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## SEASCALE

The Parish Council is in the process of taking over the library as an asset for the village and surrounding areas. Some residents have shown an interest in volunteering time to help and names and telephone numbers would be appreciated. It is a good building with good disabled access and could be used by small groups for coffee mornings and meetings. It will still be a fully supplied library if we can run it.

We are sad to be losing Andy Williams off the Council – he will be missed.

We have had a lot of complaints about the new street lights and how badly they light up the pavements and roads. I have to agree with all your comments, but District and County do not have to provide them so I assume something is better than nothing.

Some councillors have had comments about the entrances to the village and how we could do with some bulb planting. The schoolchildren planted all the daffodils coming into north side of Seascale and Ken Mawson planted all the crocuses at Gosforth Road/Hallsenna Road junction. Pelleyounters have kindly placed a box in the shop and started off by donating some bags of bulbs. We are hoping some of you will donate bulbs and that some will offer to plant on the grassed areas in the village. Please contact parish councillors if you would like to help.

Councillor Mawson has drawn our attention to the fact that the new barge boarding around the sports hall have stopped the swifts nesting. He is keen to see if residents or groups would sponsor or make new boxes to allow the swifts to stay in the area. Boxes cost £25.

### Christmas Lights

The lights will be switched on by Seascale Stompers who gave us a generous donation towards them. The Co-op also gave us a donation so this has allowed us to purchase new ones. The switch-on will be on **18 December around 4.15-4.30**. Refreshments will be in the pavilion. Please watch notice boards for more information.

*Eileen Eastwood, Seascale Parish Council*

**Dotted throughout this magazine are several randomly-chosen photos of Drigg's extraordinary Autumn scarecrows!**



The next edition of Tethera is scheduled to be published on the first weekend in March. We are always on the lookout for stories and event dates. The closing date for contributions will be Saturday 4 February.

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## GOSFORTH

Here's a short update to let you know what Gosforth Parish Council have been up to over the last few months. As usual we've been focussing on maintaining and improving village assets and on working with others for the good of the area.

The play area at the playing field has had its annual inspection and some minor repairs will be made so that we can keep this well-loved facility going for, hopefully, many years. Likewise, the toilets have had a new coat of paint and there have been repairs to the disabled toilet. We are pleased with the contributions that visitors using car park or toilets are making through the honesty box – we're also glad that no one has driven into the honesty box this year! While we do carry out regular inspections of our assets, if you spot any problems please let the Clerk or a Councillor know.

One of the biggest changes coming our way is the development of a new nuclear power station at Moorside. Hopefully all those that wanted to were able to attend one of the consultation events and send their opinions to NuGen. The Parish Council are keen to ensure that our parish, and the surrounding area, is able to share in the benefits of the development, and not just have to put up with the downsides.

National Grid are preparing plans, under the title of the Northwest Coast Connections Project, for the new pylons needed to link Moorside (and several wind farms) to the rest of the grid. These new pylons will be much taller than the existing ones and the visual impact is worrying a number of the parish councils along its route. We have lent our support to these parishes, as has the Lake District National Park, and it looks like the pressure has resulted to some changes to the proposals. National Grid will be consulting on these plans over the autumn and there will be information in Gosforth library or see [www.northwestcoastconnections.com](http://www.northwestcoastconnections.com)

Speaking of the library, the volunteers are ensuring that it goes from strength to strength. You'll soon be able to get batteries for your hearing aids from the library, and we'll be welcoming local author Ruth Sutton at 2 o'clock on 4 December to talk about her new book, a follow up to her crime thriller 'The Cruel Tide'. It's



also hoped that a Reading Group will be set up – if you are interested pop into the library and let one of the librarians know. By the time Tethera goes to press there'll have been a stock change, so come along and see what new titles are available. Finally, there will be 'Memory Matters' sessions running from 14 November, for those with dementia and their carers, providing listening and support.

*Chris Walton*

## THANK YOU DAVID AND GLENN



After 8 years of tending to the surrounds of the Gosforth car park which including planting and watering the tubs, planting daffodils, snowdrops, shrubs and some other small jobs, David and Glenn Gray regrettably have decided to call it a day and concentrate their time on other interests. As Chairman of the Parish Council I would like to thank David and Glenn as I am sure we all do, for all their hard work which has been appreciated by many. I know they will be very hard to replace as very few people have the community spirit to take on such a time-consuming task but I do hope someone comes forward to carry on their good work.

*Tyson Norman*

## CAROL SERVICE IN SEASCALE

In the afternoon of Sunday 11 December there will be an informal carol service in the Methodist Church Hall. This is open to anyone who wants to come and sing some carols and hear Christmas readings. If you have a favourite carol or reading, please let me have them in advance so that we can organise music etc. Exact times will be confirmed nearer the time. Graham Worsnop 019467 28296 or [graham.worsnop@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.worsnop@btinternet.com)

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## FRONT COVER: TETHERA'S FAVOURITE VIEW!

There's a strong possibility that my daughter Natalie, seen on the front cover by Wastwater, will be relocating from Wiltshire to this area, and joining in with Tethera's design and production. Here's hoping!

*Trevor Preece, Publisher.*

## SWIMMING AT COPELAND POOL HENSINGHAM

On Friday evenings between 8pm and 9pm SASRA members can enjoy an hour's swimming for £2 a session. This is a social session – you can do lengths or potter around, both pools being available. Anyone living or lodging in this area can join SASRA. For further details contact David Gray by email on [dgray71729@fsmail.net](mailto:dgray71729@fsmail.net) or turn up at the pool and ask for Graham Norman.

# POOR STATISTICS FOR OUR COASTAL RAIL SERVICE

So how has our rail service changed since the franchise was taken over by Arriva on 1 April this year? In some respects, little has changed – same trains, same unreliability, same difficulty in boarding the trains. The new information boards do make things a little easier – I have seen people learn that the train to Carlisle was 30 minutes late and run round to get the train to Lancaster and catch their Pendolino to London there. However, I suspect that they would find that someone else was sitting in their seats on that train by the time they caught it. At least they managed to catch the train they wanted – something that they would not have had the information to allow them to do some time back. However, that was something that Northern Railway started installing under the old franchise and is not something that Arriva can claim credit for.

These last few weeks have seen a marked deterioration in train performance, with such matters as train faults and/or staff shortages, especially of conductors, have led to cancellations and delays. Craig Harrop, Client and Stakeholder Manager of Northern Rail, tells us that Northern are putting resources into the line and pressing Direct Rail Services (DRS) to improve, but not much seems to be happening, although the new timetables are now available. One problem is that DRS are obliged to supply the class 37 locomotives to haul the trains and cannot supply any other type – such as the modern class 68 which are very much quieter, cleaner and more reliable. Anywhere else, the use of 1970s Mk2f carriages and 1960s class 37 locomotives would be (and are) marketed as vintage trains – here they are the best that a 'modern railway' can offer!

Insofar as this area is concerned, all this adds



fuel to the call for more road building in the area, especially as there are plans afoot for a Whitehaven bypass which would encourage more travel by road, especially to and from Sellafield.

Consequent on a suggestion made by someone, namely that, if Jamie Reed MP is successful in persuading Prime Minister Theresa May to visit Copeland, she should bring the Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling with her and travel by train from Carlisle to Whitehaven then return to Carlisle via the A595, they would see what we have to put up with, Copeland Rail Users Group (CRUG) contacted Jamie Reed's local office with the result that Jamie is to ask a question in the House when Parliament returns, viz. "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will visit the Cumbrian Coast Line between Carlisle and Whitehaven". The idea of a journey from Carlisle by train then return via the A595 will be put to the PM's team.

An article in the *Daily Mail* of 13 August on 20 years since the publication of Bill Bryson's Notes from a small island repeats the canard that Bowness is the only place inside the Lake District National Park with a railway station. Obviously Ravenglass doesn't count!

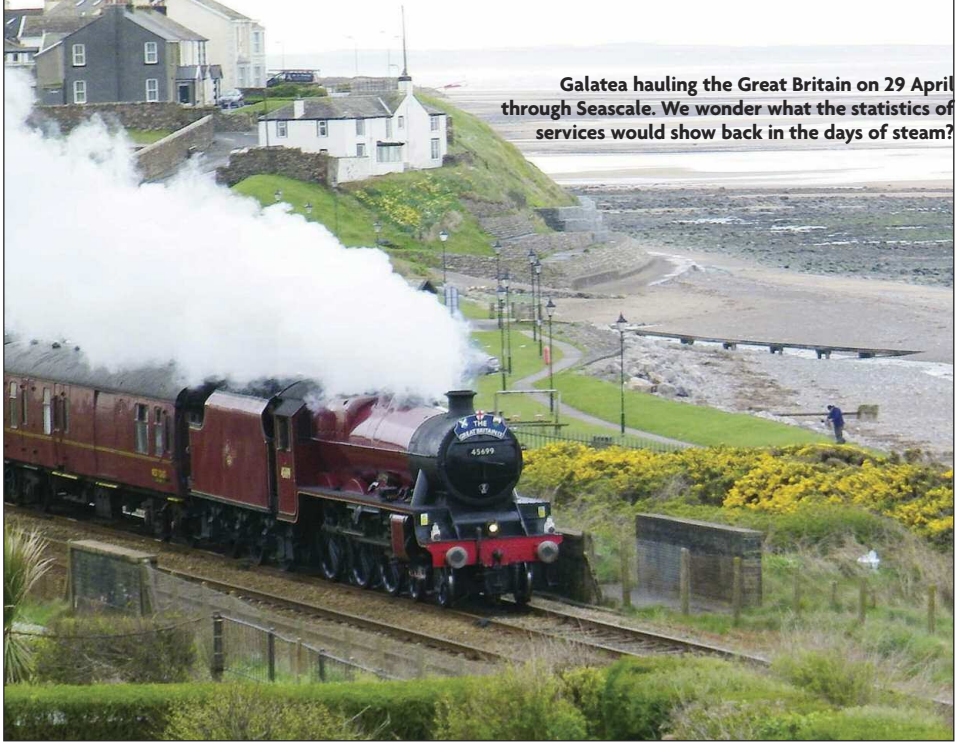
The coast line timetable has been revised again but still contains mistakes and several trains from Barrow through to Manchester Airport are not listed.

The *Evening News and Star* had an article about overcrowded trains travelling through Cumbria which actually refers to overcrowding through Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

There are rumours from train crew about the Department for Transport allowing Northern to renege on Sunday services. There is a franchise commitment that these should start, running with the December 2017 timetable. CRUG is already pressing Northern on this, to ensure that Sunday Services do run from December 2017 as promised, together with evening trains and making it clear that 'express services' which do not stop at Seascale are unacceptable.

**Punctuality figures** for four weeks from 30 July were collated by CRUG (during which one day was somewhat affected by flooding) which show at Whitehaven only 58% of trains were within five

Galatea hauling the Great Britain on 29 April through Seascale. We wonder what the statistics of services would show back in the days of steam?



minutes of their timetabled time on weekdays. For instance the 18.52 southbound managed to be on time or within five minutes on 5 of the 20 weekdays, the 09.56, 16.12, 18.00 and 19.46 were only within five minutes around half the time. There were 19 cancellations in 28 days. This does not take account of the trains which did not stop at all of the usual places. CRUG wondered what use is being made of the third loco-hauled set since the figures are particularly bad for all these trains. Northern must be losing passengers and paying out considerable amounts in compensation. CRUG will be publicising the poor punctuality and reliability and often lack of train crews widely to the Department of Transport, Network Rail, the county council, local MPs after asking Craig Harrop for any comments.

From 4 September **off peak day returns** will have been available for departures after about 09.00 Monday to Friday and any time at weekends and bank holidays at 15% less than anytime day returns.

A **Railways of Cumbria exhibition** is expected to be at the Beacon in Whitehaven 17 September-6 November.

**Regulated fares** nationwide are due to increase

by 1.9% (in line with the July Retail Prices Index) in January. However locally we had no increase in 2016 and even a decrease on some fares.

CRUG is also pressing for humps to be extended to allow passengers to board all trains comfortably – **if using a northbound loco hauled train at Seascale, use the carriage at the Drigg end – the platform is higher.** We are also pressing for the passenger information systems to give greater advice when buses are being substituted for trains – a) to go for the bus, and b) where to find it. **Graham Worsnop.**  
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## in and around Drigg, Gosforth &amp; Seascale

For events farther afield in Cumbria go to: [www.golakes.co.uk/](http://www.golakes.co.uk/)**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? With the help of the drama department at the University of Cumbria you will be thrown into a live theatre experience! To top the week off come gaze upon our firework extravaganza and watch it light up the castle on our front lawn on Sunday 30th.

**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). Activities at Dalegarth include facepainting and spooky arts & crafts and GADS theatre.

**28 October – Friday.** Woolpack. DJ Paul with "The Generation Game".

**29 October – Saturday.** Woolpack. Spooky Walk in Howes Wood.

**5 November – Saturday.** Seascale Golf Club's Bonfire Night. 6.30pm onwards. Burgers and Hot Dogs available on the night.

**5 November – Saturday.** Drigg Bonfire Night Event. Fireworks Display, from 7pm on the field behind the Victoria Hotel, Drigg. Refreshments will be available.

**6 November – Sunday.** Muncaster Wedding Fayre gives you the opportunity to visit one of the Lake District's top wedding venues, talk to our dedicated event planners and meet the cream of the area's wedding services suppliers. Entry is free to all for the day with free parking too. The Fayre itself is open 11am-3pm with entry including Gardens, Meadowvole Maze and Enchanted Trail plus stunning Sky Hunters bird of prey display with the Hawk & Owl Centre at 1.30pm, so there's plenty to amuse everyone. The café and gift shops will be open and some of the Castle's ground floor rooms will be open to view too as part of the Fayre. Dogs are welcome onsite with some restrictions – see website for more information. All welcome, whether you're planning your wedding or just having a day out in the Western Lake District.

**11 November – Friday.** Santon Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm. Blues and Roots with Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood. Tickets £8 from Louise Stewart 019467 24652 or email [henry.stewart@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.stewart@btinternet.com)

**12 November – Saturday.** St Paul's Church, Irton. Pie and Pea Supper followed by audio visual show with the ever popular Maurice Steele, Lakeland Allsorts featuring Wadale, Mitredale, Grasmere and the flooded valley of Mardale. Tickets £7 from Louise Stewart 019467 24652 or email [henry.stewart@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.stewart@btinternet.com)

**17-20 November – Thursday/Sunday.** Woolpack. Wine Festival

**18 November – Friday.** Woolpack. LIVE MUSIC with Jon Dawes from Paper Cranes

**24 November – Thursday.** Drigg Village Hall 6.00pm – Cine North's Pop Up Cinema present 'The Jungle Book' Tickets £4 or £14 for family (2 full and 2 conc)

**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. Come and enjoy a magical journey on-board the 'Santa Express' to meet Father Christmas and explore his Dalegarth grotto. Children will receive a present from Santa and adults get a complimentary tea/coffee/mulled wine and a mince pie. Christmas lunches are also available but must be booked in advance when you book your ticket. For more information please visit our website. [www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk](http://www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk).

**2/3 December – Friday/Saturday.** Woolpack – VODKA PARTY

**3 December – Saturday.** Your opportunity to visit Muncaster after dark in the run-up to Christmas and enjoy an evening of owl flying displays plus a two course hot supper and talk by the Hawk & Owl Centre. Meet in the Castle's Stable Yard at 6pm for welcoming hot drinks before being seated for a delicious home-cooked hot supper accompanied by a fascinating presentation by our charismatic falconers about the Centre and its work. Next we escort you over to the Old Rose Garden display arena for the first of two breathtaking displays as our beautiful owls glide silently in low light. Afterwards we make our way through the illuminated gardens passing the Castle for a second stunning display by these majestic birds on the Wildflower Meadow. We make our way back through the gardens to the Stable Yard where the evening ends. Christmas Owls By Moonlight runs on just three evenings in December and places are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment. Buy through our online store or give us a call.

**3/4 December – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Santa Express.

**4 December – Sunday.** Florence Mine Arts Centre. Egremont. Live Music: The Red Dirt Skippers. Award-winning and genre-defying duo, playing tracks from their critically-acclaimed four albums, including this year's Behind the Wheel which has been gathering praise from all corners! 7.30pm.

**4 December – Sunday.** Enjoy a delicious Christmas Afternoon Tea in the splendour of Muncaster Castle; a fabulous treat for yourself or an exclusive pre-Christmas gift for someone special. Meet over mulled wine by the fire in the Great Hall before being seated at your private table in one of the Castle's state rooms overlooking the lawns and all beautifully dressed for Christmas, to enjoy a home-baked festive spread of sandwiches, cakes and scones with your choice of tea or coffee. The price includes entry to Muncaster's gardens and woodlands for the day (open 11am to 4pm), plus the exhilarating Sky Hunters bird of prey display with the Hawk & Owl Centre at 1.30pm, so you can make a day of it with us and work up an appetite before teatime. Available on just three dates in the run-up to Christmas, places at the Christmas tea table are strictly limited so book soon to avoid disappointment. Buy through our online store or give us a call.

**10 December – Saturday.** Your opportunity to visit Muncaster after dark in the run-up to Christmas and enjoy an evening of owl flying displays plus a two course hot supper and talk by the Hawk & Owl Centre. Details as 3 December event.

**10/11 December – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Santa Express.

**11 December – Sunday.** Florence Mine Arts Centre. Egremont. Ghost Stories for Christmas. 7pm.

**11 December – Sunday.** Enjoy a delicious Christmas Afternoon Tea in the splendour of Muncaster Castle; a fabulous treat for

yourself or an exclusive pre-Christmas gift for someone special. Details as 4 December entry.

- 17/22 December – Saturday/Thursday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Santa Express.
- 18 December – Sunday.** Your opportunity to visit Muncaster after dark in the run-up to Christmas and enjoy an evening of owl flying displays plus a two course hot supper and talk by the Hawk & Owl Centre. Details as 3 December entry
- 18 December – Sunday.** Enjoy a delicious Christmas Afternoon Tea in the splendour of Muncaster Castle; a fabulous treat for yourself or an exclusive pre-Christmas gift for someone special. Details as 4 December entry.
- 11 December – Sunday.** Carol Service at the Seascale Methodist Church – Time to be confirmed. Contact Graham Worsnop on 019467 28296 or [graham.worsnop@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.worsnop@btinternet.com)
- 18 December – Sunday.** Seascale Christmas Lights Switch-On by Seascale Stompers – 4.15pm outside the Pavilion. Refreshments will be available. Please watch notice boards for more information.
- 14 January – Saturday.** Drigg Village Hall 7.00pm – Cine North's Pop Up Cinema present 'Dad's Army' Tickets £4 or £14 for family (2 full and 2 conc).
- 18/20 January – Wednesday/Friday.** GADS pantomime – Dick Whittington in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.
- 21 January – Saturday.** GADS pantomime – Dick Whittington in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 6pm.
- 25 January – Wednesday.** GADS Youth Theatre Group in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.
- 28 January – Saturday.** Drigg Village Hall 7.00pm – Cine North's Pop Up Cinema present 'Eddie the Eagle' Tickets £4 or £14 for family (2 full and 2 conc).
- 1 February – Wednesday.** GADS Youth Theatre Group in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.
- 8 February – Wednesday.** GADS Youth Theatre Group in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.
- 15 February – Wednesday.** GADS Youth Theatre Group in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.
- 23 February – Thursday.** GADS Plays for Pleasure in the Supper Room, Gosforth Public Hall, 7:30pm.
- 1 March – Wednesday.** GADS Youth Theatre Group in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.
- 8 March – Wednesday.** GADS Youth Theatre Group in the Public Hall, Gosforth at 7pm.

## 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 Kettlercise, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:nicat1206@gmail.com)
- 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

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meeting. Contact: Graham Brassington 25794.

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

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

**Open Mind West Lakes U3A Singing for Fun Group.** First Thursday every month 2.30pm to 4pm in St Marys Room, Gosforth. Contacts: Tim Austin 26778 or Xandra Brassington 25794. The change in venue applies from September.

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

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

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

**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. jillfhudson@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.** Wednesdays. Holmrook Reading Room, 6.30-7.30pm. All welcome to turn up or contact David on 24632.

**Tuesday Chat.** First Tuesday every month. 2-4pm. Drigg & Carleton Village Hall. Special events and entertainment. All welcome.

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

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

**Wild Flower Meadow.** Holmrook Reading Room. Phone 24632 to be involved. Supervised children welcome.

## VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

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# THE GREY LADY APPROVES!



Artist's impression of the reconstruction of the Grey Lady

A new Events, Wedding and Conference Centre at Irton Hall is opening its doors in May and will be named after its famous resident ghost 'The Grey Lady.'

Ann Lamplugh Irton became known as 'The Grey Lady' after being murdered in 1464. Her husband John Irton walled her up in the Peel Tower as punishment for giving food and shelter to the fleeing King Henry VI after his defeat at Hexham against Richard of York during the War of the Roses. John Irton supported the House of York and sent the fleeing King away when he turned up at Irton Hall tired and hungry. But Ann took pity on the King and sent him food and provided shelter on the estate. She paid for this act of kindest with her life.

Today her warm heart will live on in this new

welcoming centre. I am sure her ghost has been watching the progress of this build and is highly approving!

You can watch a short film about 'The Grey Lady' on YouTube on 'The Fat Chat Show Cumbria Irton Hall.'

Tether's publisher Trevor, editor Eileen and I are looking forward to celebrating the opening of this building at the end of April 2017. 'The Grey Lady' just could be the largest facility able to host over 150 guests, seated in style, in the area.

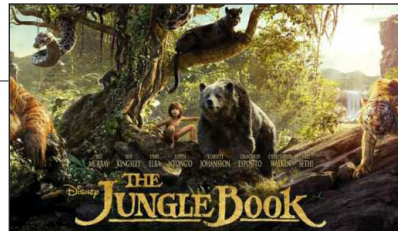
I'm also told by owner Steve Cottrell they will be hosting regular dinner dances, jazz nights, wine tastings, private parties and lots of other great events. Just what we need.

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*Vivienne Trigdisa*

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Thursday 24 November 2016, 06:00 PM  
**The Jungle Book** (2016) (PG) 104 mins

Saturday 14 January 2017, 07:00 PM  
**Dad's Army** (2016) (PG) 98 mins

Saturday 28 January 2017,  
07:00 PM  
**Eddie the Eagle** (PG)  
103 mins

Tickets £4. Family tickets: £14  
(2 full & 2 conc)





## SEASCALE COMMUNITY BEACH PARK PROJECT FUNDAY ON 18 JULY

A busy weekend was had in Seascale! We had a Funday which included a Bake Off Comp, Flag Comp, Moky kids, fancy dress, Egremont Brass Band and loads of fun and games - we raised just over £2000 and the icing on the (bakeoff!!) cake was the old Funday committee from the original '80s and '90s have disbanded and donated their remaining funds of £2116.42!

We have secured funding from CN Group, Sellafield Ltd, LLWR, Persimmon Community Champions, The John Fisher Foundation and "The

Biggy" is the £63,360 from the Copeland Community Fund.

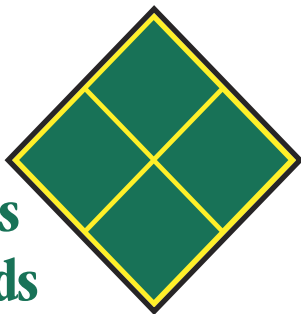
Community fundraising through the local school enterprise club, face painting at summer fairs, donations from the Blengdale Runners and The Seascale Stompers and one of the committee members Christine Simcock ran the London Marathon raising over £3000.

We have also been working with Dianne





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► Richardson from Balfour Beattie; she has arranged “in kind” work such as a topographical survey to be done at their expense, we are really hoping that more contractors working in the area could come forward to help us in similar ways – but still waiting for a response to many, many emails sent in their direction!

We are currently selling wristbands to raise funds and a Seascale history-based quiz was organised with the Seascale School Reunion on 13 August. This raised us £139 on the day and other donations, from as far away as America, have followed.

We have another large funding bid, and many other smaller ones in the pipeline and if we are extremely lucky we should have enough raised to proceed with ordering the new equipment at the end of 2016. This would be ideal as then we could be completed for the start of the summer season 2017.

The Funday shows just how behind the project the people of Seascale and the wider community



Photographs by Brian Goulding



are. It was so wonderful so see everyone on the beach front having a lovely time with their families. This could be an everyday occurrence if we can improve the facilities for everyone.

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*Lizzie Mawson*

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# GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL NOTICE

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Gosforth village is going through a transition period. Hotels and public houses have been reinvented with internal investment. Parish Council continues to maintain the upkeep of the village and its facilities even though restrictions in budget from The County Council mitigate stringent spending. The loss of the Public Library which was run by County Council at the beginning of the year, awakened the residents of Gosforth to the advent of a village without library facilities and a central hub in which to meet and discuss relevant concerns.

I've just been to the McMillan cancer coffee morning (Saturday 1 October) in the volunteer-run Gosforth Library. I'm happy to say that there is still a strong community feeling in the village and the proof was there to see with all the support for our villagers.

20 months ago I took over as chairman of the Public Hall from councillor, Alan Jacobs with some new members as well as existing members to form a new committee. At this moment in time the Hall Management team consists of myself as chairman and Tracy Birkett as treasurer and a retiring Vice Chairman. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, we now require a secretary and a booking officer – also someone experienced in project management for our future ideas to come to fruition.

To date, thanks to funding from Drigg Repository, Gosforth Public Hall now has bright red new front doors – a welcome sight in the centre of such a pretty village. Volunteers have cleaned down and painted the walls in the supper room. Curtains replaced in the main hall. Cooker, fridge and microwave donated for the kitchen.

New activity groups have been introduced, and now we have a regular monthly craft fair. But, what we need most is YOU – your help, your ideas, your knowledge, your support. If you are a resident of Gosforth and want to see your Public Hall maintained and used for the benefit of all, including the younger generation and generations to come, please come to the AGM on 10 November at 7.30pm in the Public Hall and have your say.

The Hall has a fabulous sprung dance floor and the acoustics are very good for theatre and live music. But, the building is getting that tired look and as the saying goes, it could be classed as “not fit for purpose” soon. We have ideas, some practical, some grand, but what we want most is your ideas and what you the community want. Without which our bid for funding would fail.

So, please come on 10 November and have your say.

*Chairman, Gosforth Public Hall. Keith Rhodes*

## A BUSY WEEKEND IN SANTON BRIDGE AND IRTON TO COME

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At Santon Bridge Village Hall Friday 11 November at 7.30pm. Blues and Roots with Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood. This will be an energetic performance of blues with soul sensibility. Kit has performed recently on BBC shows. The show is sponsored by Arts Out West. As usual there will be nibbles provided, themed to the evening (maybe New Orleans style) but please bring own drinks. Any proceeds go towards the running of the Hall. Tickets £8 adults. Please reserve with Louise Stewart 019467 24652 or email [henry.stewart@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.stewart@btinternet.com)

At St Paul's Church Irtton Saturday 12 November at 6.30pm we have a traditional Pie and Pea supper followed by an audio visual show with the ever popular Maurice Steele, Lakeland Allsorts featuring Wasdale, Mitredale, Grasmere and the flooded valley of Mardale. Tea and coffee will be served in the interval, but please bring other drinks if you wish. Tickets are £7 which can be paid on the door, but it would help the catering if you could pre book with Louise Stewart as above. All proceeds for the upkeep of the church.





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# VOLUNTEER WITH US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On Make a Difference day this October, Age UK West Cumbria is promoting the contribution that volunteers are making in their local communities, particularly those supporting older people to overcome loneliness – through the new Community Connections Project.

Tackling loneliness is one of the biggest issues faced by communities – both locally and nationally – with 1 in 4 people aged 65+ feeling they have no-one to turn to for support, while many go for days or weeks without seeing anyone.

Volunteers on the Community Connections Project are helping lonely and isolated people to connect with others in their community by supporting them to join social activities; having chats over the phone; visiting them at home or running coffee mornings or other activities to bring them together.

Volunteer home visitor, Mrs C, said: “We get on great. We have a cup of coffee and put the world to rights. I find being a Community Connections volunteer very rewarding. It’s a two-way process and very much one of friendship. I would certainly recommend it to others.”

Jacqui Rogan, the Copeland Community Connections Co-ordinator, said: “With more volunteers, we can help many more lonely older people to make new friends and interests. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to make a real difference to the life of someone in your community, we would love to hear from you. You can call us on 08443 843 843 or come along for a chat and a coffee at one of our bi-monthly Coffee mornings at either Mawson’s Ice Cream Parlour, Seascale on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month starting 2nd November from 10am until noon or the Kellbank Pub, Gosforth on the 2nd and last Wednesday of each month starting 9th November from 10am until noon. All welcome!”

For more information on becoming a Community Connections volunteer, call the Age UK West Cumbria Helpline on 08443 843 843 (local call), email [info@ageukwestcumbria.org.uk](mailto:info@ageukwestcumbria.org.uk) or visit the website [www.ageukwestcumbria.org.uk](http://www.ageukwestcumbria.org.uk)



WEST CUMBERLAND CHORAL SOCIETY

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Under 18’s free.

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# MUNCASTER MICROBUS DAY TRIPS 2016

Month	Day	Date	Destination	Price
November	Wednesday	2	Blackpool Illuminations	£15.00
	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](http://www.muncastermicrobus.org.uk). Bookings: 01229 717229.



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# THE DRIGG LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

## **Our last meeting of 2016**

Our November meeting is on Tuesday 15th of November in the Drigg Village Hall at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7pm. The speaker is the Archaeologist Sharon Arrowsmith who will talk about Uncovering Muncaster's Past including the documents she has uncovered as an archivist at the Castle.

## **Our WINTER Programme starting January 2017**

This will be our AGM when a new Committee is to be formed. We are looking for one or two new committee members to help run the group. Subscriptions of £5 will be collected and it is proposed to keep attendance fees at £1 for members but possibly to increase it for visitors.

Our meeting in January is on Tuesday 17th of January in the Drigg Village Hall at 7.30pm, refreshments are available from 7pm. The speaker is Pat Hall who will look at the humorous and serious side of Georgian & Victorian Medicine and Equipment both locally and nationally. Some Helena Thompson Museum artefacts will be on display.

Our meeting in February is on Tuesday 21 February in the Drigg Village Hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments are available from 7pm. The speaker is Neville Ramsden who will talk about the local manors in the Drigg-Gosforth area, which were all part of the so called Barony of Egremont. During this era the Manors were King. The 19th century Reform Acts and the formation of Parish Councils brought an end to this control by the Manor Court and Church.

Our meeting in March is on Tuesday 21 March in the Drigg Village Hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments are available from 7pm†March

The speaker is Bill Myers who will take a look at the work of the Royal Ordnance Factories of Eskmeals, Drigg & Seascale during WW2 and show how they affected the community as over 4000 workers were required. It will include transportation of explosives and munitions in the county during WW1.

Alan Bell

# Windscale Club

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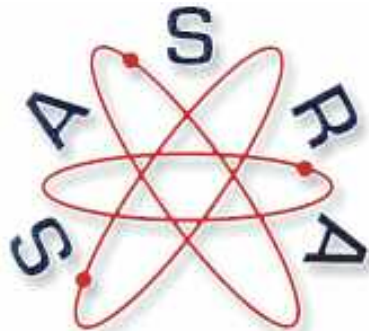
**Sunday noon-11pm**

Family Disco night usually last Friday of the month – see posters.

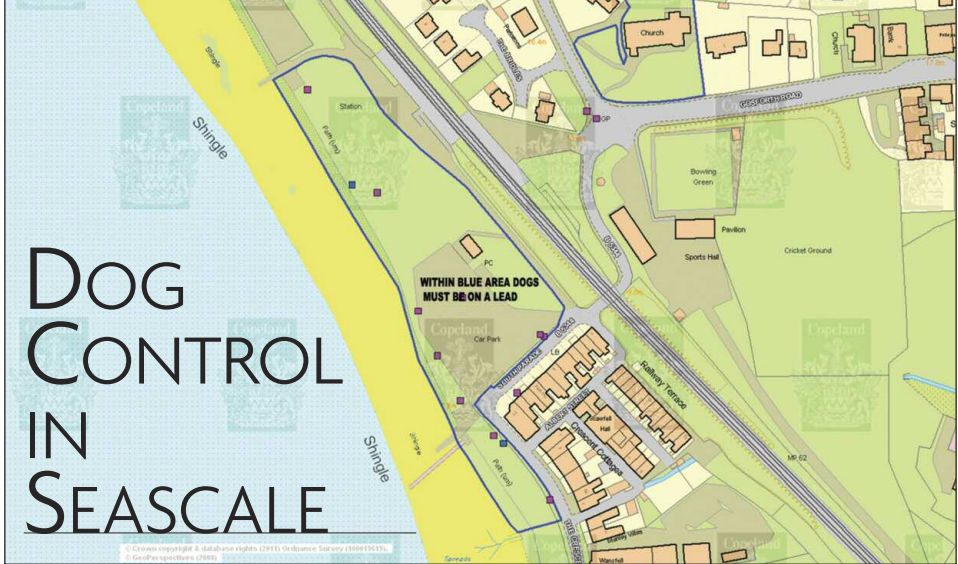
December Family night will be  
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<b>Boxing Day</b>	<b>noon 'til late</b>
<b>27/28/29 December</b>	<b>7pm – 11pm</b>
<b>Friday 30 December</b>	<b>7pm – 12</b>
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>noon till late</b>
<b>1 Jan</b>	<b>7pm – 11pm</b>
<b>2 Jan</b>	<b>noon – 11pm</b>
<b>3 Jan</b>	<b>7pm – 11pm</b>







# DOG CONTROL IN SEASCALE

For a long time the Council has had byelaws in place to take enforcement action in various parts of the Borough, namely the parks and open spaces. Since the introduction of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act (2005) from April 2006 the local authority (primary authority) and parish councils (secondary authority) have had the power to introduce dog control orders.

These can be in the following categories:

1. Failing to remove dog faeces
2. Not keeping a dog on a lead
3. Not putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
4. Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded

The new legislation is designed to simplify the current arrangements for controlling dogs. The dog control order will specify the land to which the order relates as well as the times during which the order will apply. In practice, this means that an authority can designate any area of land open to the air to which the public has access (including any such land within its boundary) as being land on which specified dog offences will apply. You can see these areas clearly marked on the maps associated with the Dog Control Orders.

What is not considered a reasonable excuse?

- Ignorance of the law.
- Having no bag with which to clean.

- Being unaware that your dog has fouled
- Lack of signs

I become more dismayed each day as to the attitude of local residents that under normal circumstances are law abiding, think that bye laws do not apply to them and when challenged become upset.

There are many dog owners in and around Seascale, and the majority act responsibly and keep their dog or dogs under control which includes clearing up after their dog in a public place, ensuring dogs are kept on a lead in public places and maintaining their dogs behaviour is in accordance with the law.

Unfortunately the small number of inconsiderate dog owners who don't keep their dog or dogs under control and clear up after their dog causes many problems for the community.

Dog owners have the right to enjoy their pets and to exercise them however residents and in particular children also have a right to be able to enjoy a clean safe environment and be able to access areas, particularly recreational areas, free from dogs or free from uncontrolled dogs.

Dogs must be kept on leads in the areas designated in Seascale, the reason – with the increase in vehicle traffic it is easy for a dog off the lead to become distracted no matter how well trained and run across the path of a vehicle.

**Brian Goulding**  
*Chairman Seascale Parish Council*

# GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Since the last Tethera, we have been very busy at GADS. Our Youth Workshop week in August was a huge success with over 20 youngsters spending just one week developing a show for the Saturday night that was as enjoyable as the week itself. We must extend our thanks to the Hadfield Trust for their donation to support the 2016 workshop. The week beginning 7 August is already booked for 2017, if you want to get it in your diary. Also in August, the adult members of GADS performed a one act play on the lawn at Muncaster – A Little Box of Oblivion by Stephen Bean and directed by Tom Morath. This was an adventure for us, well attended, and best of all the weather was kind – much kinder than it was for Gosforth Show, when we were forced to abandon plans for our gazebo to welcome potential new talent. By the time you read this, our Autumn Play will be over (Life and

Beth by Alan Ayckbourn) and rehearsals will have started for our Pantomime in January.

## **Pantomime – Dick Whittington, by Alan Frayn**

Well it's panto time again at GADS and

our production in January will be Dick Whittington by Alan Frayn. This was chosen because GADS first ever pantomime in January 1977 was Dick Whittington. And as we haven't performed it since 2005, what better way to celebrate our 40th anniversary than to perform it again?

The story of Dick Whittington is roughly based on the life of Sir Richard (Dick) Whittington who was born in Gloucestershire in 1350. He was the younger son of the Lord of the Manor, and as his older brother inherited everything when his father died, Richard was poor and travelled to London to get a job. He became an apprentice to a cloth merchant and eventually became a high end mercer himself – his customers included King Richard II and Henry IV. He made his fortune and even lent money to royalty. He married Alice Fitzwarren and became Lord Mayor of London four times. He died in 1423. Having no children, he left his great wealth to be used for the benefit of the poor people of London. A public toilet was built with some of his money and it was known as Whittington's Longhouse. Even today people can still get help from the Whittington Charity. The poor people of London didn't know how Dick had made his money but rumours started that he had been poor and managed to climb his way to success in society. There is no evidence that he even had a cat, but the rumours grew into the story that we know and love today.

In our tale, the poor boy Dick walks to London and is befriended by a cat with extreme rattling capabilities. He gets a job in Fitzwarren's store, falls in love with the daughter (Alice) and is falsely



The Cast from GADS first pantomime (Dick Whittington) in January 1977.

accused of theft. Banished from London, he has a dream telling him to return as he will become Lord Mayor. He ends up on a ship which is wrecked on the coast of Morocco and his cat manages to kill all the rats that have been plaguing the Sultan. In gratitude, the Sultan makes him a rich man. He marries Alice and they live happily ever after. Naturally.

By the time you read this we will be well into rehearsals and set building. If you were in the original Dick Whittington in 1977 we would love to involve you again, either on stage or in the final walk down.

There are all the usual pantomime characters, songs, dances, slapstick, baddies and goodies and a lot of very good (and if you believe that you'll believe anything!) jokes. So why not come along to see the show?

Last year, tickets sold very well and Saturday night was sold out. So if you want to be sure of your seat, please book early. Tickets will go on sale on Mon 5 Dec to Groups, Mon 19 Dec to GADS members and Thu 29 Dec to the general public. Please go to our website for more information [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk). Ticket Prices are the same as last year: £6 for adults, £4 for children and students. Performances: Wed 18 Jan to Fri 20 Jan at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm) and Sat 21 January at 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm).

**GADS  
Youth  
Theatre  
Group**

GADS Youth  
Theatre Group

will be nearly a year old when sessions resume (after pantomime) on Wed 25 Jan 2017. Yes – due to popular demand, we have moved the group to a Wednesday evening. Sessions are still £3 and start at 7pm, just after the karate classes in the Public Hall. The group is for 8 to 18 year olds and there are still places available. In September, our friendly Police Community Support Officer, Dawn Lowerson, helped us secure a grant from the Police Property Fund to buy resources for the group, so we now have a set of 8 specialist theatrical masks to work and experiment with during the sessions. The fun never stops in this group.



*Plays for Pleasure*

**Plays for Pleasure**

“Plays for Pleasure” gives a chance to stay in touch or get in touch between other GADS events – but we have been so busy recently that P4P hasn’t met since May! However, our new season will begin after Pantomime, with a reading on 23 Feb. A frightened woman, secretive, controlling man, deprived Archer fans find fresh food for paranoia in Patrick Hamilton’s tense drama “Gaslight”. We meet at 7.30pm in the Supper Room at the Public Hall, on the last Thursday of the month until 30 June. We try out scripts for possible future productions and give everyone a chance to read any part – age, or even gender, don’t necessarily matter. And if the thought of sight reading puts you off, it will usually be possible to let you have an advance look at the script – just let us know. Everyone is welcome and we hope you find we live up to our name – Plays for Pleasure.

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







# CUMBRIAN ENTREPRENEUR ADAM JACKSON

To be honest I was expecting to meet a man in, say, his late fifties when I popped into Briar Croft Garage in Waberthwaite to interview Adam Jackson for Tethera. You know how it is when talking to someone on the phone that you've never met, a preconceived idea of what that person looks like manifests itself.

So imagine my surprise when I was greeted by this tall, well-built, handsome guy in his early thirties! I'm never usually put off my stride but all I could say was "oh!"

"That happens a lot" said Adam with a generous smile as we walked to his office "people often think that Bill" and he pointed to a guy sitting at a work bench by the store room, "is me because he's older and looks the part."

Adam, a local lad to Waberthwaite, knew from an early age that he wanted to run his own business. "It was my goal to have workshop and shop to service a wide range of gardening and farm machinery" explained Adam, "and it has grown into this."

By 'this' he means the large garage/workshop/shop that he's built down at Waberthwaite "This year we have extended the workshop to double the size to enable us to house and service more machinery." Sit-on-mowers, trimmers, smaller lawnmowers and, best of all, quad bikes are neatly parked and displayed.

To be able to afford this necessary extra space Adam engaged with the Princes Trust to secure a loan to build the extension. "It was impossible to



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get support from the banks so this was the only way, and it's really paid off." Adam and his team built the extension and it looks to be earning its keep. "This extra space has helped us to ensure we get the work turned around very quickly for our customers."

Adam started his working career at Nigel Birkett Motorcycles in Broughton on a work experience programme from school during summer holidays. On leaving school, Birketts offered him a job where he served his apprenticeship reaching NVQ. It's due to his own experience as an apprentice that Adam now offers a work experience placement and apprenticeship to young people wanting a career in the trade. Currently 15 year-old Robert Albion is on the team, "He's doing really well" says Adam.

"After about 5 years at Birketts, while still young with no commitments, I left and did the summer harvest job driving grain for a large farm near Newcastle. When the harvest season finished here in the UK I went down to New Zealand to bringing in their harvest."

After two years of jetting off to the other side of the globe, Adam decided to stay put in the UK and learn how to service farm machinery. This was

an important step in achieving his dream of having his own business.

The turning point came four years ago when Adam was approached by Yamaha Motor UK to become a Yamaha agent in the area. "This was a great contract to have," explained Adam, "And that's when I set up shop here and the rest is history."

A subject Adam is passionate about is affordable housing in the area. "I have purchased the land next to the garage and will build my own house because

that will be cheaper" explains Adam.

So what does the future look like for the business?

"I don't want it to get too big, because I have high standards of customer service and that means being able to spend time with my customers training them on their new purchase to ensure they can operate it safely and efficiently." Adam smiles, "and also making sure the servicing we are doing for customers is spot on."

The biggest challenge Adam faces now is getting the message out about his products and services, "People really don't know we are here" says Adam. I launched into some marketing tips and ideas for him, but it wasn't long before his eyes glazed over and I knew it was time to stop!

Adam attends all the country shows so when you see his stand pop in and say hello.

I loved the new quad bike standing in the yard under an awning like some precious new bauble, and Adam told me about the safety courses he offers to customers for quads. I really wanted to have a go but didn't like to ask. Maybe one day Adam will let me (hint!). He probably thought I would be too reckless seeing me arrive in a sports car! He could be right!

*Vivienne Tregidga*



# GOSFORTH & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION

This exhibition was held over the bank holiday weekend in August. We had Joss Naylor come for a presentation of his painting that Ray Nixon painted for him. He stayed a couple of hours talking to people and we all enjoyed his stories. The exhibition was a great success raising well over £1,000 for Gosforth Art, to help with tutors so that people in the community have the opportunity to learn to draw and paint from professionals in various mediums throughout the year for only £10 per workshop days for full members.

*Jakki Barratt*



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# GOSFORTH & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

## Full Membership: Due month of September each year

Entitles member to attend all weekly meetings at the usual weekly fee. (£3)

As full members it is expected to attend at least half of the years' meetings, around 20.

Will be informed of all Workshops and able to attend at reduced price. (£10)

You are entitled to hang at Muncaster Castle - space permitting.

15% commission to Muncaster plus £2 to funds.

Exhibition - right to exhibit paintings, unframed mounted works and cards for reduced membership fee. Members are asked to help out with exhibition (10% commission).

## £15 yearly Subscription

## Affiliated Membership: Due month of September each year

Entitles member to attend up to 5 meetings per year at the usual weekly fee. (£3)

Will be informed of all Workshops and able to attend at reduced price. (£20)

No hanging entitlement for Muncaster Castle.

Exhibition – right to exhibit paintings, unframed mounted works and cards for reduced prices (membership price to exhibit and 20% on sales).

Gosforth Group – Mondays 7-9pm (Gosforth School).

Seascale Group – Thursdays 10-12am (Methodist Church Hall).

You may attend one or both of the weekly meetings, £3 each meeting attending.

## CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP FORMS

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# Calder House Hotel

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*Christmas 2016*

## *Party Menu*

### *Starters*

Parsnip and carrot soup, served with crusty bread (v) Melon balls in midori (v)  
Seafood Creole - smoked salmon, crab sticks and prawns in a creole sauce, served with tortilla chips  
Garlic mushrooms (v)  
Mushrooms cooked in a cream and garlic sauce and baked in the oven, served with crusty bread

### *Mains*

Roast turkey with all the trimmings  
Supreme of salmon with a seafood sauce  
Slow-cooked belly pork stuffed with pork loin, served with sage and onion stuffing, drizzled with pork jus  
Beef roulade – prime steak stuffed with a savoury sausage meat and cooked in a chasseur sauce  
Spinach and ricotta cannelloni (v)

**All mains served with roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese and seasonal vegetables**

### *Desserts*

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce | Amaretto trifle | Lemon roulade  
Cookie-crust banoffee cheesecake | Belgian chocolate praline torte

Coffee and mince pies £2.50 per person | Cheese and biscuits £2.50 per person

### *Times | Prices*

10% per party required to secure the booking | We regret that deposits are non-refundable  
Christmas party menu available Monday - Saturday from 1 - 23 December 2016  
Pre-booking only | Menu Choice forms are available from Calder House Hotel  
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Please return your menu choices to the hotel a week before your booking  
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# SEO Tips for Beginners

## "Search Engine Optimisation"

# 1

**Make sure you're only writing quality content on your website.** It used to be the case that 'keyword stuffing' was the best practice but this is now considered bad practice.

Keep your content to the point and make sure it has value - Google appreciates content that users value and you will rank higher as a result of this.

# 2

**Backlinks are important.** If other websites are linking to your content then it becomes more valuable. Google appreciates value and therefore you will get a boost in the search results.

Be careful. Not all backlinks are good. Don't buy backlinks on forums or websites that have no relevance as this can harm your sites ranking and reputation on Google.

# 3

**Keep it fresh.** Websites that are updated frequently are more often ranked higher than the competition. Keeping your website up to date will also mean you will likely have returning visitors to your website to see what's changed.

Creating a blog is a great way to do this and can be easily achieved with WordPress. ([wordpress.org](http://wordpress.org))

# 4

**Use keywords where they matter.** Make sure your pages keyword appears in the site title, first paragraph and in image descriptions. By doing this there can be no confusion about what the page is actually about.

Keywords are important and when done correctly will help massively in boosting your search engine rankings.

# 5

**Sitemaps.** A sitemap tells a search engine exactly where each page is on your website. Your pages won't be found without one!

Make sure you have a sitemap and that it's up to date. You can find plugins that do this for you on WordPress. Just search "XML Sitemap" and you should be up and running in minutes.

# SEASCALE TENNIS CLUB

For some of you who have walked past the tennis courts you may have noticed we had plain black courts for a while. For the past couple of years the courts have slowly been showing signs of wear with cracks and dips in them, but with the help of funding from SASRA and the Copeland Community Fund we have managed to get them done and without being too biased, they are probably the best courts now in West Cumbria.

The Tennis Club holds social playing sessions all year round (weather permitting) for all adult members and juniors on invitation on Sunday mornings 8am-12pm and Wednesday mornings 9am-12pm. We also have a Monday evening session 5pm-9pm throughout the summer months. In all these sessions we just turn up and mix in to play some fun doubles matches. The players vary from beginners to 1st team players. Some Sundays we do have a little competition, and with a bottle of wine on the line for the winners, it can get very competitive!

As well as our own sessions we also compete in the West Cumbria Doubles League throughout the summer. This year we had two Men's teams, 1 Ladies and 2 Mixed teams playing against teams from Whitehaven, Harrington, Maryport, Keswick, Lorton and Cockermouth.

After many years of waiting, the Men's 1st team won the 1st Division losing only one of their twelve matches and the 1st Mixed team won Division 2 gaining them promotion to Division 1.

Over the past few years our junior section has really taken off with around 35 turning up every week for coaching sessions held voluntarily by our Level 2 LTA qualified coach Andy Lloyd and our dedicated chairman Melvyn Kendall.

Andy Lloyd said "the junior section is the future of the club and we have a good solid base of players in all age groups. We are a relatively small club compared to some others who have full time coaches, indoor courts or floodlights, but over the years we have shown we can compete with them and most of all we have a greater number of juniors attending. This year had been my proudest with 2 of the 17 year olds playing in the Men's 1st team, another 17 year old along with a 14 year old have been playing for the 2nd Men's team. Our 16 and under team played well in the West Cumbria Junior League with them finishing mid table. One of our 12 and under boys attending county trials



**Men's 1st team Division 1 winners (L-R) Connor Lloyd, Jon Pyke, Peter Roberts, Andy Lloyd (Captain) – missing Eli Hughes.**

and finally to top it off our 12 and under boys won the Cumbria Aegon Team Tennis League". One-hour junior coaching sessions are held on a Sunday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm – for ages 6-17 and Wednesday evening between 5pm and 6pm. We manage to have use of Seascale sports hall for bad weather so sessions can continue all year round.

A ladies-only coaching session is also in place every Sunday from 4pm-5pm. This is open for all ladies of all abilities. We do have a shortage of lady players in the club so the more the merrier.

No equipment is required, just comfortable clothes and footwear needed.

Tennis is a great way to exercise and very sociable so why not pop down and give it a try?



12 and Under Boys; Cumbria Aegon Team Tennis Winners (L-R) Danny Kirkham (Captain), Lewis Baker, Oliver Wilford and Brandon Spokes.

Just turn up to a club session and join in, see what you think and for anyone wanting to join after that the annual Adult membership is only £57 a year and Juniors £19.50 per year (which includes all outdoor coaching sessions). SASRA membership is a requirement. Additionally you have use of the courts to play whenever you want.

For any more information you can email us at [seascaletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:seascaletennisclub@gmail.com) or check out the website at [www.seascaletennisclub.co.uk](http://www.seascaletennisclub.co.uk)

## SASRA SEASCALE SCOTTISH DANCING CLUB

The club meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Windscale Club, Seascale, usually from September until April/May the following year. New members are very welcome – the cost is £1 at the moment. Soft footwear is advisable. Dances are explained and walked through for the benefit of newer members (and to refresh the memory of older ones!) and the whole evening is very informal. We always have a short interval for a drink. We do hope you will come along and give it a try. For further information and any queries, please contact Joan McIntosh on 019467 25459 or Pat Kirkham 019467 28929.

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## CNC launched Project Servator



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Project Servator will see highly visible yet unpredictable deployments of specially trained officers around the Sellafield site and the surrounding local community. The operational deployments involve officers working together with our communities to report suspicious activity. These officers are deployed to deter, help detect, and provide reassurance and confidence to members of the public.

The tactics used as part of Project Servator are not new and are used regularly by the City of London Police, British Transport Police and by Police Scotland during the Commonwealth Games. They have been developed to enhance the effectiveness of our resources and not as a response to any change in threat.

Ch Insp Tony Cole, who is leading on the implementation of the project, said: "We are deploying these additional tactics to further complement the operational activity that exists in and around the Sellafield site. Our aim is to build upon relationships with partners as well as businesses and communities.

"These tactics are not new but allow us to have a focus on community engagement. This is not

restricted to the Sellafield site but also to the surrounding areas. We are aware of the vast amount of information members of our community have, they are aware of what is out of the ordinary. All we ask is that they report any suspicions to us.

"The deployments will be unpredictable and may be highly visible on one occasion or more covert on another. The aim is to work with our local communities to deter any hostile threat.

"Remember, trust your instinct and report any suspicious activity directly to the CNC by calling 019467 73999."

The CNC is the armed police force in charge of protecting civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials in England, Scotland and Wales. They employ over 1,500 highly trained police officers and police staff across the UK. Counter terrorism is a major part of their policing.

The CNC have launched their own twitter page, so keep up-to-date with recruitment information, Servator deployments or anything CNC follow @nuclearpolice.



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# MAYOR MIKE STARKIE'S COLUMN

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Two strong characters like Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton have certainly got polarised views of how they would govern and their policies and personal backgrounds has been the subject of a great deal of scrutiny.

The choice seems to be between Democrat or Republican.

I am delighted that in Copeland the public voted for me as an Independent when they chose an Elected Mayor.

I value the fact that we are working with a rainbow coalition of Labour, Conservative and Independent as we all work together with our focus on service delivery to make Copeland a better place to live, work and visit.

Whether it is waste collection, planning, environmental health and a host of other services our members and staff work hard to deliver first class services to you our residents and tax payers.

The Council has also been heavily involved in our response to the Moorside new nuclear consultation document which has been submitted.

We are now also about to embark on yet another consultation of a nationally significant infrastructure project which is the National Grid proposals which affect the whole of the borough as they seek to install new network electric cabling which will plug into the Nugen new nuclear power plant at Moorside.

I am also acutely aware of the costs to Copeland of these consultations.

We are a small District council and we are being asked complex questions and views regarding these projects; the burden in terms of time and resource are very onerous indeed.

I have therefore written to Government asking them for financial support as we wish to be effective in our deliberations and responses but at

the same time be able to deliver first class services.

The Boundary Commission has published their initial proposals which are to reduce the number of Parliamentary Constituencies in Cumbria from 6 to 5.

For Copeland this is to re-draw the boundary to extend from the town of Maryport in the north to the River Mite in the south.

South of the River Mite will be transferred into Barrow and Furness Constituency.

The consultation period ends on 5 December so please ensure that you get your views in before then.

The proposals can be viewed in full at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk) and there is a link for you to have your say.

*Mike Starkie  
Elected Mayor of Copeland*

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She then took the role as a holiday entertainer, being part of many Variety Shows and learning many aspects of performance on the cabaret circuit.

Over the past years Beth has performed as Lady Gaga at holiday parks and theatres to much acclaim. In 2012 she did an international tour of Cyprus with her two dancers, performing for hundreds of people from all over the world. Beth has just finished a UK tour performing her Gaga tribute all over the country.

She also teaches and runs NCL stage academy, musical theatre classes, Stage Stars Performance School as well as running Sing Stars. She has been teaching children and adults of all ages for over eight years and is very passionate about what she does.

Sing Stars was founded in 2010 and this is the sixth year of running the School. She looks forward to new and exciting ventures.

They also have five other members of staff at Sing Stars – all with high quality training and backgrounds to provide the best training and classes.



Here are the classes we offer at Sing Stars:

**TOTS from 2 to 4 years**

Looking at music, song, nursery rhymes, puppets, instruments and much more.

Sunday mornings from 10.30am to 11.15am at Gosforth Primary School. Price: £14.00 per month (£3.50 per session).

**MAIN SCHOOL JUNIORS from 4 to 6 years:** Looking at pop and musical theatre songs and beginning to look at vocal technique.

**INTERS from ages 7 to 10 years**

Looking at pop and musical theatre songs and different styles of vocal technique. We also work on solo, duet and ensemble singing.

Sunday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm at

We want to expand and that's why we've decided to come to the Gosforth area! Sing Stars launched at Gosforth CE Primary School on Sunday 11 September 2016. Book your FREE taster session today in all our age groups and be the founders of our brand new Sing Stars here in Gosforth!

Gosforth Primary School. Price: £23.00 per month (£6.00 per session).

**SENIORS from ages 11+ years**

Looking at pop and musical theatre songs and an in depth approach to vocal technique, in addition to solo, duet and ensemble singing. They also look at creating their own music and show work.

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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS IN THE PARISHES OF SEASCALE, GOSFORTH AND ESKDALE – INCLUDING THE BLACK COMBE CHURCHES

## **Saturday 26 November**

2.00pm Gosforth Village Hall – Christmas Fair

## **Friday 2 December**

2.00pm Muncaster St Michael and All Saints – Christingle Service

## **Saturday 3 December**

11.00am Seascale St Cuthbert – Christmas Fair at St Joseph's Church

## **Sunday 4 December**

11.00am Whicham St Mary – Christingle Service

4.00pm Bootle St Michael and All Angels – Carol Service

## **Sunday 11 December**

11.00am Corney St John the Baptist – Carol Service

4.00pm Gosforth St Mary – Christingle Service

6.00pm Eskdale St Bega – Carol Service

## **Friday 16 December**

6.30pm Nether Wasdale – Carol Service

## **Sunday 18 December**

3.00pm Seascale St Cuthbert – Village Carol Service.

3.00pm Whitbeck St Mary – Carol Service

3.00pm Irton St Paul – Nativity and Band Service

6.30pm Gosforth St Mary – Carol Service

## **Friday 23 December**

6.30pm Drigg St Peter – Carol Service

## **Saturday 24 December**

4.00pm Seascale St Cuthbert – Crib Service

4.00pm Gosforth St Mary – Crib Service

5.00pm Waberthwaite St John – Crib Service

23.30pm Seascale St Cuthbert – Holy Communion

23.30pm Gosforth St Mary – Holy Communion

## **Sunday 25 December**

9.00am Seascale St Joseph – RC Mass

9.30am Bootle St Michael and All Angels – Holy Communion

9.30am Waberthwaite St John – Holy Communion

10.00am Seascale Methodist Church – United Methodist Service

10.00am Drigg St Peter – Family Communion

10.00am Gosforth St Mary – Holy Communion

10.00am Nether Wasdale – Holy Communion

10.30am Beckermet St John – Holy Communion

11.00am Wasdale Head St Olaf's – Holy Communion

11.00am Boot St Catherine – Holy Communion

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# IS IT ALL HOCUS POCUS?

**I wanted to find out the real history behind Halloween, where it comes from and why are there Trick or Treaters and hollowed out pumpkins.**

Mastering all my courage I ventured out to the only place where I felt sure I'd find the kind of people who could answer my questions.

Under a dark night sky lit only by the stars I entered the field at Castlerigg Stone Circle in Keswick. I could just make out a number of dark figures milling around the stones. Taking a deep breath I walked over to join them. Candle lanterns had been placed at the four pillar stones within the circle marking north, east, south and west. People were gathered around a small log fire in the centre of the circle and each held a candle lantern that threw dancing shadows across the grass.

As soon as I entered the sacred circle I was greeted with friendliness and invited to join the group. They didn't seem to mind that I was a journalist looking for information about the traditions surrounding Halloween.

I was steered towards a petite lady wrapped in a thick woollen shawl over a long flowing dress who seemed to be of some influence in the group. We introduced ourselves and I was astonished to hear that she lives in my village, Seascale.

"We prefer to be called Pagans" she explained "because there's a lot of misconception about witchcraft. Hollywood has done us a huge disfavour with their archetypal images of hags flying around on broomsticks. Although I frequently wish I could do that sometimes to prevent lots of heart stopping moments when meeting idiots driving too fast on our narrow lanes!" Her laughter was delicate and musical and not at all the classic cackle. "And I can tell you that I work very hard not to put a hex on abusive and bad drivers who run me off the road!"

The screech of a tawny owl swooping low just above my head made me jump out of my skin.

This modern witch, sorry Pagan, is a small delicate lady with very green eyes illuminated by the scented candle she held. "Hollywood has hijacked this very precious pagan festival which stretches back to our distant Celtic ancestors who

were eking out an existence from the land."

"The end of October and the beginning of November is called 'Samhain' and was a festival time with lots of practical aspects to it for the Celts. They would bring their cattle down from the summer pastures to be cleansed by running them through large bonfires and they would slaughter enough animals to provide winter food for the community."

A breeze rustled the grass at our feet bringing with it the perfume of burning sage leaves from a cluster of people in the centre of the circle.

"The nature and the seasons were extremely important to these ancient people who worshiped all the elements of nature – the earth, wind, fire and water, including heavenly bodies in the cosmos, the moon and stars. You just have to look at all these amazing standing stone legacies they left behind to understand this."

She offered me a cup of herbal tea with small flowers floating in it. "This will help banish those bad dreams you've been having lately" she explained on seeing my quizzical look at the contents of the cup. But how did she know?

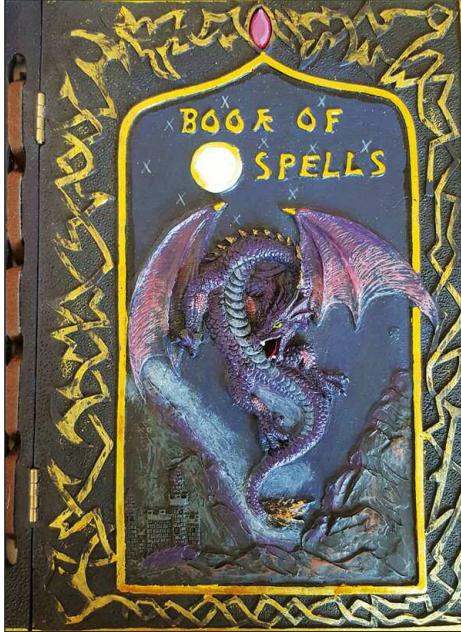
Before I could quiz her she continued. "This was also the time of year when our Celtic ancestors believed that the boundaries between this world and the spiritual world was so thin it allowed the spirits of their loved ones to cross over."

A Celtic drum exploded into rhythm followed



by singing and the haunting strains of a flute.

“The Celtic society was immensely respectful of their departed family members and elders and this can be seen throughout their culture. At the



end of October was also the end of their harvesting. They would celebrate a fruitful summer and give thanks to the nature and also to the spirits who they believed were looking after them.”

“They would display a human skull at their front door which evoked the spirits and welcomed them to visit. Food and drink were laid out for the spirits and a place was set for them at the family’s table. This act ensured the spirits didn’t stick around to cause mischief and bring bad omens down on the family. Hence Hollywood’s Trick or Treat interpretation and the hollowed out pumpkin representing a human skull.”

“Then when Christianity came along it hijacked and inseminated these beliefs into their own culture and turned Samhain into ‘All Saints Day’. It was only those who were believed to have lead exceptional lives in the ways of their Christian God who were remembered as Saints. The word for Saints was Hallows – Hallowed Souls – which is where All Hallows Eve comes from.”

She started to get agitated “then along came

Hollywood who muddied the waters good and proper by mixing it all up to the point that people have no idea where it all originated from and how to separate the meanings. ‘All Hallows Eve’ became Halloween with a mixture of the Celtic and ancient Christian beliefs.”

“There were actually three days of remembrance in the Celtic society – the first day and night was to remember the females who had passed away in their families, the next day and night was to remember the males, and the last day and night was all about the departed children. And as child mortality was very high in those ancient times, there were far more child spirits than any other. Samhain also marks the beginning of winter and the darker half of the year.”

For this modern witch ‘Samhain’ is the most exciting celebration of the year as it marks the Celtic New Year. “It is definitely a magical time don’t you think?” Her piercing stare penetrated into my very soul. “We also come here to celebrate the summer and winter solstice which is all about the cycle of the sun. The equinoxes and Samhain are about the moon cycles. All these are important miles stones in the year and help us to remember and give thanks to the nature.”

So does she perform spells?

She gave me a quizzical look weighing up if I was to be trusted. “The most popular spell people ask me for is to bring them money” she laughs and wags a finger at me. “But you have to be very careful not to do this spell on the wrong moon cycle as this can see money running out of the house instead of coming in!” She told me she also performs readings from Tarot Cards and Rune Stones.

The herb tea she’d given me certainly seemed to be working its magic as I could feel my body becoming lighter and very relaxed. I joined in with the singing, and was cleansed by a burning sage torch that was waved around my body. Just after midnight it was time I started on my long drive back to Seascale and so bade them all goodnight feeling as if I’d made a whole lot of new friends.

As I reached the outer perimeter of the field something made me look back at the small group within the standing stones and saw a number of white fluttery things swooping down from the sky and dancing around their heads. Must have been a trick of the candle light!

*Vivienne Tregidga*



# SEASCALE PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION

## 13 August 2016



Outside the school in the morning.



In school.

Over two hundred people both from Seascale and from across the globe came back together again to mark Seascale School's 65th Birthday. The School reunion weekend brought back together former pupils from the 1950s through to the present day, with many meeting each other again for the first time in over 50 years. Some flew in from as far away as Australia, America, Tenerife, and Gibraltar, as well as many cities across the UK.

Organiser Jason Rushworth, who went to the school in the '70s, thanked Tethera for its support in informing people in the local area that the

event was on. He said "Not everyone is on Facebook, so Tethera got the word out successfully to everybody that this event was on." The lads will always tell you they're not on facebook but their wives do it for them!

The momentum towards the School reunion began building four years ago leading to a school visit and presentation, along with a charity pub quiz in aid of the new Seascale beach park fund. That culminated in the evening in with a disco to old school favourites – at the Windscale Club.

The Methodist Church also promoted and helped the weekend along with a display of



photos and refreshments in its church hall.

Jason said, " This reunion was a one-man job, organised from a few hundred miles away, but just imagine how more successful the next reunion could be –if organised next time by a locally-based committee in the village.

All the goodwill and the momentum is right there to pick up on and to take on as a project.

The economy of the village was boosted across the reunion weekend by all the extra visitors in

the shops bars and hotels. The streets were vibrant with many former pupils and former Seascalians walking down memory lane. Much has been said about the internet over the years but, this was an example of it 'working for the village.' You can make it all happen again – with your help to form a locally-based committee to work towards the next one. Do it once, do it well, and pass it on. Let's make it happen.

*Jason Rushworth*



**Sue Long**

**Katherine Ponting**  
(formerly Katherine Howard)

**Sam States**  
(formerly Samantha Blyth)

**Emma Jennings**

**Lunch in the golf Clubhouse.**

**Natasha States**  
(formerly Natasha Rowin)



**Finishing up in the Windscale Club in the evening.**



# BYE BYE TO REVEREND LINDSAY GRAY

We are all sad to learn that Reverend Lindsay Gray has decided that she must leave us after Christmas. Her father is in poor health and she will move to Swindon to care for him.

Lindsay was licensed to St Cuthbert's Seascale and St Peter's Drigg in December 2013 after we had been without a Priest-in-Charge for nearly two years. She was the first lady to hold the position here, so there were some differences in emphasis to be taken into account and some challenges to be faced. She surprised some of her parishioners by her honesty about herself, in particular about the potentially devastating illness which had afflicted her, and which led directly to her being enabled to follow her calling to the priesthood.

Shortly after joining us she became a licensed Methodist minister which enabled her to officiate in the Methodist Circuit. This gave a special impetus to the furtherance of the historic links between Seascale Anglicans and Methodists, and



**Lindsay at her licensing by the Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Reverend Robert Freeman, at St Peter's Church, Drigg. (Tom Jones)**

this will be a legacy for which she will be remembered with gratitude. Lindsay has a special affinity with young people and she has developed new and flourishing relationships with Seascale Primary School, Messy Church and Shackles Off.



**Lindsay and Evie pose with their likenesses at the Drigg Scarecrow Festival in 2014. (Adrienne Millington)**

Lindsay came to the position here on a part-time basis, as when she was appointed to her previous post as a member of the ministry team in the parish of Egremont she had also become the C of E Chaplain to the Nuclear Industry in West Cumbria. She has been very much valued in that job, for which her background in science was a necessary qualification. As a member of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group she has been able to bring an extra perspective to the work of the group in engaging with the local community.

Lindsay and Evie, her much-loved cocker spaniel, have become a familiar sight on the beach and footpaths of Seascale, and we shall miss seeing them out for their walks together. She has promised to keep in contact with us and still has a house in the area, so although we are saying goodbye and God Speed we will hope to see her again. In the meantime we wish her and her father well and will hold them in our prayers.



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**Excursion from Whitehaven to IoM on 16 July. Let's hope the horse trams continue next year.**



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# WEVA

## A message from WEVA to all past, present and (hopefully) future members, ie, everyone who reads "Tethera"

Bonjour à tous (Hello, everyone),

The latest full round up of WEVA news and views and the current state of the twinning may be obtained by e-mailing WEVA at [westernvalleys2@googlemail.com](mailto:westernvalleys2@googlemail.com) and requesting the autumn newsletter.

However, here are a few highlights from that correspondence.

Along with many others in the community, WEVA members were saddened by the death in July of David Killick, our first chair and a "tour de force" in establishing WEVA's presence in the area. David left many legacies, perhaps the most obvious of which are the two road signs on the A595, southwards at Boonwood and northwards between Holmrook garage and the bridge. Another is his sense of fun and word-play. Resplendent in white tuxedo and red bow tie David once presented a cricket bat to our friends in St Martin. However, in an English-French dictionary there are two translations of bat, one of which refers to the flying mammal...!

Now it may or may not be generally known that for some time now WEVA has been intending to purchase a display cabinet for all the gifts received from St Martin to be sited in the Old School, Nether Wasdale. The WEVA committee agreed at its last meeting that this cabinet should be in situ as soon as possible and inscribed as a lasting memorial to David. CJSMA (Comité de Jumelage de St Martin d'Auxigny), WEVA's equivalent in France, is sending a donation to the fund which is being established in the hope that many people in the valleys and beyond will want to contribute. To this end, there will be donation plates at all forthcoming WEVA events. Alternatively, cheques may be sent to WEVA treasurer Keith Amey at "Le Pays Vert", Dent Road, Thornhill CA22 2RU or paid into the WEVA bank account at the Cumberland Building Society, sort code: 23 52 21; account number: 54016932.

Now to future events where your presence and support, along with those of friends, neighbours and relations would be much appreciated. Firstly, however, a little ditty, with acknowledgements

and apologies to Lewis Carroll:

*"The time has come the French have said,*

*"To talk of things like dates.*

*Of when you'll visit St Martin and who will fill  
your plates*

*With most delicious French cuisine, something for  
all tastes."*

The dates suggested are **24-29 May 2017** – and here are a few more for your diaries:

**Wednesday 16 November. 19.15.** "Kellbank", Gosforth. AGM and Annual Dinner. Please contact me or any committee member for further details.

**Saturday 18 February 2017. 19.00** (probably). Kellbank", Gosforth. French-themed quiz.

**Wednesday 24 May - Monday 29 May 2017.** Visit to St Martin.

Bien amicalement, *Rosalind Amey, WEVA chair.*  
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# SHACKLES OFF

Recently I was with a friend at an event and she introduced me to a gentleman as 'this is Mandy she runs the local youth club'. I piped up 'it's so much more than that, it's a youth project,' 'but isn't that the same?' she replied. So I spent the next half an hour explaining what we do and what we offer to help young people and members of the community make more of their lives. After I had finished they were both amazed and inspired and my friend said to me 'I'm so sorry, I had no idea that you did all of that'.

This experience got me thinking, and I realise that most people know we run youth clubs, but a lot don't know what else we offer and do for young people and other members of the community. So I thought I would take the opportunity here to explain more about what we offer at Shackles Off and also explain about the work we sometimes refer to as the 'hidden work'.

We run 11 sessions over the week (see the 'Drop In' window for a list of sessions & times). Alongside the three youth clubs we deliver, are the following:

On a Monday morning we have a 'Babies and Bumps' group where mums can come and relax and socialise with other mums. There is also peer led breast feeding support available at this session.

On a Monday evening we have a music workshop, which used to be guitar but is now changing to digital music with mixing decks etc.

Tuesday evenings are for girls aged 14 + and is aimed at learning life skills, being a positive member of the community and having fun.

Our 'LINKS' scheme is incentive based and encourages young people to complete workshops on issues such as: anti-social behaviour; internet safety; risk taking behaviour; body image etc. Alongside this we also encourage young people to be 'good citizens' by organising community tasks.

Twice a week we have a drop in for young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). We help young people to

access training, benefits and secure employment. We also encourage these young people to help at our 'tech & talk' afternoon every Wednesday for the over 55s. This session helps older people to get to grips with their phones, computers or tablets, or they can just come for a cuppa and a chat.

We work in partnership with the West Cumbria dyslexia association and they run a dyslexia Saturday school, 8 sessions a term in the 'Drop In' centre.

On a Sunday, as part of Seascale Methodist church, we offer an alternative worship particularly aimed at young people. This is for those young people who are Christians or who want to explore the Christian faith.

Finally we have what we refer to as our 'hidden work', which at present equates to 7% of the 153 children and young people we work with across all of the sessions. Invariably some of these will have problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness, mental health including; self-harm, depression, suicidal thoughts and anorexia. Because of the positive relationships we build with young people, we are usually the first person they come to see to seek help. We are often the first point of call in a crisis situation. We then work alongside other agencies, including families, to achieve the best possible outcome for that young person. As one young person put it recently 'you are the people who never gave up on me, when everyone else had'. We call it our 'hidden work', this is because of its nature, it is work that goes unseen but is some of the most important work we do.

To do all of what I have described above, we have one full time and two part time members of staff, six regular volunteers and another eight volunteers who offer their services during the year. There is a vast array of qualifications and experience between us and this, alongside the 30 agencies we work with, helps us to provide positive outcomes for the children and young people in our community.

*Mandy*



# WASDALE SHOW 2016



Fantastic weather was enjoyed by a record crowd at this year's Wasdale Show.

Dry, clear conditions made for a good day out for the organisers, visitors and participants alike, with the Herdwick sheep classes being keenly contested as ever. Much more was on show, including the hound trails, fell races and Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling, plus an excellent turnout in the displays of vintage vehicles.

Many trade and craft stalls were showing their wares, and so many people came up to Wasdale Head that an extra field even had to be opened for overflow car parking!

**The pink ladies rocking Wasdale Head Show after their cycle, canoe and run challenge! £993 collected in a bucket alone for – [www.justgiving.com/hazelclarke](http://www.justgiving.com/hazelclarke)**

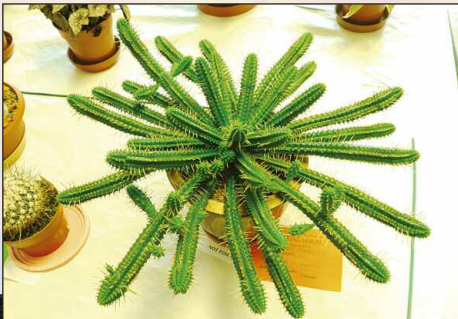




# BLOOMING GOOD SHOW!

Seascale Horticultural Society held its annual show in the Windscale Club on 6 August. Once again it was well attended and visitors were able to see the efforts of exhibitors come to fruition. Although the weather had been unseasonable, this didn't seem to affect the produce on show. Dahlia exhibits were a bit thin on the ground owing to the weather, so fingers crossed, next year will be a good one for growing them. The current interest in all things crafting meant that there was a good showing of craftwork of a very high standard and some people are planning their work for next year's show already.

As we are now into autumn, it may not seem to be the right time to be joining a horticultural society. The lawnmower has probably been put away for the year and plants are dying back in the garden. However, the society now has the seed catalogues for next year and there is an incredible discount to be had, if you are a member. Contact Janis Paterson on 019467 28483 if you need further information.



## PROFILE: KEITH SINGLETON OF SEAVIEW NURSERIES, NETHERTOWN

At age 77 Keith Singleton is still working 100 hours a week in his garden centre at Nethertown. When asked about retiring his stock answer is “when I’m 120.” Keith and I sat in his cosy café/restaurant located at the front entrance of the Garden Centre having a chat over a cuppa.

On the other table was a party of ten ladies from Halifax on a day trip and a tour round the garden centre. “We attract visitors from far and wide” commented Keith with pride.

Keith is a shrewd businessman and puts his success down to recruiting and nurturing a good loyal team. “I maintain that it’s all about how you treat people and that’s got to come from respect and compassion and remembering that they are all people at the end of the day” says Keith.

This medium sized business that’s tucked away on a narrow country lane between St Bees and Egremont is trading across the globe. They import garden and health products from Belgium, Holland, Germany and China, and talk about selling coals to Newcastle, Keith is selling Epsom Salts to Israel despite them having the Dead Sea right on their doorstep!

So of course I asked him about his thoughts on the BREXIT issue seeing as it must affect him, and soon discovered that he held very strong views.

“I voted ‘out’ because I felt that I didn’t get a say on any of the policies the EU instigated nor on the employment of the officials running it. They also don’t sign off on their accounts – if we did

that we’d be prosecuted! To my mind the EU is all about jobs for the boys and is full of corruption.” Keith continued “I will give you just one example of the impossible regulations the EU imposed on our industry – white cabbage, which is in huge demand from the catering sector for use in coleslaw, has a regulations document that is over 1000 pages with long convoluted and difficult restrictions that makes it impossible for the likes of us to even contemplate growing it. Which means we can’t even grow it in smaller quantities to supply our local catering outlets like pubs.”

However, Keith is full of optimism for the future both for Singletons Garden Centre and the UK. “I am very proud to be British right now especially after such fantastic results by our amazing athletes in the Olympics. The UK will come out of BREXIT stronger because we are a great nation. My import costs are already coming back down again. I knew it was only a short hiccup.”

Singleton’s Garden Centre is a family-run business, Keith’s son Gregg is the production manager, his daughter Louise runs the restaurant and nursery and his wife Mary works on the propagating side. This is definitely a business going from strength to strength.

Keith has very kindly agreed to supply our readers with regular helpful tips and hints about plants and gardening, something I know I am going to enjoy as I need all the help I can get.

*Vivienne Tregidga*

### HORTICULTURAL HINTS AND TIPS

Once again it is that time of year when we all think about putting the garden ‘to bed’, but for those of us ready to brave the coming inclement weather there is still plenty of work to be done.

Of course it is currently bulb-planting time which seems to come around quicker and quicker each year! Ideally most bulbs should have been planted in September, but there are still plenty in the shops and you can still get away with it. In fact, tulips especially should not be planted until November anyway to avoid them being infected with ‘tulip fire’ caused by the fungus *Botrytis tulipae*.

There are several basic rules that apply when planting most bulbs. Usually bulbs should be planted 2-3 times their own depth to stop them from drying out during the summer. Conversely, a layer of gravel underneath them will aid drainage during the wetter months.

Most spring bulbs prefer full sun so they can make enough energy through their leaves during the spring to see them through the coming year. After they have flowered is a good time to feed them with a high-potash fertiliser to encourage them to form next year’s flower buds. Importantly, you should never tie the leaves in knots or mow



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▶ the leaves off as this will seriously impede a plants' ability to produce a good show the following year.

Between November and the end of March is a good time to plant bare-rooted trees and hedging plants. These plants are lifted from the ground when they are dormant and arrive literally bare-rooted with no compost around them. They should be planted immediately. The advantage is that bare-rooted plants are generally cheaper to buy, which may be a consideration when planting a long hedgerow, for example.

When planting bare-rooted trees, dig out a large planting hole that will easily accommodate all of the roots. Be careful not to damage any tiny fibrous roots which are the most important with regards to feeding the plant. To give your trees the best start, mix some Just Naturally soil conditioner with your garden soil when you back-fill the hole and stake your tree if necessary.

October is also a good time to divide established perennial plants. Although it might not seem like it, the ground will still be warm after the summer and there is plenty of moisture around to keep the plants well-watered after they have been divided which will help them re-establish. Dividing plants helps to reinvigorate them. This is also a good time to cut back unsightly or infected foliage to stop the spread of disease, but remember that some plants actually look quite decorative when they have died back (e.g. poppy seed heads), and wildlife will benefit greatly if gardeners are slightly untidy!

*Keith Singleton and Kelly Archer*

## GOSFORTH HALL'S REAL ALE FESTIVAL ON AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND



## 1ST GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

We finished last term in our usual busy way, by making a planter, which now looks great outside our hut. The Cubs had to measure, saw and drill, and with a bit more work should get their DIY badges.

We also baked for our coffee morning, had a lovely walk up Blengdale, with ice cream and a paddle, and did some backwoods cooking, which means we lit fires and then cooked toasted sandwiches on them.

Everyone met up for our usual end-of-year celebration at Miterdale, which started with team games – a blind trail, water rescues and other challenges, then hot dogs and our ever popular, very wet water fight. We all had a great time – especially the leaders!

Now we're looking forward to a whole new year, and we're going to try some new things. The Scouts have already done some cooking on Drigg beach, been to Irton Pike, and are planning an expedition with cycling and walking. The Cubs kicked off the new year on a really hot evening with a fantastic water slide, and are going to Great Tower for a weekend of ghyll scrambling, climbing and kayaking to celebrate one hundred years of Cub Scouts.

We're trying to plan somewhere exciting to renew our promises in December. It's also thirty years since the start of Beaver Scouts this year, so there are some celebrations planned for that too. There is a development day for leaders to go and improve their IT skills, so even the adults are being kept busy. With a trip to Maryport Clip and Climb planned for the whole group, and our usual weekly meetings, it looks like being a busy time. We aren't going to let the dark nights slow us down!

Norman, our Cub leader, has been really busy over the summer, and we now have new heaters in our hut, so we're looking forward to a much warmer winter. It's getting quite smart in there, with the new roof and lights. We'll have to plan some sleepovers in there after Christmas.

If anyone would like to join us, you can phone me on 27211. We'd love to meet you.

*Jackie Harper*

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# 2ND SEASCALE SCOUTS

## Beavers on Bikes

During the Summer Term, the Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) decided they wanted to do their Cyclist Badge. They learnt the importance of safety equipment while cycling. With the help of one of our parents and the loan of Beaver Scouts' bikes, which were in urgent need of repair, they learnt how to fix a puncture and how to blow a tyre up. To achieve their Badges now all Beaver Scouts have to do is go on a short ride, which many of them have done already.

The lovely weather made it possible for the Beavers to enjoy an evening at St Mary's Church in Gosforth where Beaver Scouts worked together to find out five facts about the Church and its surroundings. Thanks to our wonderful guide Deema (Our Cub Leader) the Beaver Scouts found out more than five interesting facts, which included the Viking stone cross, the fishing stone and the Hogback Tomb Stones.

## Pack Your Bags

One of the highlights of the Summer Term for some Beaver Scouts was the bag packing at Tesco in Whitehaven. The Beaver Scouts thoroughly enjoyed helping shoppers pack their bags and raise funds for equipment for the Scouts' International Camp. It was wonderful to hear from shoppers how impressed they were by the Beavers', Cubs' and Scouts', helpfulness and politeness. The Young People obviously made a great impression as they managed to raise an amazing £1000.

## Rain? What Rain?

Rain didn't put the Cubs Scouts (8-10 years) off: after they planned a hike, looking at maps, train timetables and discussing what they thought they would need to pack in their backpacks, they thought it would be fun to take the train to Sellafeld and walk back to the village. It was dry when we set off but by the time we reached

Sellafeld it was pouring down. Luckily the Cubs had all packed their waterproofs even though it was June! We sheltered along the route and enjoyed a snack and drink before arriving back in the village wet but having had a fantastic evening.

## Food glorious food

Continuing our cooking efforts from earlier in the year the Cubs have gone on to cook on an open fire on the beach making chocolate bananas and toffee apples, and to make toffee and marshmallow squares. Cooking is always a favourite with the Cubs so we followed the food theme with a visit to Tesco Whitehaven to complete our Farm to Fork badge. The Cubs investigated cocoa content; where fish was caught; and discussed recycling and sustainability. The highlight of the evening was when we went into the freezer room, needless to say we didn't stay in there too long as it was very, very cold!



## International Adventure

A fantastic 35 Scouts (10-14) and older Cubs climbed aboard an early train on their way to a Summer adventure at Essex International Jamboree (EIJ). Squeezing into the tented village, nay town, of 10,000 Scouts, Guides, Leaders, helpers and staff; friends were made quickly.

Over 30 nations were represented so this was a unique opportunity for the Scouts to cover some International elements of their training programme, as well as meeting some interesting new people from hugely diverse backgrounds.



## A-Z of Adventure

The week was jam-packed with activities literally ranging from abseiling to zorbing. Favourites were caving; clay pigeon; and It's a Knockout, and topics also included Science and Enterprise. Evenings gave more opportunities to meet people in front of the huge concert stage hosting DJs, dancers, bands and performances.

The build-up to EIJ involving lots of fundraising – many events have already been mentioned here before. Therefore we must thank all the parents



who helped with these events, as well as our adult helpers – Graeme and Mark – and not forgetting the Beaver and Cub Leaders – Eve, Susie and Sara – who joined the Scout Leaders – Neil and Andy.

We must also thank Cumbria Council's Community Fund who provided generous funding enabling us to purchase additional folding tables and benches, and other camp kitchen equipment.



## Carry on Camping

We can't get enough of it! Lord Baden Powell (founder of the Scout Movement) said that one weekend camp is worth months of evening meetings in the hall. In October we are off on a very different kind of camp. Our back-to-basics camp will work our Scouts a bit harder and, unlike at EIJ, they will do all their own cooking, and learn lots basic, essential scouting skills.

## Home on the Range

Windscale Rifle Club are kindly hosting a couple of evenings allowing all our Scouts to try their hand at rifle shooting on the range at Drigg.

## Next Generation

We are used to Beavers and Cubs moving up to the next section. Scouts moving back down doesn't happen so often. So we are delighted to



welcome senior Scouts Jessica and Sarah, back into Beavers and Cubs.

The girls are both looking forward to completing their Young Leader Training, organised by Western Lakes District in November. They have 11 modules to complete, including: Programme Plans, First Aid; Awards and Badges; and Kids Behaving Badly!

Jessica has decided that she would like to help her mum, Willow (Beaver Scout Leader), and Badger (Susie) and Otter (Conner) with the Beaver Colony. Jessica has been named Squirrel by the Beaver Scouts.

Sarah – Kaa – will team up with Deemaa (Cub Scout Leader Sara) and Bagheera (Leigh – another former Seascale Scout).

## 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:

*Neil Henderson, Scout Leader*  
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# A WET DAY DIDN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS

During its one hundred and forty year history Gosforth Show has suffered as a result of the elements



on many occasions and this year was no exception. Sandwiched between spells of fine warm Summer weather Gosforth Show day happened to be wet and miserable with torrential rain in the afternoon curtailing several events. However, those that were at the Show, and numbers were down, didn't let the weather spoil their day. The handicraft and flower tents were overflowing with wonderful exhibits, the livestock and poultry provided a fine display as did the huge number of trade stands. The history tent, which is usually very busy, was even more so and was filled with people of all ages who were not only keeping dry but studying the photographic displays, building and decorating bird boxes, visiting the stalls and being entertained by Jason the Jester. Sadly some proceedings had to be cancelled on safety grounds, such as the horse jumping, the childrens' sports and terrier racing. To avoid disappointment these took place a few weeks later during a special event held in the old showfield which was well attended.

Just a few years ago a series of wet days had left the Society in a very difficult financial state and at that point it was decided something must be done. It was costing nearly £20,000 to stage the show. A lot of thought and effort went into trying to cut costs and applications for grant aid were sent to many organisations. The money which was gratefully received was used for many capital expenses such as purchasing tables and chairs instead of hiring them each year. Cooperation with other organisations has also reduced costs such as sharing tents through the Herdwick Society with other local shows. As a

result of all these measures this year ended just covering costs. Expenses were down to around £15,000 which definitely helped to prevent the expected loss. The 'Festive Fling' which has been held at the Red Admiral Hotel for the past few years and raised large amounts of money which has been used to fund the special attractions will be going ahead again later this year.

The show has always had good and bad years with regard to the weather and in 1972 at the annual general meeting the Chairman, Mr J.C. Wade referred to losses of £347 and £72 in successive years and several fund raising ventures were planned by Committee Members including Mr Wade who personally arranged a dance from which he hoped to raise £50. It was at this meeting that it was agreed to move the show day from the first Friday in September to Wednesday 15 August. The costs of running the show and also the previous one amounted to £600 each year.

Twice in the early years of the show the luncheon tent was blown down but disaster was averted the first time when the caterers removed to the School across the road. In 1883 it was reported in the *Whitehaven News* – "Gosforth show day used to be favoured with the best of weather, but of late years the Society has not been so fortunate. On the Friday the morning broke very stormy, after a wild night, in the course of which the luncheon tent on the show ground was blown down. Beyond a heavy shower or two, the day, though raw and windy, was not so bad until about four o'clock, when it rained very heavily, and continued to do so, more or less for about an hour and a half. Of course the



are in shirt sleeves and summer dresses, but always looking happy as can be seen in the photo taken in 2011 of Mrs Joyce McDowell and her daughter Joy. Or the photo of the three children having great fun with their toys in the mud.

The Society has received so many messages of support from the public as well

unpropitious day had a bad effect on the attendance, but notwithstanding the weather there was a fairly good muster, though it was shorn of the glories of previous shows in this respect."

When you look at photographs from previous shows roughly half display people heavily clad in warm jackets or waterproof raincoats with hats and umbrellas while in the other half show goers

as exhibitors or competitors and trade stands and confirming that they will be back next year as ever hoping for a fine day. This has been very much appreciated as has the positive attitude of all who work hard to make the show work. Within a week of the event meetings were held where plans were made for next year and how things can be improved.

*Sheila Lawson*

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One question I get asked a lot is, "Why can't I get my chocolate fondants gooey?"

Many, many reasons!

So, here's a fool-proof, fail safe recipe for you to have a go at, and trust me, if I can get these beauties to work anyone can!

You'll need:

- 100g butter
- 2 Tbsp Cocoa powder
- 100g 70-80% chocolate (the better quality the better fondant)
- 2 large egg yolks
- 120g caster sugar
- 100g plain flour

## METHOD

Preheat the oven to 165°C.

Melt the chocolate and butter in a bowl over a pan of simmering water.

Take the chocolate and butter off the heat and mix till smooth.

In a separate bowl add the egg and sugar and whisk till pale and thick.

Lightly grease and dust 4 ramekins with the cocoa powder.

Mix the melted chocolate into the egg and sugar mix.

Now sift the flour into the mix and gently fold in.



Interview with  
**Jon Fell, Chef**  
by Vivienne Tregidga

Divide the mixture between the ramekins. Place on a baking sheet and place into the oven. They'll take 13 minutes!

You want them to be lovely warm and gooey in the centre.

Turn them out on to warm plates and top with clotted cream.

If you're still unsure! You can follow my quick "How to" Chocolate Fondant Recipe on [www.jonfellchef.wordpress.com](http://www.jonfellchef.wordpress.com)

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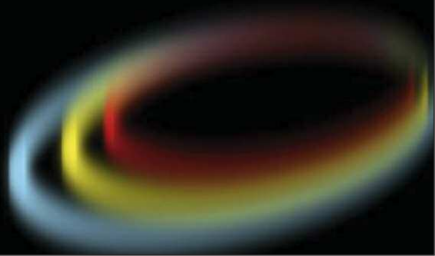
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# GOSFORTH SHOW TACKLES BIRD HOUSING CRISIS

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The RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD SURVEY has picked up an alarming 81% dip in starlings and an 89 % dip in song thrushes visiting gardens since records began in 1979 while other birds have also reduced in numbers. Bird boxes provide an important nesting place for garden birds alongside traditional sites such as garden hedges and holes in old trees or walls.

Gosforth Show successfully applied for a Nu-gen green grant to buy 40 bird box kits for use in the local community. These were purchased from "Skills 4 You" – a Cleator Moor group that encourages young unemployed people to gain joinery and other practical skills to help them gain employment. They sell bird boxes, bird tables and planters; another group also do gardening work to finance their activities.

Another group of young folk from "Stay West - Reaching Your Potential" enjoyed a morning at the Florence Arts Centre working together assembling the bird boxes with some Gosforth Show Committee members.

In the history tent on Gosforth Show day children and adults had great fun working together to assemble bird boxes and then decorate them with natural materials such as leaves, grasses, lichen, sheep's wool, feathers or twigs. Each year the history tent hosts a free activity for children but this year's activity was the best one yet as children and adults having such fun working together making the bird boxes. Other bird boxes have been distributed to various local groups – such as Rainbows, Beavers, Church, School and Nursery to decorate and put up in local community open spaces.

Gosforth Show would like to thank Nu-gen for THE GREEN GRANT PROJECT – we hope that the local birds enjoy their new nesting homes.

The BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH IS 28/29/30 of January 2017 – spend one hour counting the birds that visit your garden.

Garden tip – Butterfly Banquet. Use old bananas to give autumn butterflies a sugary treat that they will lap up.

**Vera Lowrey**

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## CWAAS 150TH ANNIVERSARY TALK BY PROFESSOR ANGUS WINCHESTER

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This year the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a variety of events and talks. The CWAAS has four affiliated groups in Carlisle, Penrith, Kendal and one here in Egremont. The one in Egremont has existed since about 1958 but not in the town for all that time since in the early years it met in the Drigger, Gosforth and Seascale area but had existed informally for a few years before becoming affiliated to CWAAS. In the late 1960s the arrangement was made to have the meetings at the then new Wyndham School and since 1993 our winter talks meetings have been held in the upstairs Supper Room of the town's Market Hall.

On Saturday 19 November the local group will welcome Dr Angus Winchester who is professor of Local and Landscape History at Lancaster

University and will talk on the history and achievements of the CWAAS in the researching and reporting of all aspects of Cumbria's history and archaeology, publishing an immense body of works particularly in its annual volume of Transactions.

Dr Winchester is a native of Cockermouth and during his career has been foremost in research into landscape and environmental history of Cumbria especially of the upland areas and produced many books and articles on the history of Cumbria resulting from his archival studies. He is also Director of the Victoria County History (Cumbria) which aims to compile a digest of all the townships of Cumbria.

It will be fascinating to hear him tell of some of the many episodes in discovering the history of the old counties of Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness.

The meeting will take place in the Supper Room of Egremont Market Hall at 2pm and is open to members (£1) and visitors (£3). Future meetings can be found on the website [cumbriapast.com](http://cumbriapast.com) or from the secretary, Len Watson Tel. 019467 24634.

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