Day 2. From Clitheroe to Gisburn distance 9.3 miles. Rain was forecast but it soon cleared. We continued to walk through ever-changing scenery, lush countryside, by the River, and Woods full of Blue-Bells and Wild Garlic in abundance.

Day 3. Started from Gisburn to Settle distance 12 miles, despite aches, blisters we all completed the day's walk. I was particularly impressed with different types of bridges we saw on route.

Day 4. Settle to Horton 7.5 miles, this included the highest point of the walk 980ft which gave us an elevated view of the beautiful surrounding countryside, so different to the previous few days' experience. The final few miles were by the Riverside, a very pleasant end to the walk. We said our good-byes in the Pub at Horton.



EVENTS CALENDAR

in and around Drigg, Gosforth & Seascale For events further afield in Cumbria go to: www.golakes.co.uk/

- 13 July – Wednesday.** 6.30pm Siddick Ponds SSSI Reserve. Siddick Ponds is one of Cumbria's most important bird sites. Meet at the car park at the side of Edgar's car showrooms at Dunmail Park Siddick Road. All are easy walks. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring binoculars. Suggested donation £2
- 16 and 17 July – Saturday and Sunday:** MV Balmoral sailing between Whitehaven and Douglas, Isle of Man, by the White Funnel Line. It may be too late to book tickets by the time you read this, but it could be worth a try. See page 6. Website is: <https://www.whitefunnel.co.uk/> Tel: 0117 325 6200.
- 16 July – Saturday.** Florence Mine Arts Centre. Egremont. Comedy Night: Martin Mor & Junior Simpson. £10pp. More details www.florencemine.com. Contact: Craig Carruthers 01946 824946.
- 21 July – Thursday.** Beatrix Potter and National Trust Ranger-led walk to Penny Hill farm Beatrix Potter owned in Eskdale. And with the RATTY. 12 noon to 3pm. Start and finish at Dalegarth station. Free entry.
- 22 July – Friday.** Florence Mine Arts Centre. Egremont. Nick Hennessy: A Harper's Trade. 8pm. £10. More details www.florencemine.com. Contact: Craig Carruthers 01946 824946. Contact: Martin Clayton 019467 23463.
- 22 July – Friday.** Woolpack - Comedy Night with host John Lebbon
- 23 July – Saturday.** Rock the Fells at Bootle Village Hall. A new to the area arts and music festival. 11am to 11pm. £10 adults 16+. Under 16s free but must be accompanied by adult. Details: RockTheFells@gmail.com
- 28 July – Thursday.** RATTY Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday party. A railway tea party with special guest Peter Rabbit. And exhibition. Dalegarth. Ticket price is free. Details www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk. Contact: Claire Woodburn 01229 717171.
- 3 August – Wednesday.** Muncaster Castle. Colour Run for Hospice at Home West Cumbria. 10.30am to 5pm.
- 4 August – Thursday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Steam to the Hills with a Ranger. Take the 'Ratty' steam train to Eskdale Green and enjoy the guided walk back to the sea over Muncaster Fell with a Lake District National Park Ranger. Meet at 10:15am at Ravenglass Station to catch the 10:25 train to The Green. The walk will then commence from The Green back to Ravenglass Station.
- 5/6 August – Saturday/Sunday.** Muncaster Castle. Picnic Cinema. An outdoor cinema experience, Picnic Cinema returns to Muncaster with two classic films on the big screen on the Castle front lawn: Friday 5th, 'Labyrinth' (U); Saturday 6th, 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' (15). Entertainment begins from around 7pm with the films screening from around 9.30pm.
- 6 August – Saturday.** Seascale Show in the Windscale Club, Gosforth Road, Seascale 2pm. Organised by the Seascale Horticultural Society. See page 5.
- 8 August – Monday.** Daily sessions (10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday). GADS Youth Workshop. It will almost certainly be followed by a show on the Saturday evening, 13 August, which will be open to the public. See page 14.
- 11 August – Thursday.** Woolpack. 'those' Folk Guys
- 13 August – Saturday.** Woolpack – DJ Paul Seath – all day entertainment for big kids and little kids
- 14 August – Sunday.** Theatre on the Lawn at Muncaster Castle GADS have been asked to perform a piece of open air theatre. Tickets: £5.00 including entrance to Muncaster Gardens from 3.30pm. www.gads.org.uk www.muncaster.co.uk 01229 717614
- 20 August – Saturday.** Gosforth Agricultural Show. Stunt Riders Live. www.gosforthshow.com. Contact Julia Watson on 07856 162428. See page 31.
- 20/21 August – Saturday and Sunday.** The Gallery at Santon Bridge - Artworks from members of Lowes Court Gallery, Egremont, in the Village Hall, Santon Bridge. Open 11-5 both days. Free entry and parking.
- 26 August – Friday.** Woolpack – LIVE MUSIC with "Evie" & Band
- 27 August – Saturday.** Florence Mine Arts Centre. Egremont. Two local Cumbrian acts: Chapin-Wickwar with support from Crispin Halcrow. 7.30pm. £10pp. More details www.florencemine.com. Contact: Craig Carruthers 01946 824946.
- 27 August – Saturday.** Muncaster Castle. Race the Tide. See www.muncaster.co.uk/special-events/racethetide for details
- 27/29 August – Saturday/Monday.** Muncaster Castle. Medieval Muncaster. Over the bank holiday weekend, Muncaster returns to Tudor times with the Red Wyvern re-enactment society.
- 27, 28, 29 August – Saturday to Monday.** Gosforth Art Exhibition, Gosforth Village hall. 10am-4pm. See page 35.
- 27, 28, 29 August – Saturday to Monday.** Gosforth Hall Real Ale Festival. See page 63.
- 1 September – Thursday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Steam to the Hills with a Ranger. Take the 'Ratty' steam train to Eskdale Green and enjoy the guided walk back to the sea over Muncaster Fell with a Lake District National Park Ranger. Meet at 10:15am at Ravenglass Station to catch the 10:25 train to The Green. The walk will then commence from The Green back to Ravenglass Station.
- 2-4 September – Friday to Sunday.** Woolpack – German Beer Festival
- 6 September – Tuesday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Photography Day. The team is back to take you on a behind the scenes photography treat. Meet at 8.30 Ravenglass Station for a tour around the workshops and a cup of tea in the Turntable Café, pick up your packed lunch, before embarking on the seven mile journey up the line Please wear suitable clothing.
- 10 September – Saturday.** Woolpack – LIVE MUSIC with legend Mickey Jupp
- 16 September – Friday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Fish and Chip Night. Join an evening Diesel departure from Ravenglass at 6pm and enjoy a Fish and Chip Supper at Fellbites Cafe, Dalegarth for Boot Station.
- 24 September – Saturday.** Eskdale show
- 24 September 2016 – Saturday.** Holmrook Reading Room 12 noon – Pizza Lunch
- 1/2 October – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Peppa Pig. Her first visit to the Railway and we are very excited as we say a warm Railway welcome to her! Join the reserved seat Peppa Pig trains to the activity marquee.
- 13 October – Tuesday.** Florence Mine Arts Centre. Egremont. Bringing The Smiths back! Sort of! A tribute to Morrissey, Marr, girlfriend-and-a-korma.2 Rourke and Joyce with Cumbria's very own Girlfriend & A Korma, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their legendary gig at Carlisle's Sands Centre. 7.30pm. £12.50pp. More details www.florencemine.com. Contact: Craig Carruthers 01946 824946.
- 20 to 22 October – Thursday to Saturday.** 7.30pm. "Life and Beth" by Alan Ayckbourn. Gosforth Public Hall. GADS autumn play. See page 14.

26/31 October – Wednesday/Monday. Muncaster Castle. Halloween Week. Dare you visit one of Britain's most haunted Castles this Halloween? With events taking place throughout the week there is fun for all ages! There's crafts for the kids in the ghostly grotto, evening castle tours (which must be pre booked) fearsome fire juggling, a cannon blowout, Muncaster Monster Cabaret, Skyhunters & Twilight Owl Display (not Sunday 30th) and the scary maze! Will you be able to escape?

28/29 October – Friday/Saturday. Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Ghost Trains. Back with more fiendish tricks than ever in 2016! Feeling brave? Travel the line in darkness and keep those eyes peeled for some of our fiendish friends! Travel on services all day, but make sure you reserve your special seat on the Ghost Train from Dalegarth. This event is very popular and must be booked in advance. Ticket includes all day travel and reserved seat on the Ghost Train from Dalegarth. The Ghost Train steams out of Dalegarth Hollow at 6pm (there is no return train to Dalegarth so please make sure you park in Ravenglass, and allow time to catch the train up the valley).

26/27 November – Saturday/Sunday. Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Santa Express. All aboard! Our favourite 'Santa Express' event returns to the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway for 2016. visit our website. www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk.

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 Beckermet School. Thursdays 7.15-8.05pm Kettletercise, 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.

GADS Youth Theatre. Weekly workshops Friday evenings, 7-9pm, during term time. Gosforth Public Hall. £3 per session. First free.

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 Karate. Wednesday classes. 4.45pm. One free taster class available. to book call 01946 694751 or visit www.eskk.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. Contact 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 Wheatsheaf in Egremont. Come along and join in the fun if you can, between 7pm Tuesdays and let's say ... late. Ask for me when you arrive, if you want to play. Bring your gear. Val. 07974 418325.

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

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

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

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

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

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Singing for Fun Group. First Thursday every month 2.30pm to 4pm in St Mary's 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 Beckermet 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.

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.

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 Men's Keep Fit. Tuesday, 10.30am. 45-minute session in the Sports Hall. Target range is 55-85 years. Work at your own rate and set your own goals. One free session available. Alan Bell, 24250 or John Calvert 28936.

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 WI. Seascale Methodist School Room. Mondays 7pm every month except January. Details from Allison Hanshaw, 21935, ajhanshaw@outlook.com

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. Wednesday. Holmrook Reading Room, 6.30-7.30pm. All welcome to turn up or contact David on 24632.

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Now that the dust has settled on the second of West Cumbria CAMRA's Seascale Beer Festivals from Thursday to Saturday, 17-19 March, we would again like to say "thank you" to the people of Seascale and surrounding area for helping make this year's event the enjoyable celebration of real ale and cider we anticipated. It was indeed 'bigger and better' than even in 2015, with – in the final analysis – a full range of 31 beers and 9 different ciders on sale over the weekend. The England Rugby Union team even helped cap the weekend by achieving a Grand Slam on the Saturday night, to the delight of most of those watching on the Windscale Club's big-screen.

Again, special thanks go to those at the Club, whose assistance was very much appreciated, and also Pudding Lane and Pops Food Chain for helping keep staff and customers alike well nourished. Additionally, we'd like to thank Trevor and all at Tethera magazine for their help in promoting the event and not forgetting those from Seascale, Gosforth, and Drigg and beyond who attended and therefore supported it.

It was with a little trepidation that, for the first time, we were using a new vertical dispense system with the real ales. However we're confident that the quality of beers – and ciders – was as good as, if not better than, ever before. All beers were in excellent condition but it was the Derventio's Brewery from Derbyshire, and their 'Cleopatra' that walked off with the Beer of the

Festival award, as voted for by those that attended. For those who tried it, it was notable for its distinctive apricot flavour and aroma. It was 'Old Rosie Scrumpy', produced by Weston's of Herefordshire, which similarly scooped the Cider of the Festival award.

As with our first event, the question was oft asked, 'will there be a Seascale Beer Festival next year?' Everything is in place for a successful beer festival in 2017. An excellent venue, an established setup, a discerning clientele and even a memorable logo that should stand us in good stead for years to come. However, the branch is yet to make a final decision on which event, or indeed events, it holds next year but, rest assured, as soon as it is known we will broadcast the news. And, no doubt, it will be a case of – 'read it here first!'

Brian Maudling

Treasurer – West Cumbria CAMRA





Gala Queen Molly Little

DRIGG & CARLETON GALA SATURDAY 11 JUNE

Proceedings started on the gala field behind the Victoria Hotel, Drigg, with the formal opening of the gala by the Gala Queen Molly Little.

The appreciative crowd were entertained by Egremont Junior Brass Band, Morris Dancers Two Headed Sheep and a display from the CNC Dog Section.

There was strong competition in the LLWR sponsored Art Competitions, making life difficult for the judges.

There was a similar challenge with the Fancy Dress competition, and there was nearly a royal incident, as 'Queen Elizabeth' (Lily Roberts) didn't appear to want to continue in her role as the 90 year old monarch, but the tears turned to smiles soon after getting 1st place in her age group.

The crowds were suitable refreshed in the marquee with a fine selection of home baked cakes, and an array of food and drink being offered throughout the afternoon in the Victoria Hotel, by Gordon, Belinda and staff.

There were several new attractions to challenge various ages of children, along with some of the regular ones.

The Wiper, similar to that on TV's Wipeout, and the Bungee Run Challenge proved a big draw for children of all ages.

Towards the end of the afternoon, there was the annual tug of war, which the boys edged out the girls 2-1 in the decider.

The event closed after the grand gala raffle, with many generous prizes donated by local business' and individuals.



Kingfisher – 1st in A5 Joanna Carnall.



Owl - 1st in A3 Charlotte White

A big thanks must go to the gala committee, Victoria Hotel and the volunteers on the day for their efforts in making this

another successful gala event.

More information, photos and event results can be viewed at www.driggevents.co.uk



CNC dog handler Carol

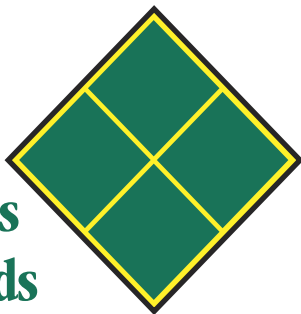


The Wiper

Queen Lily Roberts, with her mother Jennie



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GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

GADS has enjoyed a revival over the past couple of years, is moving from strength to strength and we are entering one of our busiest periods ever. There is so much going on, with more new members, and even more opportunities to get involved in all aspects of our productions.

GADS Youth Theatre Group

GADS Youth Theatre Group was conceived and



initiated by its Director, Tom Morath and our first session was held in February 2016. Tom says "It's been my great privilege to watch the members grow in just the very short space of time I have known them. That, to me, is what youth theatre is all about and it's why I am passionate about it - to grow as a person as much as a performer. I am very proud of what we have achieved. In a world that increasingly relies on the screen and the computer it's never been more important to have time together and tell stories." In just a few weeks, the group devised and created a short piece "Life's not always a Fairy Tale" which they performed in public at the end of May. The untold tale of an Evil Queen and how she came to be so was all their own work, and also gave the first outing to our new lighting rig, sponsored by the LLWR at Drigg. The Youth Theatre Group meets weekly on a Friday evening during term time and we still have space for more young people (aged 8 to 18) to join us – so please get in touch if you are interested.

Youth Workshop in August

Not quite the same as the GADS Youth Theatre Group, but for the same age group, this workshop has become a very popular annual event and is booked this year for the week beginning Monday 8 August. Daily sessions (10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday) will almost certainly be followed by a show on the Saturday evening, 13 August, which will be open to the public. Details are always a bit

vague until the beginning of the week, because the participants really do learn, rehearse, dance, sing and do everything else necessary to put on their show in only one week. We can give away some secrets though – we are hoping that the week will be run mainly by two of our young members and former workshopers (is that even a word?) and a script may even be provided by one of them too. And that it is amazing fun – although that is no secret.

Autumn Play

After so many readings at our informal "Plays for Pleasure" evenings, we were stuck for choice for this year's autumn play, but eventually settled on "Life and Beth" by Alan Ayckbourn. This 1980 play is a gentle, humane comedy and the final part of the trilogy "Things that go Bump". Beth is mourning the recent death of her health and safety officer husband. The family have come to ensure that she has a stress free Christmas but their good intentions prove to be short lived. The local vicar unwittingly summons Gordon's ghost to return to the family home. It soon becomes apparent, however that his return is not altogether welcome. Auditions will be held on Thursday 4 and Wednesday 10 August, so it's not too late to get involved. But if you just want to come and watch the show, it will be staged at Gosforth Public Hall from 20 to 22 October at 7:30pm.

Pantomime

In January 2017 it will be forty years since GADS staged our first pantomime. In 1977 the production was Dick Whittington written by GADS members Geoff Gibbens and John Larkham. To celebrate such a remarkable run, our next panto will be something special. It will be Dick Whittington again (but this time written by Alan Frayn) and we would like to invite members of the 1977 cast to celebrate with us. Either by participating in the production (even if you just want to be the 3rd ratling from the left!) or just



A LITTLE BOX OF OBLIVION

do? I spent much of January researching and reading plays that would be suitable and, if I'm honest, I came across 'A Little Box of Oblivion' by Stephen Bean completely by chance. I always enjoy comedies that I can see in my head before they're performed; humour that just works and is based around the actors ability to deliver lines and an understanding of comic timing – which is what I found in Bean's one act comedy. The play is cast and rehearsals will have started on 9 June and, if I'm honest, I'm a little nervous on two accounts. First, this will be my first time directing adult actors as I'm used to directing youth theatre. Second, I'm praying for good weather on the day else we might all be getting very wet indeed. Whatever the weather the show must go on!

It's a beautiful summer's afternoon in a suburban park. The sun is shining and the air is sweet so what better way to spend the time than a seat on a park bench watching the world go by. This is exactly what 'Cool' does as she attempts to relax with her newspaper. All is well until a mysterious green-haired lady leaves her in the care of a cardboard box with instructions that she must not move, knock, tilt or open it. Seems simple enough until passers-by get involved. This quirky one-act play focuses on five characters, their fears and how they react to life's mysteries.

All welcome Tickets: £5.00 including entrance to Muncaster Gardens from 3.30pm
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contact us to share your memories and see how things have changed over the years. Auditions will be on Monday 15 and Wednesday 24 August at 7.30pm in the supper room at Gosforth Public Hall.

For more details about any of the above, to contact us or to get involved in any way, see www.gads.org.uk or just come along to one of our events, readings, auditions, rehearsals, shows...

Jim, Karen and Tom – GADS

Theatre on the Lawn – at Muncaster Castle

GADS have been asked to perform a piece of open air theatre at Muncaster, and will do so on Sunday 14 August at 4:40 pm.

GADS – A Little Box of Oblivion, from Director Tom Morath

At the tail end of last year I was asked if I would like to produce a piece of theatre for the summer calendar at Muncaster. The Castle has gained a reputation for open-air theatre over the last few years so I was thrilled to be asked to put something together. The question is – what to

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OUR QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN SEASCALE

On Saturday 23 April members of the Methodist and the Anglican churches joined forces to put on a wonderful Afternoon Tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The Methodist hall in Seascale underwent an elaborate makeover with Union Jack bunting hung from pillar to post. Beautifully decorated tables were laid with delicate tea cups and plates and three tier stands sporting a variety of delicate sandwiches.

Volunteers had worked hard to ensure that the scene was perfect right down to the smallest detail with changing of the guard and iconic London landmark napkins.

A large table groaned under the weight of delicious cakes baked by Linda McKenzie and seven other volunteers.

Sporting the Union Flag aprons and serving the guests on the day were Jackie Folkes, Janet Hardy, Allison Hanshaw while Enid Morris diligently organised the raffle tickets and prizes.

A great afternoon was had by more than 48 guests who enjoyed a sing-along that included singing Happy Birthday to Her Majesty.

Not only was the hall decorated for this special occasion but the church was also adorned with marvellous flower arrangements.

A huge thank you to the dedicated group of volunteers who put in so much time and effort to ensure everyone was able to celebrate the Queen's birthday in such style. These ladies really do know how to put on a cracking Afternoon Tea party. Well done.

Article and photographs by Vivienne Tregidga



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FIXING THE FELLS AND THE NATIONAL TRUST WORKING IN WASDALE

If you enjoy walking in the high fells you will notice that a number of popular paths are stone-pitched.

Brown Tongue is part of the increasingly popular route up to Scafell Pike and has thousands of footfalls every year. Due to this, we need to keep on top of the problem of erosion and constantly manage the flow of people and water on to sustainable routes. But how do we get the stone up onto the fellsides?

By helicopter! Flying stone in, and using it to build paths enables us to form a wider, harder wearing route that can withstand the increasing usage and reduce the likelihood of people walking off the footpath. Without stone-pitched paths, paths would become wider and wider, and gullies would appear over time, which would allow silt and soil to be washed off the fragile hillside and into Wastwater.

Great Gable is another iconic mountain that we work on. Owing to the rocky, loose nature of the steep slopes, scree is constantly moving downhill. By flying in bags of stone we can stabilise the slopes to help support the footpath and minimise the loose material on it. Areas of the path can also be restored where damage has occurred.

In April, we flew 75 bags of stone on to Brown Tongue and 45 bags of stone onto Great Gable, each weighing roughly 900kg. The stone is sourced as locally as possible from carefully considered areas. Our team will be working on these projects over the summer – if you see them fixing-the-fells while you're out walking, please stop and say hello.

To find out more visit the Fix the Fells website - <http://www.fixthefells.co.uk/>



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If you're interested and would like to know more please contact Lynn Pattison on 019467 25413 or email [lynn at pattison@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn.pattison@btinternet.com)

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October	Saturday	8	Barrow	£9.50
	Wednesday	12	Keswick Theatre by the Lake "Dial M for Murder"	£24.00
	Saturday	22	Penrith/Rheghed	£10.50
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	Saturday	5	Ambleside and Windermere	£10.00
	Saturday	19	Carlisle (shopping)	£10:50
	Wednesday	23	Workington	£9.00
December	Saturday	3	Kendal	£10.00
	Saturday	17	Keswick and Cockermouth (Lights)	£10.00

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.

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SEASCALE PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION



Who stole the school guinea pig? Who set light to the beach huts? Or who lived behind that front door over there... ?

The answers to these questions and many more are all recalled by those who grew up in Seascale – on the Seascale Primary School reunion facebook page.

We'd love your photos and memories to add to the site from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s.

Just a quick reminder that the School reunion is getting closer.

It's 65 years since Seascale Primary School opened for business and created memories that lasted a lifetime.



Folk from across the world and closer to home are making the pilgrimage on the reunion weekend of 13 August.

It's a chance to see old faces and re connect with old friends that you lost touch with.

The reunion day begins with a School visit at 11:30am, and then moves on to the Golf Clubhouse for a buffet (£10) with all you can eat.

We encourage you to get involved with our charity pub quiz – in aid of the Seascale Beach Park Fund.

And finally over to the Windscale club from 7pm for a disco featuring tunes from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s played by the very man who entrained us in our school disco days – former Seascale Police Constable PC Sharp on the decks. (Flying in from his home in Tenerife, so don't forget to buy him a drink as he's doing it for free!)

By the way that School guinea pig I mentioned did survive the theft, and was returned to the school the next day.

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DAIRY-FREE PASTA RECIPES CAN

Here in west Cumbria lactose-free dishes never seem to appear on any menu and I nearly always have to settle for fish and chips, as long as it's a beer batter, when I eat out. So when I heard rumours that Darren Pilling, the Head Chef at Irton Hall, was embarking on creating lactose-free dishes for their menu I was very keen to find out more.

To my delight I found the rumours were true. "There are so many people now with food intolerances especially as they get older that I want to make sure Irton Hall is able to cater for them." Explains Darren who also has a problem with lactose. "We are also looking at launching afternoon teas," says Darren as he moves around the kitchen prepping "and that will include dairy-free cake options." I could hardly contain my excitement because I haven't had an 'afternoon tea' in years with scones and the whole nine yards!

Darren was keen to demonstrate some of the new dairy free recipes he is putting on the dinner menu at the Hall.

"Making fresh pasta is not as difficult as it sounds. You really don't need a pasta making machine," explained Darren. "These recipes are quick and simple for people to do at home. I have created three different fillings for Ravioli and Cannelloni that are simply delicious."



SMOKED SALMON RAVIOLI

100g fresh salmon
100g smoked salmon
A splash of soya milk to mix
A splash of lemon juice
Chopped parsley.

Method

Put all the salmon into a bowl and blitz to a smooth paste adding a splash of soya milk and lemon juice so that the mixture resembles a mouse consistency.

Set aside in the fridge for 20 minutes to firm up.

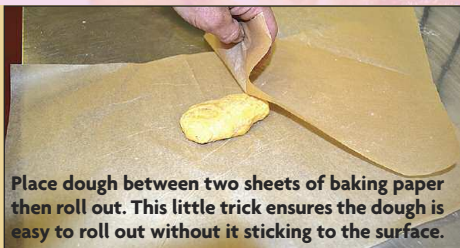
HERE IS DARREN'S EASY PASTA DOUGH:

140g/5oz plain flour
2 medium sized eggs, 1 whole and 1 yolk.

Method

Place the flour in a food processor and pulse it. Add the whole egg and egg yolk and keep whizzing until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs (it shouldn't be dusty, nor should it be a big, gooey ball). This takes 2-3 minutes.

Tip out the dough and knead to form into a ball shape. Knead it briskly for 1 minute; it should be quite stiff and hard to knead. Wrap in cling film and leave to rest in a cool place for 1 hour. While this is resting you can make one of the fillings.



Place dough between two sheets of baking paper then roll out. This little trick ensures the dough is easy to roll out without it sticking to the surface.



Put a teaspoon of filling in the centre of the cut out round, then fold it over in half, pull the two outer edges together to create this little pocket.

WILD MUSHROOM AND ASPARAGUS CANNELLONI

White sauce
100g dairy free spread – Vitalite
100g plain flour
200ml soya milk
100ml boiling water

Method

Soften the spread in a warm pan add the flour slowly and mix to a paste.

Boil the soya milk and water then slowly add this to the pasta until smooth and creamy.

Mushroom Mixture

Handful of wild mushrooms
2 tablespoons of shallots chopped finely
2 cloves of garlic chopped
6 asparagus spears roughly chopped. Keep a few whole to serve on top of the Cannelloni
Dash of white wine or vegetable stock

Method

Sautee the wild mushrooms, shallots and garlic and asparagus in a pan until soft, add a dash of white wine and reduce.

Then add to the white sauce and leave to cool. Season with salt and pepper.



Fill each cannelloni strip with filling making sure it comes out of each side. Roll it with the cling film into a sausage shape. Twist the ends to seal it.



When cooked lift out of the boiling water and cut off one end of the cling film. Gently squeeze the cannelloni out of the cling film bag, and serve.

CHICKEN RAVIOLI

1 chicken breast
2 spring onions
Half an inch of ginger chopped
Half a chilli
Splash of soya milk

Method

Puree half the chicken breast with a dash of soya milk until smooth and a mousse consistency, add chopped parsley.

Small dice and cook the other half of the chicken breast with sliced spring onions, chopped ginger and chilli to taste.

Allow to cool before adding to the chicken mousse and season with salt and pepper.



Chicken Ravioli – use a 3-inch cutter for the bottom, drop a teaspoon of filling in the centre moisten the edges with a little water then place the 4 inch cut round on top to create the hat. Press the edges together to seal, drop into a pan of boiling water for 12-14 minutes.

PREPARATION AND COOKING

Remove the dough from the fridge and divide in two. Place the first piece between two sheets of greaseproof paper; this makes it easier to roll out. Then roll it out. The thinner the better.

For the Salmon Ravioli use a 4½-inch cutter to stamp out round shapes. Drop a teaspoon of the mixture into the centre of each round. Lightly brush water around the edges then fold the round over to make a half moon shape. Crimp the edges with your fingers then pull the two corners together. Drop into a pan of lightly salted boiling water for 12-14 minutes.

For the Wild Mushroom and Asparagus Cannelloni cut rolled out dough into four inch strips. Place each strip separately on to a lightly oiled cling film sheet. Spoon the mixture into the centre of the strip making sure it spills out of each end. With the aid of the cling film roll the Cannelloni strip into a sausage shape and wrap securely in cling film. Repeat until all the strips are filled and wrapped in cling film. Drop all the Cannelloni into the pan of boiling water and boil for 15 minutes.

For the Chicken Ravioli use a 3-inch

cutter for the top and 4½-inch cutter for the bottom. Spoon the mixture into the centre of the 4½-inch round, lightly brush water around the edges then place the 3-inch round on top. Crimp the edges together. Drop the little hats into a pan of boiling water and boil for 12-14 minutes.

Serve on a bed of watercress.

Thanks to Darren, lactose intolerant people can now treat themselves to some delicious food at Irton Hall. I'm going to be a regular from now on.



Chicken Ravioli served on a bed of spring onions, peppers and watercress.

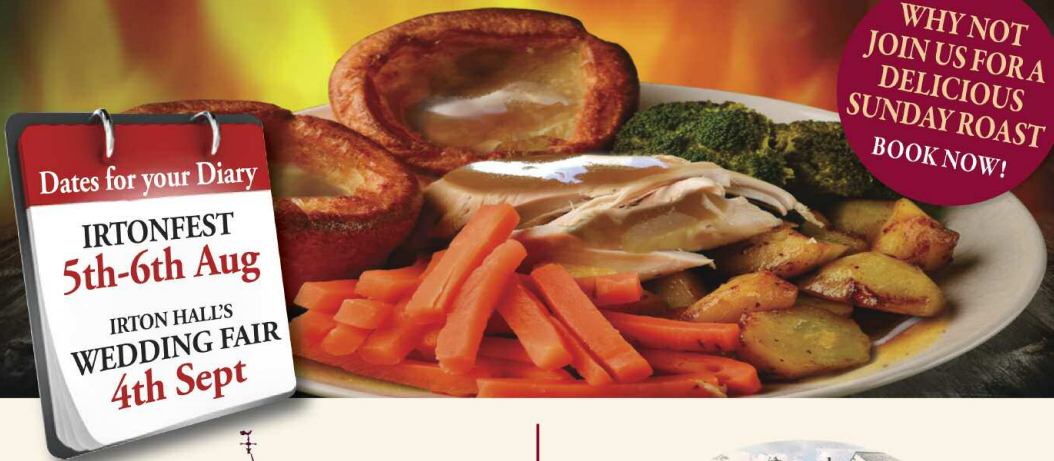


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THE HISTORY OF GOSFORTH SHOW 1919-1939

As mentioned in the previous article in Tether's March issue last year the show committee did not hold a show for the duration of the First World War. When the Committee revived it on 5 September 1919 there was great excitement (especially from local school children who were given a day's holiday) and they were rewarded by faultless weather and a record attendance. It was no longer held in the centre of the village but moved to Harecroft Hall Park, a field on the opposite side of the A595 road to the Hall where it remained until 1939. This field was kindly loaned by Sir John Stirling Ainsworth who lived at Harecroft Hall and had business interests in the Linen Mill at Cleator.

This period between the two World Wars saw many changes and improvements to the Show. Initially it focused very much on the agricultural side and the main attractions were horses, cattle and sheep. At this first Show one of the main features was the magnificent show of heavy horses, 150 entries in 15 classes. The number of light horses was substantially down as so many had been taken for service in the War and those that did attend came from as far afield as Selby in Yorkshire and Cark in Cartmel.

The late Norman Robinson reminisced about the show during this period:

"In 1922, the year my father died. I was 9 and he bought me a Shetland pony mare from Joe Barwise at Yeorton Hall, Beckermert. At the time we were living at the Victoria Hotel at Drigg. My father, William Robinson (born at Bridge Petton, Gosforth), was an auctioneer and represented Mitchell's of Cockermouth in west Cumberland. There were two herds of Shetlands that roamed the dunes between Drigg and Seascale; one belonged to Sharpe of Greenside, Drigg and the other to Harry Boyes of the Scawfell Hotel at Seascale. I bred my mare to one of the stallions with these herds and over the next years raised three or four foals. I sold one for five pounds and thought I had a fortune. There is a photo of the mare Jenny and one of her foals at Gosforth Show; we had won a prize card and I am wearing my school cap from Ghyllbank School, Whitehaven. There were classes for ponies, riding horses, Clydesdales, show jumping, and gymkhana. Horses from within a few miles of Gosforth were ridden to the show. Those from further afield came by train to Seascale or Drigg. Clydesdales owned by Jackson's of Papcastle came to Drigg

Mrs H.B. Heelis, Hill Top Farm, Sawrey (alias Beatrix Potter) was a regular exhibitor of Herdwick sheep at Gosforth Show between 1932 and 1939. She is pictured here with her shepherd, Tom Storey. Picture courtesy of The National Trust.



and stayed with us at the Victoria Hotel the night before the show. The public walked, biked or came by various horse-drawn vehicles. Horses would be stabled at local pubs and farms or turned into a field for the day. Only the fortunate few came by car, often with chauffeur.”

In 1924 Harecroft Hall was sold by the Ainsworth family and opened as a Preparatory School for boys “designed for the sons of those who believe in English country life, riding and manly outdoor pursuits”. All boys were taught to ride by a resident riding mistress on ponies maintained on the premises. Rumour had it that the riding mistress ran off with the headmaster leaving large debts behind. The boys from the school would regularly be amongst the winners of the riding and jumping classes.

Sheep dog trials were introduced in 1925 and held in a field near Thornbank but they only lasted for a couple of years before being discontinued. Whilst there was a renewed interest in pigs the future of the ‘Cumberland Pig’ was in jeopardy; one of the last to be exhibited belonged to Richard Woodall of Waberthwaite. The Cumberland Pig has now long been extinct as it was replaced by other breeds which suited better.

The traditional classes, primarily for ladies; bread baking, butter making and fresh eggs were well supported with around 40 entries per class going mostly to local farmer’s wives or daughters. This all changed in 1928 when the Womens’ Institute movement was growing in popularity and a Marquee was introduced to house classes for their members. This was hugely popular and Classes in this tent included such things as Fur Craft – home cured skins and articles made from

them, decorative stitchery, knitting, leather work, rag rugs and string seating with entries numbering up to 30 per class. The produce section included such things as home-cured ham, bottled fruit and vegetables and again the entries were up to 30 per class. By 1933 according to the Whitehaven News “the increased interest in the Women’s Institute was manifest in the number of entries and all-round excellence of the exhibits”. The most popular class being the home made wine with 34 entries but also the Christmas cake and coloured embroidery each had 25 and “the handicraft and needlework classes revealed the high standard of excellence”.

A major noteworthy incident occurred at this same show in 1933 when a Friesian Bull attacked its attendant. This fine animal was the property of Mr Thomas Mossop of Rottington and had become upset and disorientated by its journey to the show; as soon as it was unloaded it charged its attendant knocking him to the ground repeatedly, on the fourth attempt it knocked him through the wooden fence and attempted to gore him. Farmers armed with sticks and staves ran to his assistance and dragged the infuriated animal away. With considerable difficulty it was re-loaded and returned home without being exhibited. The attendant escaped serious injury but was considerably shocked and bruised.

In 1935 not only was there a fine day to enjoy the show but visitors were able to watch some of

the 43 planes going overhead on the round Britain King George V Gold Cup Race.

In the late 1930s the Young Farmer's Club began to have a strong influence, initially members of the Egremont Club but then also Greysouthern and Drigg took part. Both young men and women took part in equal numbers showing the quality and handling of their Shorthorn bull or heifer calves. In both 1937 and 38 the winner was Miss Jean Moore.

The trade stands were usually connected to agriculture, cattle horse and sheep medicines and dips but also provided refreshments and an opportunity for the local farmers to pay their annual bill for goods received since last year as well as investigate all the latest innovations in farming. In 1928 The Gosforth Engineering Co. Ltd and West Cumberland Farmers Ltd (who also had an engineering works in Gosforth) demonstrated their Lister oil engines, Corbett grinding mills and various cream separators. The presence of a stand from the Canadian Government Emigration as well as advertisements suggesting land settlement schemes in Southern Rhodesian and South Africa were a sign of the recession in British Agriculture.

It is hard to visualise the activity, excitement and atmosphere of the show at this time with Egremont Town's Silver Band playing in the background and the noise of the large number of animals and dogs. As the day went on, from around 4.15pm, the shouting and cheering for the hounds taking part in the Hound Trail and the anticipation of a winning ticket at the Bookies would be clear to hear. The Whitehaven News in its Copeland Crack says "The chief thing about Gosfor' Show is the movement there is. No hurrying and scurrying (except by the secretary and reporter chaps) but a continual movement of men, women, horses, cattle, dogs, sheep and everything else. There's a lot of talk, a lot of arguing and a lot of brushing and combing and among other things a bit of sport." The day's proceedings culminated in the Grand Dance in the village hall with a local dance band playing from 8.30pm to 12.30pm. The matrons of the village would be there from the start but the menfolk began to make their way to the dance after the three village pubs had stopped serving. They were unsteady on their feet but ready to whisk their partners round the dance floor with gusto.

One of the most memorable shows described to me by local residents was in 1939, the last show until after World War Two. This was held on Friday the first of September and the general feeling on a grey drizzly day was one of apprehension, everyone was waiting for the latest news of the national situation. The Territorial Army was on the field and all buses were

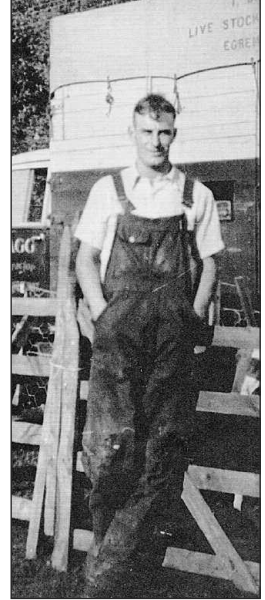
cancelled. All the girl guides had to assemble to go to Seascale station and meet the evacuees, many came from the north east and one guide said there were "some pitiful scenes". At 3pm Tommy Bragg, a haulier from Egremont, and two other hauliers were summoned over the loudspeaker system to set off at once for London to collect supplies to bring back up north as war was about to be declared (it was declared the following Sunday).

If anyone has anything of interest to include within the history tent at this year's show whether it is about their family, their home or local events please don't hesitate to contact either Vera Lowery (tel 019467 25213) or me, Sheila Lawson (tel 019467 25282). The Show this year is on Saturday 20 August and amongst the many attractions there will be the "Wolf Stunt Riders". The Wolf



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Tommy Bragg, livestock haulier in 1939.



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24	25 AM: Ghyll scrambling PM: Intro to Archery	26 AM: Intro to Rock Climbing PM: Canoeing on the Lake	27 AM: Stand up Paddle Board Lesson PM: Ghyll Scrambling	28 AM: Canoeing on the Lake PM: Intro to Rock Climbing	29 AM: Stand up Paddle Board Lesson PM: Kayaking on the Lake	30 AM: Ghyll Scrambling PM: Canoeing on the Lake
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ADVENTURE WITH A CAPITAL A

For those of you stuck in an office all day but hanker to have a job where you can be outside enjoying our mountains and lakes, then I'm sorry but you're going to hate this feature!

Taking a left at the King George pub in Eskdale the windy narrow road eventually leads me to 'The Centre for Adventure in the Lake District' just before the Woolpack and ascent over Hardknott.

Driving into the yard it's clear that major works are going on with an old barn in the process of being converted. I will find out more about that later.

Steve Ashall opens the door to their home, and I'm instantly inspected by three dogs before his wife Caroline successfully shoos the furry greeting party out the way so that we humans can finally meet.

The kettle is on in their cosy kitchen and we soon realise that we've met before. Caroline used to run the Pet Shop in Gosforth and Steve worked with my late father at the Outward Bound centre in Eskdale years ago. A small world.

It's obvious from the outset that Steve and Caroline are great friends as well as being husband and wife and business partners. They have a mutual respect for each other and share the same good sense of humour.

"It was difficult to take the plunge

and bring Caroline into the business," Steve laughs and Caroline gives him a good natured sideways glance. "Only because we were not earning enough at the time, but then we realised that the business was being held back because I didn't have the time to do all the office work as well as being out with customers."

All small businesses go through this chicken and egg situation, how, what and when to invest in order for the business to move forward, thrive and expand.

It seems that Caroline and Steve made the right decision because the business 'West Lakes Adventure' is doing extremely well. But most importantly this husband and wife team are smiling and enjoying life.

Steve has a background in Leadership Training and alongside West Lakes Adventure he also runs a Development Training Company. "After many



years I have developed the right kind of Leadership courses for my corporate clients," says Steve who has travelled around the world providing this service. "The company is just called Steve Ashall Ltd, and I'm thinking that maybe we need to change that for it to come more in line with the Adventure side of the business. Although," muses Steve "the corporate clients don't like the association with the stag parties that the Adventure Company attracts so I will have to think carefully about how we marry the two companies together."

When Steve first won a contract with a major company running a Leadership Development Program for them he thought it was just a one off thing. "But we have done it now for the last five years! We've run twelve courses in the USA, one in Borneo and a couple in Australia!" For such a small company Steve and Caroline are certainly punching way above their weight.

Caroline (then Jackson) grew up in Eskdale and has lived and worked here all her life. She has only moved a short distance from her family home, Penny Hill Farm, once part of the Beatrix Potter estate. "A lot of people think Beatrix Potter only owned farms in the central lakes," said Caroline.

Her family ran a B&B and self-catering cottage providing the young Caroline with valuable experience of working in the hospitality trade.

Their 'West Lakes Adventure' company offers the ultimate in adventure. "We have learnt to make it as easy as possible for people to get the



adventure they want," remarked Caroline as she poured me a cup of tea. "For example stag parties, we do all the organising for the best man, book them into local accommodation, and sort out all the activities so that all they have to do is turn up and enjoy."

So what about these stag parties? Aren't they more trouble than they're worth?

"No actually," says Caroline. "They are really great because the stag parties that come to us are not the ones who want to go and get completely legless on booze in some obscure location," Caroline laughs. "These guys are normally the sporty active types who really want an amazing experience that they will all remember and enjoy. A real guys outing. Of course occasionally there can be the odd guy who complains of a bad head the next day, but after they get thrown in the Ghyll they're fine," laughs Caroline.

At first it was difficult for Caroline to book this kind of party into local accommodation because of the reputation of stag parties. "But those locals who took a risk and let me book our parties into their accommodation soon realised that the stag guys are so completely tired out after a day with us they're normally in bed exhausted by 11pm." Caroline giggled, "So it's a win win all round."

"The only difficult situation we have ever had was with a hen party" added Steve. "They were from the health sector believe it or not, but that didn't stop them drinking far too much and one of our instructors had to stop



several of them from taking part in a canoeing day because they were still drunk!"

"I remember that," added Caroline "The poor bus driver was really worried because his bus was full of alcohol fumes! We are now very careful about booking hen parties!"

"Generally though," said Steve, "what we are offering is of such a high standard that it attracts the serious adventure seekers."

So what happens when a family who don't really know what activities they want turn up, I ask?

"We assign an instructor who will work with the family to find out their capabilities and then will advise them, we have so many adventures to choose from that there is always something that will suit the entire family" says Steve. "We have about 20 freelance instructors who we've worked with for a number of years and they are all excellent at what they do."

The 'West Lakes Adventure' run an 'Open Enrolment' program with scheduled activities which means they are open for people to book into as individuals. This is what sets Steve and Caroline apart from other providers. "We advertise these activities and they will happen regardless of how many are on them, so people will get to know that adventures are always happening up here all the time." The best part is that people can bring their dogs along on the adventures. "This is also another aspect that our competitors do not allow, but Steve and I, as dog owners, think it is essential that our furry friends can be involved," says Caroline.

A favourite adventure of Caroline's is canoeing the river Esk then popping into the Pennington Arms for an afternoon tea. "That is a really nice adventure that I love to take part in when I can" says Caroline.

Steve and Caroline are very eco conscious and have installed a biomass boiler which provides electricity to all of their home and the other buildings and is carbon neutral. "We want to preserve this landscape for future generations and the only way we can do this by thinking hard about how we use resources," commented Steve.

I am taken outside to have a look at the barn that is in the process of being converted. "We are creating two luxury bunk style accommodation



units both en-suite in the front of the barn and the rest of the space will become a large indoor sports hall that we can also use for events. There will be changing rooms, showers and toilet facilities." They are both very excited about this project. "It's going to be called 'The Byres', and then we will become a mini destination here in the western lakes." Says Steve.

As soon as the barn is up and running Steve and Caroline will let us all know. There might even be a party to launch it.

We walk across the yard to a lovely log cabin that looks right out of a Wild West movie set. "This is our store room and office," says Steve as he proudly opens the solid wood door into a neat office that leads into a very OCD store room. An Aladdin's cave of wet suits and a host of other adventure paraphernalia hangs neatly, all colour and size co-ordinated, looking as if it's never been used!

"Steve is very very particular about the equipment," remarks Caroline with a knowing smile. Steve pokes her in the ribs and they both laugh. "It's very important that everything is perfect." Says Steve as he shows me the ropes, literally!

There is no doubt that these two entrepreneurs are making a big splash in the world of adventure and definitely putting West Cumbria on the map.

I leave them sorting out equipment for the next day's adventure visitors thinking to myself that it's been far too long since I had an adventure of any kind! Now I know 'West Lakes Adventure' is here right on my doorstep there's no excuse to wait any longer. I wonder if Bobby dog, my miniature Yorkshire terrier, would be up for a spot of abseiling!

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KEN MAWSON'S PAGE

Farming

Dairy farmers are at present experiencing one of their greatest hardships ever faced. The main cause is Europe's decision to remove milk quotas, a system that was working well. This has resulted in a massive overproduction of milk in Europe causing a collapse in prices paid by dairy companies to farmers. In some cases the price has dropped from 32p a litre to less than 16 in 18 months. Some farmers have lost their contracts and are unable to find anyone to buy their milk. It costs approximately 28p a litre to produce. A considerable number of dairy farmers are now quitting, unable to support such losses.

These farmers trying to sell their herds are finding that dairy cow prices have also collapsed; only the best cows are wanted. With no foreseeable improvement in the future to halt their losses some farmers are even sending their cows direct to be slaughtered – such a terrible, terrible waste.

In an effort to produce cheap milk demanded by most of the population and to keep their cash flow flowing, some farmers have increased the size of their herds dramatically. There are now herds in this country now up to 2000 plus; these cows never go outside to eat grass or exercise; they are being forced more and more to be like battery hens.

Wild Life

A few months ago a family, living in Santon Way, investigated a noise in their sitting room and were extremely surprised to find an otter – a wild animal. A short time after chasing it out into the garden it reappeared back in through the cat flap in the back door! Several other sightings were seen in the area. The mystery is where did it come from? The nearest rivers are at Drigg and Sellafield.

Swallows which have arrived back on our farm 6 out of 7 times in the last year, after a 2500-mile trek, on 18 April this year did not appear until 2 May for the first time ever. Swifts, the most graceful of all birds, arrived a week later in really small numbers. They travel 5000 miles. Magpies, one of the most useless bird breeds, were responsible for killing 2 out of 3 newly hatched

osprey chicks at Bassenthwaite. The nest was guarded 24 hours a day from humans but not magpies. A friend living on the estate behind the church several years ago had nine different types of nests in his garden – magpies wiped out the lot. Early this morning, 15 June, dolphins were seen in the sea at Seascale; a very rare sight indeed. The thing about the dolphins – two days before they were seen here hundreds of seagulls were along the tideline. Some fish had come ashore. Someone said that it would have been the dolphins that scared them.

Farming organisations are warning people who walk in the countryside to be on their guard against a small insect called a 'tick'. It lives on bracken and tall grass and attaches itself on to passing humans and animals to suck their blood. In doing so they can infect you with an extremely nasty disease. This can affect you in many nasty, unpleasant ways and is often difficult to diagnose and bad to treat. The mild winter has caused a population explosion so be careful when out walking and take precautions. Some chemists store a small tweezer made especially for removing them.

Dog, Sheep and Cat Tales

A farmer in Wasdale was repairing a wall one morning when a family walked past him walking up the fell. Returning late in the day they told him what a marvellous time they had had, enjoying a picnic and the kids had played in the beck. Even the dog had an enjoyable time and was exhausted because he had been chasing sheep all day. The farmer soon pointed out the errors of their ways. Another man walking in the Eskdale valley with two Labradors, on reaching the fell gate, despite warnings from the rest of the party, he let them off their leads. They immediately pounced on the first lamb they came across and killed it. The owner of the dogs did trace the farmer and paid for it. Any breed of dog will chase anything that runs unless trained properly. A woman was walking her three lurcher-type dogs along the lane near the golf course when the dogs raced into a nearby farmyard and killed a family pet cat causing a lot of distress. On being challenged she replied 'what do you expect, the dogs are bred to kill'. He replied, 'if they can't be kept controlled they should be kept on a lead'.

THE WASDALE HEAD SHOW

Even though it is almost 60 years since my birth, and 53 since I left Eastwaite, I still consider myself a “Wasdale Lad” and therefore have always felt proud and privileged to be associated with The Wasdale Head Show. The following piece is of my own memories of “The Show”.

Paddy McBride with his daughter Orla (left) and her friend Georgia, winning the Two Pedals Trophy for Best Agricultural Exhibit in 2015.



with some relief that Jim Naylor (Senior) asked me to assist him with the fell races – this is a job that I kept for well over 20 years and only recently handed the reins over to The Young Farmers.

In 2004, with a lot of help from my friends, I was responsible for

starting off the vintage classes and although not universally popular with my fellow committee members, it does seem well liked by both the show goers and vintage class exhibitors.

About eight years ago, the designated person who was going to organise the post show singing at The Strands Inn in Nether Wasdale didn't turn up and I was told by a regular visitor that, as I was a local that I would have to sort it out. I was a bit reluctant to do this as the previous people to have done this “job” were all superb singers, but as no one else was available, I gave it a go. In the end, I was really pleased I stepped up to the plate as there have been several highlights including the filming of Pat Temple, “The last of the shepherd singers” for BBC Country File with Helen Skelton and also the year when someone told me that there was an “Opera Singer practising in the ladies toilet and she is very good”. She ended up winning “The Esme Smith Trophy for Best Singer” with the most fantastic rendition of Danny Boy that I have ever heard.

The earliest of these are of being packed into our Austin A40 Van driving up to Wasdale Head, Show Sheep in the back, Trevor Elwood, our Farm Hand on the left, me in the middle, Dad driving and a rake of dogs including my own curled up on the floor. Many years later, after the death of David Smith, our show secretary for decades, we were going through the old show books and there it was, 1961 in the shepherds dogs, 3rd prize, “Robert Steele with Smart”.

The following year my Dad died on a tractor accident at Eastwaite, but I continued going to The Wasdale Head Show and have only missed about two or three during the last 55 years even though I was a serving member of the Royal Navy for 12 of these years. Someone always managed to get me up there during my school years and then I usually managed to get time off to attend during my years in the navy, but I have to be honest and say that the beer tent was by far the biggest attraction during this period ;-)

Bill Steele invited me to join the Show Committee in the 1970s, but I didn't take his up on his “offer” until the 80s by which time I was back home again. He gave me the excellent piece of advice of “Don't expect to win all of your battles Lad”. My first job was field steward which was basically trying to keep some sort of order on the show-field, especially with regard to car parking, but in reality it meant that people either parked where they wanted to, or shouted at us and then parked where they wanted to anyway! So it was

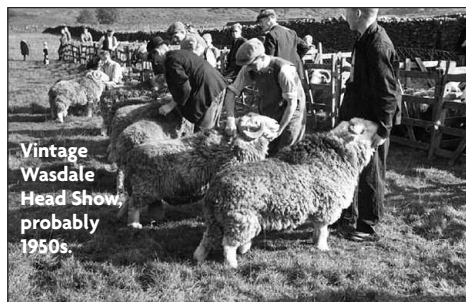
Wasdale Head Show in late '80s with Bill Steele, stalwart supporter of the Show.



In 2012 the idea of a show website was raised at a committee meeting and although I wasn't overly enamoured with the idea of being involved with this, it somehow ended up with me organising it. Mike Andrew at Web Predators did all the technical stuff which just left me with the job of writing the text, sourcing the original photos and getting the initial advertisers onboard. But, especially after the event, this is something that I am now very proud of being involved in!

Over the last 55 years The Wasdale Head Show has certainly seen a lot of changes. It used to be just a few Herdwick sheep in some pens, some dogs and a little sport and a beer tent, with 90% of those attending either farmers or had a direct connection with farming, whereas now, probably 90% of those attending have few if any connections with farming. So, although it is crucial to maintain the customs of the show, it also has to attract enough people every year to keep the event viable and I have to say, that overall the committee does an excellent job of keeping the show very traditional, but at the same time making sure that it still offers something for everyone to make it a great family day out. A good example of this is that I am currently awaiting word from our illustrious show secretary (And World's Biggest Liar), Mike Naylor, for final agreement about altering the time of our increasingly popular fell races (last year we attracted 133 runners) to just after 2pm so that the Members of BOFRA who kindly come to oversee the event don't have too late a night. To achieve this we have to alter the times of 2 Hound Trails and once that is organised, we will have to make sure that the website is updated. So always work to be done – but it has to be said worthwhile work when you see all the happy faces!

Rob Steele: "A Wasdale Lad"



Rob and Smart. Photo taken at Eastwaite in 1961.



ADAGE

When we were all on our way to the show in 1961, we got about half way to Wasdale Head and I realised that I had left my new dog lead at home. We didn't have time to turn around and go back for it, so my Dad gave me a length of binder twine out of his pocket and said "This will do". I was a bit long faced about this, but I had to do as I was told! Smart was left in the van while the sheep were judged, then when the dog show was called I went to the van to get her, opened the door and she was off – out of the van, out of the show field and away. This was all too much for me. First no dog lead, and now no dog. I began to cry, so the dog show was put on hold as nearly everyone on the show field went off in search of Smart. She was eventually found, cornered and the length of binder twine securely attached and then was presented back to me.

Many years later, I do wonder if the 3rd prize was really to bring a smile back on my face – If so, then I have to say it worked and I would like to offer a somewhat belated thanks to the dog judge of the day.



AFTER

Rob's Party commences! 2.30pm on 26 June 2016. Final people count was well over 100.

GOSFORTH HALL'S NEW BEER GARDEN CREATION AND ROB'S 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY :-)

Gosforth Hall Inn's brand new beer garden was "christened" by Rob Steele's 60th birthday party on Saturday 26 June. All is complete at time of going to press, except for the outside timber bar which will be in action for the Gosforth Hall's Beer Festival during the August bank holiday weekend. It's a pretty grandiose development, extremely comfortable and remarkably warm underfoot, with the sandstone slabs absorbing the sun's heat and retaining it. Plus a unique wood-burning chimney for those cool

evenings. Here are a few photos of the "making of" and the near-final result, on Rob's birthday bash complete with Hog Roast! Let's hope the summer weather returns so that we can all enjoy this beautiful beer garden!



BEFORE





Early excavations...



...and patio being paved.



Disabled access ramp going in.



Alcoves under construction.



Slabs being cut and laid for beer garden.

Staff leaving do for Nikki Page on 5 June, taking advantage of the brand new patio.



Birthday boy Rob Steele hosting his party on 26 June. And looking well chuffed!



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Churches Together in Seascale and District will hold an open-air service on the Foreshore on Sea Sunday at 3pm. Music will be provided by the Egremont Youth Band and the Guest Preacher will be the Reverend Richard Teal. This will be followed by a Cream Tea at Shackles Off.

For some years Dai Morgan, Seascale's Flag Officer, raised the flag of the Mission to Seafarers and urged us to hold a service on Sea Sunday. He died on 26 May, but we shall remember him and his family at our service on 10 July.



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I have today, 8 June, completed several staff engagement meetings with our colleagues here at Copeland Council. These are carried out on a regular basis to keep staff fully informed of issues that may affect them as they carry out their duties and to modernise how we want them to carry out their duties. I am always very pleased that staff raise questions at these briefings which are always very relevant, their passion and commitment always impresses me.

The issue of litter was raised at several of the meetings and this is a subject I care passionately about. As part of our Corporate Strategy I have prioritised Town Centres Regeneration. I also feel that our villages should feel the benefits of our regeneration policy.

I consider that the appearance and cleanliness of our streets is paramount and all of us who live, work and visit Copeland can enjoy an aesthetically pleasing environment. It is my belief that right across our beautiful borough of Copeland all of us have as responsibility to keep our streets, roads and verges free of litter. I appeal to the few that as the cliché goes, "spoil it for the majority" to stop discarding litter inappropriately and instead help to create a Copeland to be proud of.

I implore businesses to keep their buildings and forecourts clean.

I think that the staff who keep our streets clean carry out these works in a dedicated and committed way. They represent all that is best in our staff and I cannot praise them enough that in rain, hail, snow and sunshine they diligently carry out their duties to ensure your waste is collected, but we must all take responsibility.

I very recently held a public meeting in Bootle. One of 18 public meetings over the past year and I am pleased with the engagement of those that take the time to attend. A wide variety of subjects are discussed (too many to list here). The issue of the proposed Moorside nuclear project and indeed the intended route of the new National Grid network as it traverses Copeland are always raised.

Councillors from Copeland Council are briefed periodically so that the respective organisations objectives can be discussed and feedback given.

As part of the consultation process there are public meetings and drop in centres organised. I would very much urge you to attend if you can. It is terribly important that you see for yourself these proposals and judge how they will affect you, your family and of course our community.

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1ST GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

We've had a great time over the last few months, trying new things, learning new skills, and getting very muddy in the process!

We spent a busy evening making boats out of milk bottles, and another beautiful one floating them down the river at Wasdale. Most of the boats made it to the lake in one piece, although not all the Cubs did. We learnt that waterweed may look like grass, but you can't stand on it and expect to stay dry!

We've also had an Easter egg hunt at Giggle Alley, and been shelter building, which always seems to bring out the competitiveness in our parent helpers.

The Beavers enjoyed a sleepover at Ennerdale. The plan was for them to gain some camping skills, but they had a great time making a bridge over a ditch, which involved lots of teamwork and much sliding up and down a muddy bank.

Miraculously, their waterproofs seemed very clean and respectable by our next camp a few weeks later.

At the end of April the whole district had a weekend camp at Ennerdale, where we could try low ropes, archery, poly tunnel caving, crafts, orienteering, slippery pole and lots of other activities, as well as

camping for a couple of nights. It took quite a lot of setting up (in the snow!), and was a very cold weekend, but the Cubs and Scouts just got on with it without many complaints. We were given some money by the Sellafield Contractors Group and also by the district to buy more tents, tables, benches, lights and cooking and eating equipment, which made life much easier for us. So huge thanks to them for supporting us.

Now we're looking forward to the end of term, with a coffee morning at the Scout Hut on 25 June, followed by a picnic and walk, and our usual end of term water fight. We'll be hoping the weather stays hot and sunny until then!

If you would like to join us as a Beaver, Cub or Scout, or as an adult helper, you can contact me for further details by phoning 019467 27211, or just drop in to see us when we're in the hut.

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SEASCALE SCHOOL NEWS

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We have also had a wonderful theatre group come to work in school and perform an exciting production of *The Sword in the Stone*. These visits help us to work towards our Arts Mark award and we are looking forward to their next production of *Jungle Book* in the Spring. Working towards our Arts award will be a key focus for next year with different artists and performers visiting the school.

The Friends of Seascale have been very busy this year and have run a fantastic fundraising project, with the generous support of Boonwood Nurseries to make Seascale Sunny. A big thank you to everyone who has bought a sunflower to grow to help us make Seascale Sunny. We would like to thank everyone who supported our spring fair and help raise over £700! As well as the Co-Op for allowing us to sell our sunflowers at their opening.

We are also very grateful to Andy Pratt and Liz Mawson for donating the strawberries and cream for us to sell on Sports Day, helping us raise over £200.

In addition, a huge thank you must go to the 'Seascale Stompers' for their very generous donation of £400. Thank you very much, this is very much appreciated.

On a more serious note we have been concerned by the results of the traffic survey on the speed to cars passing our school. We would like to take this opportunity to once again ask all drivers to take extra care when going past our school and help us to keep our children safe.

As the year draws to an end we look forward to next term when we shall hopefully learn the outcome of the feasibility study on whether the school will be rebuilt or refurbished. This will have a big impact on the school and all who use it. We will let you know!



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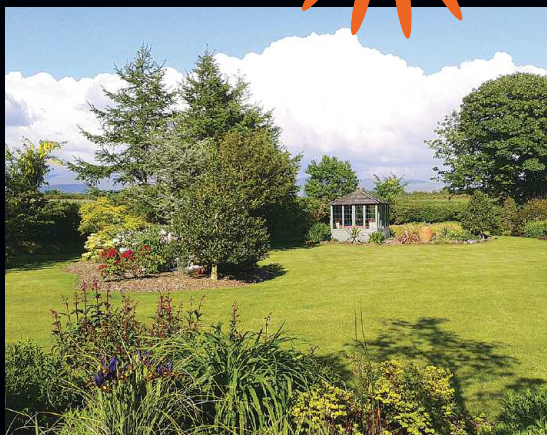
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2ND SEASCALE SCOUTS

Muddy Puddles

District camp at Ennerdale gave Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) the opportunity to experience new challenging activities, such as high ropes and aerial runways. Some of our younger scouts were a little apprehensive to try them, but after watching friends and a little encouraging and support they achieve things they thought they could not do, the delight in their faces and the 'well done' from friends is wonderful to see. On Sunday the rain fell but this only added to the fun as we set off on our rainy walk with the intention of jumping in every puddle that we could find. Beaver Scouts may have been wet when they left District Camp but they were all happy and exhausted (there were lots of puddles!).

Future Leaders

We must also mention the Beaver Scouts that walked through 2nd Seascale Scout Group's door 8 years ago. As a leader you hope that Beaver Scouts will learn about Scouting, experience the outdoor, overcome challenges, have fun, feel proud of their achievements, and love Scouting as much as the leaders do. These Beaver Scouts are now Young Leaders and Senior Scouts and this year at District Camp, they made us extremely proud. Over the weekend they used their own initiative, were mentors and buddies to Cubs and Beaver Scouts to help them through their camping experience. They did jobs around the



campsite because they saw they needed doing; and worked hard. Those former Beaver Scouts have turned into confident, hardworking, capable Young Leaders and Senior Scouts who gave their time without us asking them too. They chose to spend their weekend leading, not being led; passing on their knowledge to the younger members of our group. As Leaders we were extremely proud of them and thank them for making District Camp 2016 great.

Magic Beans

Beaver Scouts are working towards their gardening badge and planted Beans in a cup with paper towel and water to see what would happen. Many of the Beaver Scout predicted that they would not grow as 'plants need soil'; to their surprise they have grown. In our garden we have planted vegetables and made scarecrows. Over the next few weeks will be going back to the garden to weed and plant our seedlings into the ground, we hope the lovely weather has helped our plants grow and that we get lots of lovely vegetables.

Bear Grylls – Survival

Life in the great outdoors is no fashion show, but there is a natty little piece of jewellery out there that is worn by outdoorsmen like our Chief Scout – Bear Grylls. It is tied with a length of woven paracord, the same nylon cord that's been used in parachutes since World War II, a survival bracelet is an essential item for any adventurer or scout. It's proven useful in all kinds of situations in the wild, from marking a trail to fishing for dinner and our Cubs (8-10 years) now know how to tie them!

They went on to learn how to tie key-ring buddies using the same knot and two new knots, learning so fast that we ran out of prepared paracord! We are now selling these items to help raise funds for the scout group.



Cubs Cook Dinner

The Cubs are all keen to achieve their outdoor challenge badge; most of the criteria were completed on our recent district camp but they also have to cook a meal outdoors. The Cubs have been planning their menus – some being far more adventurous than others – and it will be interesting to see how some of them cook pizza on our gas burners! During June the Cubs will be cooking their menus so if you are passing the school on a Thursday evening and get a lovely waft of food it will be our Cubs!

Expedition

Perhaps the highlight experience for a young Scout (10-14 years) is their expedition. This year six senior scouts come up with the idea of a triathlon for their expedition. This involved them cycling from Seascale to Ennerdale, walking from Ennerdale to Wasdale, and then canoeing the length of Wastwater.

They set up camp near Black Sail Hut at the head of Ennerdale valley and the weather was more akin to a winter camp with snow falling as they pitched their tent. The reward on Sunday morning was Wild Ennerdale at its most beautiful – bright sunshine and snow-capped tops – the perfect backdrop for their climb over Black Sail Pass.

Still water on Wastwater was the ideal condition for their final leg. Weary but very proud



and happy Scouts finally stepped ashore. Next stop: bath and bed.

Join the Adventure

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

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apparently though this phrase is not cool! On a serious note we would like to thank Seascale Stompers for their tremendous fundraising effort and choosing us as one of the charities that they donated £400 to. We would also like to thank the NMP fund (Nuclear Management Partners) who awarded us a Grant in March through Cumbria Community Foundation. Our current funders are Copeland Community Fund, FCSCT, Methodist Church and NMP. We rely on grant funding, fundraising and donations from the local community to fund our project. I cannot put into words how grateful we are for the donations we receive from both members of the community and organisations. Without this support we would be unable to provide the activities and support that we currently do.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the Over 55 Chat & Tech afternoon



On the opening of the new Co-op in, Seascale, some of the team came to the youth club that evening to present the young people with biscuits and coupons.

which runs every Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm. This is an afternoon where you can come along and get help with your gadgets such as mobiles and ipad/tablets. If you don't have a gadget, have got nothing on or are just feeling lonely, then pop in for a cuppa and a chat. We might even throw in a biscuit!

Since September 2015 we have been in contact with 142 individual Children and Young people and 45 adults across a variety of sessions which are detailed below.

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*** LINKS is our incentive programme, which encourages young people to earn points by taking part in workshops and community tasks such as 'litter picking'. These points can be cashed in for trips such as Theme parks, bowling and ice skating. The scheme encourages young people to take pride in themselves and their community.

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FROM SEASCALE TO SKYE... AND BACK...

We're taking a road to the Isle of Skye from Seascale so, as always, it takes a while to leave Cumbria behind. Lovely, gentle countryside though, with a backdrop of the fells so it's worth appreciating again and again as we pass through.

Driving past Whitehaven on the Loop Road, looking over the town and harbour, Scotland is already in view. New roads lead away from the other coastal towns and the atmosphere changes along the A66 towards Cockermouth. It's interesting to check the level of the river here where it broadens and meanders to the sea, as it often seeps onto the low lying grassland on its banks and the level has to be commented upon. The pretty sight of Great Broughton, sits calmly on its gentle hill as the Northern fells lie ahead in the hazy distance.

The road to Carlisle is peppered with tantalising signposts: Plumbland, Bothel, Ireby and, my favourite, Torpenhow. We must get round to visiting them all at some time. Place names are so evocative. Some need imagination to picture what they might be like but others have particular connotations. Here is Gretna – a signature for happy times; then Lockerbie, where we pause for reflection. It's all here on the way.

At some point, which I always miss, the M6 becomes Scotland's M74 and starts to rise from low lying greenery to moorland and then to the high landscape of Beattock, home to sheep and wind turbines. It then sweeps down to central Scotland and the interchange of routes between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Place names again: Motherwell, Hamilton, Kilmarnock and Airdrie reel off like the results of the Scottish football league.

I'm watching out for a favourite landmark. Passing Cumbernauld there is 'Arria', a magnificent roadside sculpture by Andy Scott, the creator of the awe inspiring 'Kelpies' at Falkirk. She is 10 metres high of interlocking galvanised steel with light glittering through all the structure. At night she is magically illuminated. I don't know why she's there but I think she's wonderful.

Her striking modernity is such a contrast to the

Pam and Will Mullineaux have lived in Seascale for a long time. But quite recently purchased a cottage on the Isle of Skye, close to the famous bridge. They make many a journey between the two, and here is Pam's account of the experience.

ancient grandeur of Stirling castle which can be seen standing solid and proud on its rocky promontory. I hope the sun is out as it has a way of catching the southern face turning it a brilliant golden light before we turn off west. We head through Doune, Callander and Crianlarich, the eastern side of the Trossachs which is a magnet for visitors with its castles, museums, gift shops and woollen mills, but most of all the beautiful scenery. It has justly earned its reputation as a tourist hot spot.

Climbing again as we head further west up the gap from Tyndrum to Rannoch Moor. This narrow pass takes the road, railway line and the path for the west Highland way before they diverge at Bridge of Orchy. This is a good place to spot red deer, often grazing on the eastern side of the road, gazing at passing motorists with mild curiosity or ignoring them altogether. Rannoch moor is vast, remote and wild, the road threading through bog and lochans and mountains soaring up with, hopefully good effect, snow still lying even during the summer.

It's like a roller coaster ride. Hold your breath as the descent starts into glorious Glencoe. Now, here is a place for connotations. It is so dramatic and overwhelming in its massive, moody presence and its history adds more to the foreboding. There are always people here though, whatever the season or the weather such is its draw. From the serious intrepid mountaineer to the timid car bound tourist everyone wants to experience Glencoe's mystery.

Back down to sea level and the sea lochs and colourful foliage offer a welcome contrast to the starkness just explored and we follow the loch side to Fort William. Ah! We must be nearly there. But no. Experience says we have up to two hours driving still to go. It's a long and winding road to the Isles!

Up the Great Glen and even further west up



Glengarry where there are more extensive high views. From up here you can see the ranges of Knoydart, Morar and Lochaber, spectacular and far reaching peaks. Then it's a long steady descent, passing or stopping a while at the very remote but welcoming Cluanie Inn. Here is another place for deer. Along the road or away on the hillside they are nearly always to be spotted. In winter they even approach hopefully for extra titbits. Food is scarce in the snow.

The road continues down with the Five Sisters of Kintail majestically above and the impossibly difficult terrain where the Battle of Glen Sheil was fought during the Jacobite struggle.

Reaching sea level it is now loch side driving

until we see the iconic Eilean Donan castle, looking deceptively ancient as it was actually rebuilt in the 1920s, albeit to the original plans. It's a splendid place to visit though. Now we are nearly there and a slight rise reveals the lovely graceful expanse of the Skye Bridge with its backdrop of the Cuillin mountains. Opinions vary but I think it sits well in its setting.

However, does it mean that Skye is no longer an island?

There are various ways to get to this point using other roads (not many, granted); trains, ferries and even planes and to take any one would be a different tale. It would be just another road to the Isles.

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SEASCALE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The bowling season is now well under way and despite a cool damp start, at time of writing, we have been having “proper bowling weather” for the last two weeks – let’s hope it continues.

Last year the ladies of the club achieved success as runners-up in the County Top Ten competitions and are just about to start their campaign to go one better this year! Four of the ladies and one of the men represented County teams both of which won Northern Counties titles.

Eileen Eastwood, President of Seascale Bowling Club, and the Committee extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in taking up the

sport. Information regarding opening arrangements will be displayed in the pavilion, or just keep a look out for people playing and call in and have a chat and a cuppa. It doesn’t matter if you have never played before as the Club has several sets of bowls available together with overshoes for anyone wishing to try the game without spending any money on equipment. The only restriction is that shoes must be flat soled – trainers are ideal.

Basic instructions will be given to beginners and after that it’s just plenty of practice to improve.

For anyone thinking of trying bowls without any financial commitment the Club is running “taster sessions” every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm. They started on 22 June and run for four weeks. Look out for information posters and leaflets in the village.

The annual membership fee is currently £30.00, plus a £5.00 joining fee for new members. For this members can play free of charge; non-members are charged £3.00 per two hour session including the use of Club bowls if required.

The Club organises competitions throughout the season as well as friendly games against other local Clubs and social events. For anyone not wishing to enter competitions there are plenty of opportunities to join in and make new friends at casual bowling sessions on most days from 2.00pm until dark.

Bowls is a great way to exercise if you don’t want something that is too strenuous. This is why it is so popular with the older generation as it only involves light exercise and doesn’t require lots of running around and is also a very sociable game.



Seascale Bowling Club

Invites you to join us!!

Have you ever considered having a go at bowling?

Why should you play bowls?

Fitness – Lawn bowls helps moderately improve muscle strength (arm, shoulder, leg muscles), flexibility and endurance.

Mental Health – The game gets you out into the fresh air and helps alleviate depression and anxiety.

Increases Skills – Bowls involves some element of problem solving skills and also helps improve co-ordination and concentration.

Improves Confidence – Participating in a sport helps improve self-esteem and gets you out and about and meeting people.

Social Interaction – Lawn bowls helps improve social skills and being part of a team also gives you a sense of belonging.

Seascale Bowling Club will be holding free sessions for anyone who’s interested whether beginner or experienced players wishing to start again. Any age range 8 to 90+ yrs. (children must be accompanied)

You don’t have to be old to play!

When? – Wednesday evenings for 4 weeks starting 22 June from 6.30pm.

Equipment – The Club has bowls to suit everyone, all you need is flat soled shoes (trainers / plimsolls). No special clothing required.

Why not come along some evening and give it a try, have a chat, a drink and a biscuit and sit in the sun?!

If the dates and times aren’t suitable or for further information please contact: Henry 24652; Eileen 28653; Malcolm 28930; Myrtle 28915; Stan 21949 (all 019467).



COLLEGE MERGER GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

A move to merge two leading colleges to strengthen education provision in Barrow has been given the green light.

The boards of Barrow Sixth Form College and Furness College have now both formally approved the proposal. The merger will see the two colleges form one partnership but retaining separate campuses and identities with an unparalleled curriculum offer. The proposal received broad support from the public and key stakeholders in a public consultation.

Barrow Sixth Form College Chair of Governors Mike Phipps said it was an exciting move that would raise education standards across the area.

“The combined organisation will unite the strengths of both colleges and reshape education for the good of the young people of the area,” he said. “It will offer one of the widest choices of academic, professional and training opportunities in the North West and ensure we can deliver the quality and breadth of subjects our students need to go on to higher education and successful careers.”

John Butler, Chair of Furness College Governors, said both organisations had a proven track record of excellence in education. “Through this partnership, the colleges will be in the strongest possible position to provide high quality education that meets the needs of students, the wider community and the workforce,” he said.

While the merger takes effect on 1 August, Principal David Batten said it will be ‘business as usual’ for students. “At the sixth form we are looking forward to celebrating an excellent year for A level results and welcoming an increased number of new students to our fantastic college in September.”

Barrow Sixth Form College was recently placed in the top tier of sixth form colleges nationally for academic achievement by the Department for Education.

Principal and Chief Executive of Furness College Andrew Wren said: “We are delighted to get the go ahead for the merger and together we are well placed to offer a curriculum of academic and vocational subjects which is unrivalled in Cumbria.

We will continue to work with young people, adults and employers to deliver excellent education and skills training across Furness, offering students the perfect path to achieve their career aspirations.”

The Furness

College Board of Governors will now be extended to include governors from both campuses.

The colleges have been in discussions since last October to safeguard the future of post-16 education for the area at a time when government funding to the sixth form is not sufficient for it to continue in its present form.

The merger plan has been endorsed by Skills Minister Nick Boles who praised both colleges for their performance achieving ‘good’ Ofsted grades and a history of successful collaboration and commitment to high quality provision for the local community.

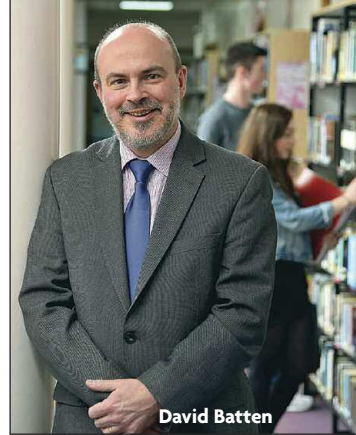
During the consultation period, the boards outlined that one of the benefits of a merger would be a ‘single, larger and more financially resilient college’ which will continue to inspire people and change lives through education and training.

In the consultation document, the colleges outline the main benefits of a merger as:

- Continuing to inspire people and change lives through education and training
- Creating a single, larger and more financially resilient college
- Maintaining and extending the breadth of the academic offer within Barrow
- Allowing students more flexibility to choose programmes comprising a mixture of academic and vocational elements
- Creating an outstanding college that can work in partnership with schools and business to raise the standards of education and skills training across the area.

More information about the merger proposal is available on the website

www.barrow6fc.ac.uk/merger



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