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# PARISH NEWS

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Since our Winter edition we have noted how many more people are enjoying the safe cycle-come-walking way between our two villages, Seascale and Gosforth.

At the last Seascale Parish Council Meeting a large group of our younger residents attended the meeting. We hope some will want to be future parish councillors. As a council we were delighted to see so many young faces. There's hope it's a sign that council will go on when some existing members will not be able to carry on.

We are lucky in Seascale to have had good fundraisers to enhance our facilities.

We really appreciate the volunteers that see that the beach is clean and safe, and Copeland Council who collect all of the bins on our sea front.

We hope that everyone has a good summer and keep on enjoying our facilities.

*Eileen Eastwood  
Seascale Parish Council*

## OUR FRONT COVER: 'SEASCALIAN'

The Seascale Boat was washed ashore last year and now, thanks to the awesome residents of Seascale and the surrounding area, it has pride of place on the foreshore in front of the Ice Cream Parlour. On a cold morning in early April we sited the boat and thanks to a great donation from West Coast Group we were able to fill it with good quality compost. We had been donated some money via Boonwood Garden Centre by Todd and Gunn Holiday cottages based in Santon Bridge. This meant that we were able to purchase a decent selection of plants to start us off. We arranged to plant them one Saturday and asked locals to bring any spare plants they had. It has been great to see donations of plants come from all sorts of people and we now have a lovely colourful show to brighten up our seafront. It was touch and go for a bit during the dry spell but, again, local people rallied round and watered our boat for us. It is so lovely to see the community come together and create something. Lots of visitors and locals alike have made positive comments about it. You can follow our progress at [www.facebook.com/seascaleboat](http://www.facebook.com/seascaleboat) and on Instagram #seascaleboat.

*Catherine Harvey-Chadwick*

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First Wednesday of the month, 7pm, currently in the Methodist Church Hall. The plan will be to move the meeting to the Library as soon as is possible.



The new dining room at Seascale Golf Clubhouse is now well established. See page 41.

## ALBERT RETIRES

March this year saw the last round of Albert Biggins and his mobile butcher's van. Albert spent his apprenticeship as a butcher with Bateman's in Seascale where he worked for six years before moving to Fenwick's at Ravenglass where he was employed for twenty-one years. Following that he has for the last thirty-three years been self-employed continuously providing a regular weekly butchery service around all corners of our parishes. He will be well remembered for his excellent Cumberland sausage which was second to none and to some for his uncanny weather forecast predictions. We wish him the very best in retirement.

*David Gray*



## MORSBAGS, HANDMADE, RECYCLED, FREE!

Morsbags is an International Scheme to reduce the amount of plastic bags and fabric sent to landfill by gifting cloth bags to people in your community. The scheme featured in the 100th edition of the WI Life Magazine.

Create your Morsbag from any fabric. It might be left over scraps of material, old curtains, clothing, bedding, or a charity shop find. It's up to you.

Only very basic sewing skills are required plus access to a sewing machine. You could hold a sewing afternoon with friends and neighbours.

I hope to create a Morsbag Pod at the library when it is transferred to the community. I will make patterns and labels available at the library. I would then ask that the bags are offered to library/hub users. Follow the pattern provided by the scheme but feel free to customise the size. You may wish to box the lower corners or change the handles.

Sew on a Morsbag label and it is now an official Morsbag!

Hand into your local Morsbag pod; in Seascale it is the Community and Library hub.

Additional information on the scheme can be found at [www.morsbags.com](http://www.morsbags.com)

In the meantime don't hesitate to contact me for labels and patterns: Penny Cater, email [penelope\\_cater@btinternet.com](mailto:penelope_cater@btinternet.com) or 019467 28566.



## AGE UK COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEW GROUP

As some of you may know, the Community Connections Project run by Age UK offers social opportunities by starting groups such as coffee mornings, gentle exercise groups, and computer drop-ins etc. The latest one to start in Gosforth is a Lunch and Games group for older people which is being held in Gosforth Hall Inn at Gosforth. The group is on the first Thursday of every month and it's a great opportunity to meet new people in warm and welcoming surroundings, enjoy some good home cooked food and have some fun playing cards, dominoes, board games – whatever is your favourite! The cost is from £5.00 and the group meets 12-3. All are very welcome.

For details please contact Jan Fotheringham on 01946 828100 or Gosforth Hall Inn on 019467 25322. See also page 35.

# WALKING WITH BISHOPS AND VIKINGS

At 10am on 3 April the Right Reverend James Newcome Bishop of Carlisle stepped off the train in Seascale with the new Suffragan Bishop of Carlisle Emma Ineson and Rev'd Sarah Moore of the United Reformed Church in Cumbria.

This was part of James and Emma's walking pilgrimage introducing her to the people and places of the diocese for whom she will be providing spiritual guidance. They were joined by Vicar John Riley and his wife Lesley and other walkers who wanted to welcome Emma and share the experience.

After visiting our lovely church and seeing the new layout, and the facilities, we all set off walking through Seascale, and on the way popped into the Windscale Club to do a quick blessing of the keep-fit class, before embarking along our auspicious Viking Way to Gosforth.

The tall figure of Rt Rev'd James holding his long bishop's crosier striding out on long legs was a magnificent sight while his good humour kept us all laughing.

It was a chilly blustery day, but the rain obligingly stayed away (a bit of divine intervention going on there I think!) until our troupe completed the 2.5-mile walk and we were safely inside the Gosforth Library tucking into the delicious buffet provided by the Gosforth WI.

Here James, Emma and Sarah met and chatted to locals before giving a talk about their three most inspiring secular books.

I managed to snatch a quick interview with Emma while we drank tea and she talked about how enjoyable her pilgrimage had been so far. "This is such a lovely county and the people have been so welcoming that I know I'm going to enjoy living and working here," said Emma with a warm smile.

On 27 February Emma was consecrated in York Minster as the next 'Suffragan Bishop of Carlisle'. "It was a very moving experience especially during the 'laying on of hands.' It's an immense privilege to be able to serve the church in this way" explained Emma. "Hopefully having women alongside men as bishops makes the role more representative of humanity as a whole. I do hope, actually, that we get to the point where people just see 'a bishop' (hopefully doing a job well)



**Emma, James and Sarah on the Viking Way.**

rather than 'a male bishop' or a 'female bishop'. What I hope to achieve is to encourage women and girls in Cumbria to be everything they have the potential to be. If I can model that just a little bit myself, I'll be happy!" said Emma.

Emma is 48 and married to Mat, also a vicar. "He will be looking for a similar role in the Carlisle diocese and he's very much looking forward to returning to live close to where he grew up in Sedbergh."

The couple have two children. "They are really excited about our move to Cumbria. Our son is doing his A levels at the moment and so he'll be off doing his own thing soon, hopefully a gap year working in a theatre as he wants to be an actor. Our daughter is getting married in May so will be setting up her own home. She's a teacher and currently lives in Birmingham. Both of them are looking forward to holidays here."

One of the things top of Emma and her husband's list it to do as many of the Wainwright walks as possible. "A few years ago, my father-in-law gave us his much-loved and well-used copies of all the Wainwright books. So far, they've sat in pride of place on our living-room shelf. But now their hour has come! Mat and I love walking our two dogs and are looking forward to getting started."

After Gosforth James and Emma were travelling on to Cleator Moor to continue on their walk and greet pilgrimage.

I hope we see a lot of Emma now that she knows where we are.

*Vivienne Tregidga*



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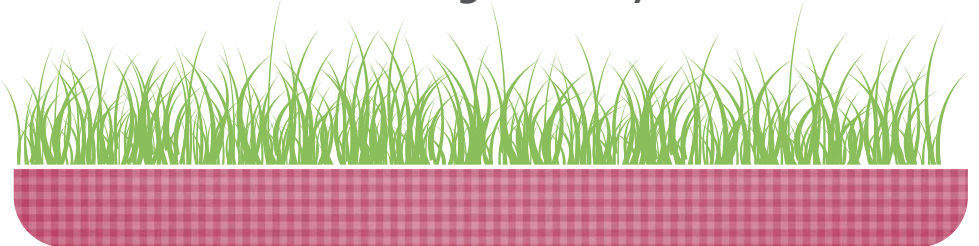


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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## in and around Drigg, Gosforth & Seascale

- 27/29 June – Thursday/Saturday.** GADS Spring Play. Gosforth Public Hall 7.30pm.
- 2/9 July Tuesday/Tuesday.** Woolpack Walk Week. See website for details [www.woolpack.co.uk](http://www.woolpack.co.uk)
- 4 July – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members welcome
- 5 July – Friday.** Holmrook Reading Room 7.30pm. Village Barbecue. Tickets: in advance please: Adults £7.50 including a glass of wine, children under 12 £4.00. Call David on 019467 24632.
- 6/7 July – Saturday/Sunday.** Woolpack Inn – ESK FEST. See website for details [www.woolpack.co.uk](http://www.woolpack.co.uk)
- 11 July – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. Showcase performance for friends and family
- 18 July – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. (last session before the summer holidays)
- 21 July – Sunday.** Muncaster Castle. Afternoon Tea in the Castle. [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk). Telephone 01229 717614.
- 23 July – Tuesday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Driver for a Fiver. Grab the chance to experience driving a steam engine. Please note you must have a valid driving licence to take part. Dogs not permitted. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 24/25 July – Wednesday/Thursday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. National Trust Activity Days. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 26 July – Friday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids FREE Fridays. It is Summer and that means Kids Free Fridays are back! Kids travel for free every Friday during the July & August School Holidays. Just bring along an adult with a valid Calling All Stations pass and get FREE child entry! See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 30 July – Tuesday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Driver for a Fiver. Grab the chance to experience driving a steam engine. See 23 July entry for details.
- 30 July – Tuesday.** Westlakes Hotel 7.30pm. GADS Plays for Pleasure. Informal play readings – great fun.
- 1 August – Thursday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Steam to the Hills. Take a steam trip up the valley and walk back to Ravenglass from Dalegarth with your LDNP Ranger guide. Book your place on this event directly with the LDNP. Please note that your single train fare is payable upon arrival at the Railway.
- 2 August – Friday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids FREE Fridays. It is Summer and that means Kids Free Fridays are back! Kids travel for free every Friday during the July & August School Holidays. See 26 July entry for more details.
- 3/4 August – Saturday/Sunday.** Woolpack Vodka Party. See website for details [www.woolpack.co.uk](http://www.woolpack.co.uk)
- 6 August – Tuesday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Driver for a Fiver. Grab the chance to experience driving a steam engine. See 23 July entry for details.
- 8 August – Thursday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Wild Wild West Lakes. Yee-haw, buckle up cowboy! The Wild Wild West is coming to the Lake District! Join in with our themed activities and become a true cowboy. Children in fancy dress and accompanied by an adult with a valid Calling All Stations pass, travel with us for FREE on this day. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 9 August – Friday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids FREE Fridays. It is Summer and that means Kids Free Fridays are back! Kids travel for free every Friday during the July & August School Holidays. See 26 July entry for more details.
- 9/10 August – Friday/Saturday.** Muncaster Castle. Picnic Cinema: Friday – Bohemian Rhapsody (12A); Saturday – Beetlejuice (15). For details see website [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk)
- 10 August – Saturday.** Gosforth Public Hall 6.00pm. GADS Summer Youth Workshop week performance. Open to all.
- 13 August – Tuesday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Driver for a Fiver. Grab the chance to experience driving a steam engine. See 23 July entry for details.
- 15 August – Thursday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Steam to the Hills. Take a steam trip up the valley and walk back to Ravenglass from Dalegarth with your LDNP Ranger guide. Book your place on this event directly with the LDNP. Please note that your single train fare is payable upon arrival at the Railway.
- 16 August – Friday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids FREE Fridays. It is Summer and that means Kids Free Fridays are back! Kids travel for free every Friday during the July & August School Holidays. See 26 July entry for more details.
- 18 August – Sunday.** Muncaster Castle. Afternoon Tea in the Castle. [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk). Telephone 01229 717614.
- 20 August – Tuesday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Driver for a Fiver. Grab the chance to experience driving a steam engine. See 23 July entry for details.
- 24 August – Saturday.** Muncaster Castle. Race the Tide. See website for details [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk).
- 24/25 August – Saturday/Sunday.** Gosforth Hall Inn. Beer Festival. For details telephone 019467 25322.
- 24/26 August – Saturday/Monday.** Muncaster Castle. Medieval Muncaster. For details see website [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk)
- 25 August – Sunday.** Calder House Hotel. 12noon – 2pm. August Bank Holiday Sunday Carvery. For details see p20/21.
- 27 August – Tuesday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Driver for a Fiver. Grab the chance to experience driving a steam engine. Please note you must have a valid driving licence to take part. Dogs not permitted. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 27 August – Tuesday.** Westlakes Hotel 7.30pm. GADS Plays for Pleasure. Informal play readings – great fun.
- 29 August – Thursday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Steam to the Hills. Take a steam trip up the valley and walk back to Ravenglass from Dalegarth with your LDNP Ranger guide. Book your place on this event directly with the LDNP. Please note that your single train fare is payable upon arrival at the Railway.
- 30 August – Friday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids FREE Fridays. It is Summer and that means Kids Free Fridays are back! Kids travel for free every Friday during the July & August School Holidays. Just bring along an adult with a valid Calling All Stations pass and get FREE child entry! See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 5 September – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members (8-18) welcome and first taster session is free.
- 12 September – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members (8-18) welcome and first taster session is free.
- 18 September – Wednesday.** Gosforth Methodist Church 7.30pm. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast group talk: The Life and Ecology of Badgers. Please look out for further details on local posters closer to the time.
- 19 September – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members (8-18) welcome and first taster session is free.



- 24 September – Tuesday.** Westlakes Hotel 7.30pm. GADS Plays for Pleasure. Informal play readings – great fun.
- 26 September – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members (8-18) welcome and first taster session is free.
- 27 September – Friday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Fish & Chip Trains. Take an evening journey from Ravenglass to Dalegarth and enjoy the views of Eskdale Valley at dusk. Upon arrival at Dalegarth Station you will be served a fish and chip supper, made freshly in our café, before returning down the valley to Ravenglass. Dogs not permitted. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 3 October – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members (8-18) welcome and first taster session is free.
- 5/6 October – Thursday/Friday.** Paw Patrol at Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Join in the fun as Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol return to the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway! See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 10 October – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group. New members (8-18) welcome and first taster session is free.
- 17/19 October – Thursday/Saturday.** Gosforth Public Hall 7.30pm. GADS Autumn Play. Tickets on the door. £6 (adults), £4 (u18/students).
- 19 October – Saturday.** Holmrook Reading Room. Pizza Lunch.
- 20 October – Sunday.** Muncaster Castle. Afternoon Tea in the Castle. [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk). Telephone 01229 717614.
- 25 October/2 November.** Muncaster Castle. Halloween events. Final details tbd. See website [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk). If you are interested in the Scientific Ghost Vigil Halloween 2019 (date tbd but close to Halloween) please call or email us on [info@muncaster.co.uk](mailto:info@muncaster.co.uk) to go on our mailing list for this or other future vigils.
- 25/26 October – Friday/Saturday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Truly Terrifying Ghost Trains. Back for 2019 and scarier than ever be prepared to scream on our truly terrifying Ghost Train! Travel the line in darkness and see if you can make it back to Ravenglass safely as you encounter lots of surprises on our haunted train tracks. Ticket includes a return train trip. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 29 October – Tuesday.** Westlakes Hotel 7.30pm. GADS Plays for Pleasure. Informal play readings – great fun.
- 30 November/1 December – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Mince Pies Trains. FREE mince pie with every Calling All Stations ticket during the Festive period. Collect your mince pie token at the ticket desks and exchange for your free mince pie at The Turntable Café, Ravenglass Station. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 30 November/1 December – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Santa Express. Our favourite Santa Express is back! Enjoy a magical train journey and keep your eyes peeled for Santa! At Dalegarth meet Santa in his grotto and receive your own gift. See website <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 7/8 December – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Mince Pies Trains. FREE mince pie with every Calling All Stations ticket during the Festive period. Collect your mince pie token at the ticket desks and exchange for your free mince pie at The Turntable Café, Ravenglass Station. Details at <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 7/8 December – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Santa Express. All aboard! Our favourite Santa Express is back! Enjoy a magical train journey and keep your eyes peeled for Santa! At Dalegarth meet Santa in his grotto and receive your own gift. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>

## REGULAR EVENTS

- Badminton – Seascale.** Ladies Wednesdays from 6pm. Mixed Thursdays 7pm. Beginners very welcome. Seascale Sports Hall. Details from 019467 28435
- Blengdale Runners.** First Tuesday each month from Gosforth Car Park at 9.30am; other Tuesdays from Seascale Car Park. Absolute beginners welcome – we will train you up to run 5k or further... eventually. If there are no races or events we sometimes run from Seascale beach at 9.30 on Sundays too.
- 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. Call Jackie on 29785 or Allison on 21935.
- Craft Fairs in Gosforth Public Hall.** 2nd Saturday of every month (Lauren Hufton)
- Depression Support Group.** Day Centre, Bradbury House, Gosforth. Third Tuesday every month at 7.30pm.
- Depression Support Group.** Bailey Ground ice cream parlour, Seascale. First Tuesday morning each month 10.30am-12.00noon.
- Drigg Young Farmers.** Tuesday nights, 7.30-9pm in the Methodist Hall at Gosforth. Membership age = 10-26 years. If you would like to join or find out more about Drigg Young Farmers please contact us on the club mobile 074961 26771 or email [driggycf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:driggycf@yahoo.co.uk)
- 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 Kettleercise, Seascale School. £4 a class. Contact Gill 07511 995184.
- Flo Jazz.** Third Friday every month, Florence Mine Art Centre, Egremont. 7.30pm for 8pm start. All welcome to listen or contribute.
- Freestyle Fitness Yoga.** Tuesdays 6pm. Gosforth School. £4 each.
- 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. 6.30-8.30pm, Gosforth Village School. Contact Marlene Partridge. [marlene.partridge@btinternet.com](mailto:marlene.partridge@btinternet.com)
- 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.** Monthly meetings are held in the public hall on the First Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm March-October, 2pm November-February.
- Guides.** Every Tuesday during school term time. 7.15-8.45pm, usually at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith 019467 28265.
- Holmrook Reading Room Bookings.** The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen, facilities for people with disability, in fact everything you would need for a great party. See if it is available

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for your next event? To book the room please contact David on 019467 24632.

**Holmrook Reading Room Table Tennis Club.** Meets on a Wednesday – 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome, young or old. Contact David on 019467-24632. Other times can be arranged.

**Holmrook Reading Room Fishing Club.** Fish on our Reading Room stretch of water. If you want to join this club, or simply want some more information, please contact David on 019467 24632.

**Holmrook Reading Room Playground.** Come and see for yourself.

**Holmrook Reading Room Wild Flower Meadow.** Enjoy a walk or just sit and relax in the peace and quiet of the meadow. Supervised children are welcome.

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

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

**Line Dancing.** Every Monday. 7.30pm, Windscale Club, Seascale. £3 pp donation to charity. Contact 019467 28849 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 HIT/Core Blast.** Seascale Sports Hall. Monday 10-10.30am. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

**MokyZEST.** Seascale Sports Hall. Monday 10.45am. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

**MokyHIT/Core Blast.** Gosforth Public Hall. Thursday 5.45-6.15pm. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

**Moky HIT Class.** Seascale Sports Hall. Friday 10.00am-10.30am. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

**Muckybups Baby and Toddler Group.** Thursdays 10-12 during term time, Drigg Village Hall. Friendly group with baby zone, craft activities, messy play, ride-ons, dress-up and more! £2.50 for first child, 50p for additional children.

**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 Mic Night – Calder House Hotel.** Last Wednesday of each month. From 7.30pm. To book a slot call 019467 28538.

**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 all who can run 3 miles or more 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

**Pilates Class (mat based).** Mondays, 6.30pm (beginners/intermediate) 7.35pm (intermediates). Gosforth Public Hall (Main Hall). Bring mat or towel. £5 per week or £24 for 6 weeks. Contact Amy on 07510 104508 or amyflsher@hotmail.com (note 1 not I). Now also qualified to teach Pilates to ladies at all stages of pregnancy and postnatally.

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**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 Golf Club Quiz Night.** Every second Tuesday, 23 October 2018 to 21 May 2019, starting at 8pm. Cash prizes and raffle. £1 per person, max 4 per team.

**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.** Meets 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.

**Shackles Off Baby Group.** Mondays, 11am-1pm.

**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 of every month at the Clubhouse at Curwen Hall Park Track starting 7pm. If you are interested contact Tom Jones on 019467 28938.

**West Lakes U3A Membership** is £5 which covers membership of all West lakes U3A groups. For further information www.u3a.sites.org.uk/west-lakes. Contact: Vera Lowrey 25213 or Membership Tony Bagnall 25595.

**West Lakes U3A Open Mind.** A General Meeting on the third Thursday every month at Gosforth Public Hall 10.15am for 11am start.). Contact: Vera Lowrey 25213 or Alan Bell 24250.

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

**West Lakes U3A Discovery Group.** Fourth Wednesday every month at St Mary's Church Hall 10.15am for 11am. Contact: Graham Hutson 25477.

**West Lakes U3A Discussion Group (House Meeting).** Third Tuesday of the month 10.45am until 12 noon in a private house contact Graham Brassington 25794.

**West Lakes U3A History Group.** First Wednesday every month at Drigg Village Hall 10.15am for 11am start. Contact: Mary Holbrook 25466.

**West Lakes U3A Reading Group (House Meeting).** Fourth Thursday every month at Gosforth 10.45am until 12 noon in a private house. Contact: Jean Taylor 28713.

**West Lakes U3A Singing for Fun.** First Thursday of the month at Seascale Methodist Hall at 2.15pm. Contact: Xandra Brassington 25794. To attend you will need to join the Open Mind Group of West Lakes U3A for £5.00 per annum. Contact is Xandra Brassington: 019467 25794.

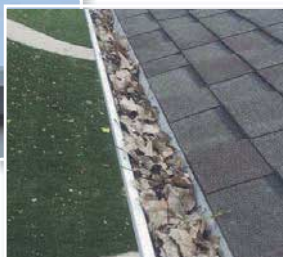
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## TRUDY AND TEAM LEARN MORE ABOUT DEMENTIA

Copeland MP Trudy Harrison and her team had a Dementia Friends session recently delivered by Jan Fotheringham of Age UK West Cumbria. The aim of the session was to raise awareness of dementia and help change the way people think about it. There are five key messages in the information given: dementia is not a natural part of ageing, it is caused by diseases of the brain. Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks. It is possible to live well with dementia and



lastly, there is more to the person than the dementia. The more people know about dementia the more able we all are to help and support people in our communities with the condition. It is very possible to live well with dementia with the right support. If businesses, groups or individuals would like to sign up to a free one-hour Dementia Friends session please call Jan Fotheringham at Age UK on 01946 828100, email: jan.fotheringham@ageukwestcumbria.org.uk

# MP TRUDY HARRISON'S MESSAGE

Over the summer I plan to get out and about among all that our tourism industry has to offer in Copeland and find out how myself, community leaders and indeed everyone can play a part in working together to help grow the number of visitors.

We live in a beautiful part of the world, Copeland has stunning coastline, vibrant towns and villages as well as mountain landscapes on our doorstep. But we currently receive just 8% of Cumbria's tourism economy which is desperately low.

There is so much going for our borough – and in Seascale, Gosforth, Drigg and surrounding areas there has been much work undertaken to help tourism and the community.

A lot of it has been inspired and undertaken by local people, entrepreneurs working hard, going above and beyond to see a project come to fruition, backed by local councils and myself as your local MP.

The Connecting Cumbria's Hidden Coast project led by Copeland Council, which will stretch from Whitehaven to Millom, is set to receive just over £1million in Government funding. Sellafield is providing £605,000 and there will be further partner support from Cumbria County Council, Natural England, Muncaster Castle and the Western Lake District and Coast Partnership.

It will see improvements to public spaces, better footpaths and access, cycleways and other activities. This is a huge investment to help our area flourish.

And I cannot praise enough other local developments such as the Seascale to Gosforth cycleway which took an enormous amount of work and stamina from those involved to see it through from beginning to end.

Seascale playpark is an absolute credit to the village and I know people bring their children from much further afield to play here as it is so



**Trudy walks the Viking Way, having been involved in its planning.**

well designed and there's fabulous equipment.

They are just a couple of the attractions we need to shout about, together with all of our lovely cafes, shops, pubs, hotels and restaurants.

Just a few small steps from each of us can make a difference such as reviewing local businesses, restaurants, cafes and attractions online to reach a worldwide audience.

Also, community events such as litter picks and competitions like Cumbria in Bloom all help to help keep our towns and villages looking at their best and give

us a sense of pride.

It is often a core group of people in our communities that have the drive and determination to bring about change and champion all that is good about our area that brings such results. We need more of those people to come on board and see the benefit.

I would like to build on that as part of my tourism initiative to grow the number of visitors and promote ourselves better.

Working alongside people in Cumbria and Copeland I aim to come up with a plan to focus on areas such as public transport, actions that individuals, businesses, community leaders, tourism organisations, local authorities and myself can take to make the visitor economy work better for Copeland.

We're also looking at the benefits of Cumbria becoming one of the Government's Tourism Action Zones, designed to bring together areas of real success with those that require further help. The aim is to attract more domestic and overseas visitors and help drive economic growth.

A visiting population really can sustain vital services in a rural area; even a small percentage increase would support the shops, pubs, restaurants and services that we can all benefit from.

# SEASCALE SCHOOL'S MAGNIFICENT MAKEOVER



Work to construct Seascale School's new building is well underway. It is set to be finished in time for pupils to move in, in October of this year.

Excitement began in January when hoarding was placed around the building site (although this had to be moved a little while later due to slightly off measurements!). After this, builders kindly added windows so children could observe the building process. They love peeking through to see the cranes and blocks being moved.

After being asked what they would most like to see in the new school, Zayn, in Reception, said, "I would like comfy seating and a brilliant new playground. Joe, from year 1, stated that he wanted a new school because the current one is getting old and the paint on the walls is peeling.

The new classrooms will have trays under desks. Miss Conroy thinks this will be great because there will be more space on top of the desks. Classes will also have an art island, height adjustable tables, cupboards, and a desk for the teacher. Coats and bags will be kept on pegs in the classroom. This will be better as Bradley (year 4) has stated, "Rowan class currently have to walk all the way down the corridor to get their coats at lunch and playtime."

Unfortunately, there won't be a large stage with curtains built in to the new school hall, which Grace (year 2) says she will miss. However, Mrs Spencer is looking at different types of stages the school will be able to place inside the hall.

The builders are respectful of the community and the school; they never work during the start and end of the day. Mrs Spencer arranged for the steel frames to be done a week early, so that building work didn't occur during SATs tests.

Children love seeing the new developments each day and are certainly looking forward to October!



**Rowan class watch as the very first steel frames arrive to make the new hall.**

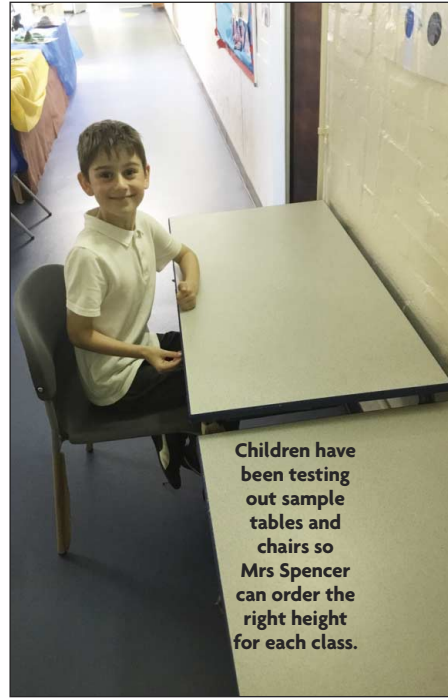
**This 'press release' was written and assembled by pupils of Rowan Class**



**Some of Rowan class visited the building site. This comes just after the units had been placed – a lot has changed in the past few weeks!**



The new building is starting to take shape.



Children have been testing out sample tables and chairs so Mrs Spencer can order the right height for each class.

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Their efforts were rewarded on Saturday 8 June when National CAMRA officer Stephen Walker presented them with CAMRA's pub of the season award.

The Award was

presented as the Brook House along with other pubs in the Eskdale Valley were running the annual Eskdale Beer festival.

The family are settled in their business to the extent that daughter Emma who was a baby when they first arrived is eager to take over when the older members retire.

*Len Wainwright*

**CAMRA officer Stephen Walker presents the Pub of the season award to Gareth and his Daughter Emma.**



## Seascale Health Centre

Monday – Friday:

8:00am – 6:30pm

Tel: 019467 28101

Email: GP-A82024@nhs.net

**Out of hours: 111**

**Emergency calls: 999**



## Bootle Surgery

Monday – Wednesday:

9:00am – 12:30pm

Thursday: 9:00am – 12noon

(Reception and Dispensary only,  
no Doctor or Nurse on site)

Tel: 01229 718711

### SEASCALE DISPENSARY OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

8:45am – 1:00pm

3:00pm – 6pm

Tuesday & Thursday

8:45am – 1:00pm

2:00pm – 6:00pm

Anyone living further than 1 mile from a community pharmacy can use Seascale's Surgery dispensary.

### UPCOMING TRAINING DAYS

Bootle closes at 12:30pm on Wednesdays

and 12:00noon on Thursdays

Seascale closes at 1:00pm on both days

Thursday 11 July 2019

*No August Training*

Wednesday 11 September 2019

Thursday 10 October 2019

Wednesday 13 November 2019

*No December Training*

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#### In Person:

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The next edition of Tethera is scheduled to be published in October 2019. We are always on the lookout for stories and event dates. The closing date for contributions will be Thursday 19 September 2019.

Tethera and previous issues of Seascale, Gosforth and Drigg Parish Council magazines are available to view and download in PDF format at <http://www.trpub.net/>

The next issue of Tethera will be available to view and download about 10 days before the printed publication date.

# ROTARY AND THE LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN

Did you spot a brightly decorated caravan at Seascale or Gosforth Schools back in March this year and did you wonder what it was? If you have a school age child at either of these schools then they will be able to give you a quick explanation.

For the rest of us this is one of two mobile classrooms that tour the whole of Cumbria providing teaching to infant and primary children between the ages of 3 and 11 to equip them with the life skills they need to make healthy choices. The highly trained educators provide stimulating and exciting sessions using a wide range of educational techniques and strategies that are designed to:

- Increase a child's sense of personal self-worth.
- Encourage positive attitudes towards themselves and their health.
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Life Education Cumbria who provide this service is part of a national organisation Coram Life Education ([www.lifeeducation.org.uk](http://www.lifeeducation.org.uk)) but as a separate Cumbrian Trust it employs two excellent part time Educators, Jackie Baker and Alison Rae.

There are two mobile classrooms which tour the schools throughout the year from Longtown to Barrow and Appleby to Seascale. No school is too large or too small as the Trust is keen to visit



**One of the Educators – Jackie Brown with ‘Harold the Giraffe’.**

them all and they are warmly welcomed by the parents, teachers and of course the children. They are all excited by the prospect of visiting the mobile classroom and all the wonders it contains including ‘Harold the Giraffe’.

The job of our local Rotary Club – West Lakeland – is the straightforward task of towing the caravan between schools, although it has to be said that this is sometimes challenging as school entrances can test our manoeuvring skills, but knowing that the children really appreciate the service makes it all well worthwhile. This Spring term West Lakeland took the caravan to Bransty, Kells Infants, Monkray Juniors, St Mary’s Kells, as well as Seascale and Gosforth schools.

The Trust has been running since 1970 so it has obviously benefitted many of our children and they don’t forget – as the towing team we have met several parents who say – “I remember it visiting when I was at school”.

There is a modest charge (currently £395 per day) which most schools accept readily but the aim is to keep this to an absolute minimum, particularly at a time of tightening budgets.

It is therefore necessary for the trust to raise additional funds of approximately £10,000 per annum from various other sources, whether through events organised by our active committee or by a number of Rotary Clubs and other organisations throughout the County who are very supportive. West Lakeland Club has helped in this way.



## TIDYING UP THE SHRUBS IN GOSFORTH

Rotarians have tended two shrub beds at Gosforth Car Park; these were weeded, tidied up and fresh bark laid down to suppress unwanted growth. Rotary have planned to plant a bed of crocuses at the entrance to Denton Park in the autumn.



Rotarians Anthony Millard, Robert Douglas and David Gray.



## ROTARY PENSIONERS PARTY

Again a great success for our local Rotary Club. This year's pensioners party held in the Calderbridge village hall was attended by 74 pensioners drawn from the villages stretching from Drigg to St Bees. They were treated to a fine afternoon tea which was followed by entertainment provided by Roger Lomas, one of our members and Brian White. Brian, a Rotarian himself, is a well known entertainer in the Carlisle area known for his singing in clubs and at special functions. The rotary club is indebted to Anne Owens and her team for providing the food, all of which was home-made.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WEST CUMBRIA DOG WALKING

**Hi** – my name is Catherine Harvey-Chadwick. Way back in 2015 I created a Facebook page for a dog walking business. It started off as a discussion with one of my older children about what you can do after leaving school and college. We were discussing how easy it would be to set up a business from home through social media. It didn't take long for people to start following my page and asking about my services. Time to start this business for real...

walking their dogs so there is plenty of time to stop for a chat and let the dogs socialise with each other.

A typical day for me:

6.30am, get up and sort breakfast for humans, dogs, cats etc.

7.45am send human children to school.

8.30am onwards, walk my own dogs.

9.30-2.30 I'll be out and about doing the bulk of my walks for the day and at some point during

I take people's dogs for walks for many different reasons. Some because the owners are at work, some because the owners are not able to walk far enough. Some because the owners have gone out for the day, sometimes because the owners are ill or are caring for someone who is ill, sometimes because they have an appointment they need to attend, sometimes because they are stuck at home waiting for a delivery or phone call. Some of the dogs I am in charge of Monday to Friday, sometimes just occasionally and sometimes a varying pattern depending on shifts, this can include evenings and weekends. A typical day sees me caring for around 10 dogs (not all at once!)

Once I have seen to my own dogs I start on my customers. I keep a paper diary, as from past experience I don't trust the computer or my phone. Depending on where I need to pick the dogs up from I'll walk or drive to their houses. I have very strict limits and won't walk more than 4 or 5 small dogs or 3 or 4 medium sized ones, depending on their personality. Walking through Seascale is great as I meet lots of other people





With the advent of the summer months the adders are appearing in our local area. After a discussion with a friend where she told me about attaching bells to her dogs collars in South Africa to deter snakes I decided I had to do something. I found some cheap bells and keyrings online and made sets of bells easily attachable to dog collars and harnesses. Hopefully the noise will help alert adders to the dogs' presence. Of course we still need to be vigilant to protect our dogs and try and avoid known areas where the adders may be present, such as the sand dunes and long grass areas. If anyone wishes to get a set of my bells then feel free to contact me on 07914 218946. I am asking for a donation to Animal Concern in Egremont in return. So far I have raised over £50 for them.

▶ this time I'll be home for lunch and to spend some time with my own dogs.

Then it's back home for an hour or so to do various admin tasks (and household chores). Occasionally I have dogs to walk in this time period too.

4.30pm I am often out again for teatime walks.

6pm I am home for dinner for humans and animals, then time for more admin stuff (yuk) and then time to chill out.

The dogs I look after become as important to me as my own dogs and their owners feel like friends. I am aware that I am in a very privileged position being allowed to take out someone's beloved pet and being allowed access to their homes when they are not there. Customers' privacy and private space is very important to me.

## West Cumbria Dog Walking

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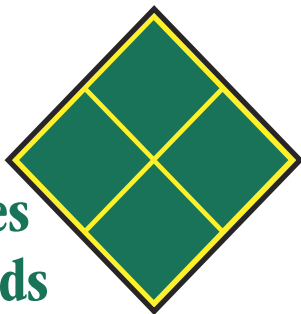
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# FROM SHOES TO THE OLD PLOD!

I have to admit that I've crossed swords with Paul Turner on Facebook a few times, "but it's OK to disagree," says Paul as I enter his lovely home in Seascale. I guess like me many people only know Paul through Facebook.

Paul walked awkwardly in front of me to the living room and I find out that he suffers from severe congenital hip dysplasia. "They found it when I was in my twenties and I had a temporary fix done which is still there today and I'm 60 now." Paul sat on the sofa with his legs folded-up beside him in the only position that's comfortable. "I need two new hips which will not be straightforward because it requires bone grafts as the sockets are just not deep enough." I'm cringing at this point! "I use two crutches to walk and one of my shoes is built up," Paul says very matter-of-factly. "I can't move my legs apart very easily which is why I can't ride my motorbike anymore." This is a source of sadness for Paul who loved his motorbikes. "I also have arthritis." At this point he laughs.

Just then his mobile rings and he apologises and

answers the phone. It's a member of his family who are always playing practical jokes on him by talking in funny voices. As he rings off, he swears and laughs. "I never learn, I should put their number into my phone so I know it's them."

Paul was born in Barrow to parents who were both in the police force. But instead of following in their footsteps when it was time to get a job, Paul began working at K. Shoes in Askam-in-Furness and was there for 18 months. "I know how to make shoes, which has come in very handy as I'm able to mend our own shoes," says Paul.

However, Paul did eventually join the police force and specialised in IT. "I was sent to work in the Whitehaven control room. I'd never been to Whitehaven before, even though I was only down in Barrow."

For 16 years Paul worked in the control room in both Whitehaven and Cleator Moor, taking calls, dispatching officers and doing shifts on the Crime Help Desk. "I enjoyed helping people over the phone," said Paul, who also worked on the project side of the police airwaves radio scheme.

In 2008 when the police force suffered its first major round of cuts Paul retired. "From a personal point of view I find the cuts horrendous – the pressure the police are under because of being short staffed is unacceptable. When I was in Whitehaven if there weren't eight police on duty at all

## PERSONALITY PROFILE

Paul Turner  
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times then we were in trouble from the top brass. Today they have to operate with far fewer officers than that! I know times have changed, but these cuts are bad news for everyone, the police and the public." I could see Paul felt very strongly about this issue.

"We are lucky in Seascale and Gosforth to a certain degree because we have access to the police attached to Sellafield, and I am careful not to abuse my role on the Sellafield Groups that I sit on."

This leads me on to the 18 committees that Paul sits on:

Lake District National Park, Former Police Officer at Cumbria Constabulary, Governor at Waberthwaite School, County Council for Copeland, Development Control and Regulations Committee, Scrutiny Advisory Board – Children and Young People, Low Level Waste Repository; Gosforth, 7 parish councils, Grants panel, Highways Working Group, Copeland Disability Forum.

Phew! I feel tired just reading all that. How on earth does he find time to do all these. "I have

good time management skills – probably comes from my police training," he laughs. "Plus, I make sure I'm not sent lots of paperwork. I do everything on-line which is easier."

Paul enjoys being at the forefront of what's going on with the decommissioning. "A lot of the information I get at the meetings is too much to share, but I've had the chance to see how much care and diligences they are taking with the decommissioning, and I get to ask questions. Sometimes they might seem silly questions because I'm not in that industry, but they are questions the ordinary person is asking, and that's important."

On top of all that Paul is a Portable Appliance Tester (PAT). "We own a rental property and had to have all our appliances officially tested and that's when I found out the price for this simple testing was astronomical!" Paul shook his head in disbelief. "So, I found out how much it would cost to become PAT trained and then did the courses, became an official PAT tester and bought the equipment. I now offer my services at a much cheaper price to local businesses; I charge just enough to cover my equipment and insurance costs."

I am learning that Paul is very community minded and enjoys working hard to improve the lives of people around him.

I didn't get a chance to meet Paul's wife Louise who retired the same year as Paul. "Louise was a midwife at Whitehaven Hospital for many years, but then after our children were born she returned as a Clerk in the Estates department for 16 years before she retired."

Paul and Louise have two sons and two grandsons. "Louise doesn't get involved with all the things I do," remarked Paul.

It was nice to finally put a face to the name that I see all the time on Gosforth and Seascale Matters on Facebook. Paul is definitely the go-to person for information and we are lucky having someone so committed to looking out for our interests.

I left saying to him that he had to look after himself, but I think it fell on deaf ears. He loves to be at the centre of what's going on and I suspect that won't ever change.

*Vivienne Tregidga*



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Both the relocation and a rebuild in 1927 were overseen by Colonel George Dixon, a local organ enthusiast of national repute who collaborated with Arthur Harrison to design many of the most important cathedral and concert hall organs in the country.

Following the award of a "Historic Organ Certificate" by the British Institute of Organ Studies in 1999, a major programme of refurbishment using authentic techniques and materials was undertaken by Harrison & Harrison in 2000. The inaugural recital on the restored instrument was given on 7 July 2001 by the renowned international concert organist, the late Professor David Sanger.

Most people know the organ produces sound by blowing air through pipes, but many do not appreciate the number of pipes there are. At St Cuthbert's we have eighteen stops, eight on each of two keyboards and two for the pedal-board played by the feet. Each stop controls a set of pipes which (by virtue of their material, size and shape) produce different tonal qualities. Most produce the typical organ sound, but others are imitative of orchestral instruments such as the flute, oboe, clarinet and even violin. Some sound at "piano" pitch, and others sound one octave below, one octave above, or two octaves above. The stops can be used alone or in almost any combination to make the instrument sound much larger than it really is. Of course, each pipe can only produce one sound, so each stop must have

a pipe for every note on the keyboard. Our organ actually contains 958 pipes ranging in length from 16 feet to just over 1 inch.

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We are delighted to be able to arrange regular recitals on this fine instrument. After a break last year (owing to refurbishment of the church building) we have four professional musicians visiting this year. Also for the first time this year, some of the concerts begin at 2pm and will be preceded by refreshments available from 1pm. Please look out on the village notice boards, the village Facebook page, or the organ website at <http://www.cumbrianorganists.org.uk/seascale> for details of forthcoming events.

*Samuel Carradice*







# ART IN GOSFORTH – SOON!

They say that time flies if you are enjoying yourself – well I must have been enjoying myself this year because it does not seem a year ago that I sat down to produce an article for the tenth Gosforth and District Art Society annual show. This year of course it is the eleventh annual show, and as with the previous ten it will be held over the August Bank Holiday week-end, and will be open from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and as usual is being held in the Gosforth village hall.

Many of you will have been to our previous shows, and we hope you will come again to browse the incredible and original paintings, and cards that will be on show, all painted by our members. As usual entrance is free, but there will be raffle tickets being sold for a chance to win some really superb prizes, with many being donated by local companies and attractions, to whom we are very grateful for their support.

It never ceases to amaze me at the sheer talent there is in a small geographical area, so please do make a note in your diary to attend at least one of the days over the weekend, have a browse, and while you are deciding which painting to buy, you can enjoy a coffee and cake from the refreshment area, with the cakes being home made by the members – yes even the men produce some excellent cakes – even if they do have to be prodded to make them!

There will be demonstrations of oil, acrylic and watercolour painting by our members, who as always are very friendly and approachable, so if you're watching one of the artists work and want to know something then just ask them – they will be happy to talk and explain what they are doing – AND – if talking and watching gives you the urge to try it yourself then why not join us?

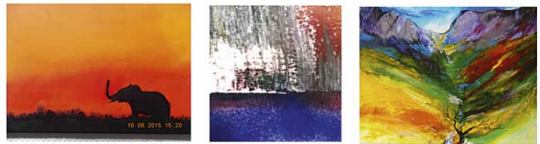
We meet twice a week, on a Monday evening at Gosforth school, from 6.30 – 8.30pm, and on a Thursday morning at

the Methodist church hall in Seascale, from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. The annual fee is just £15 and each meeting is £2.50, and this money goes towards paying for visiting professional artists who provide expert tuition on a Saturday at the Gosforth school venue, and for the annual Christmas meal, which is enjoyed by the members and their partners. Just come along to one of the venues and have a coffee and a chat with us – you'll find that we are not a stuffy art group, but rather a very friendly and supportive bunch of people, who are always willing to help each other when needed.

Alternatively contact me, the Secretary, Marlene Partridge on:  
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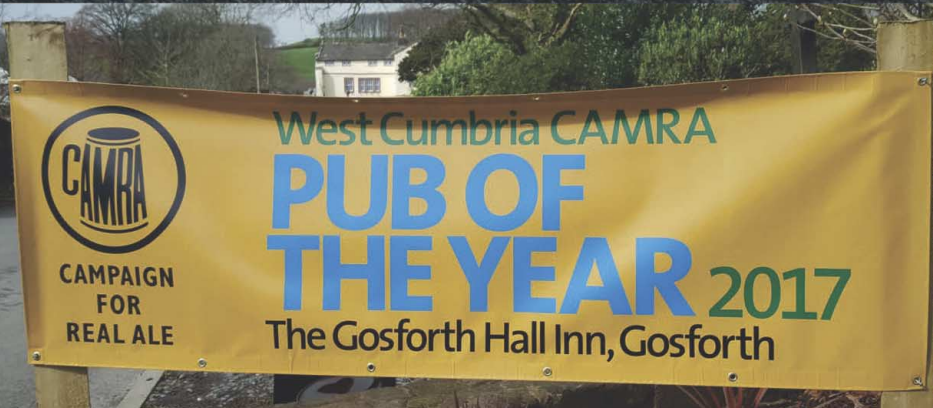
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# DRIGG & CARLETON GALA 2019

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The Gala was officially opened under heavy threatening rain clouds by this year's Gala Queen Charlotte Whyte. There was a good turn out from the supportive local community, in spite of the poor weather earlier in the day, and in the forecast. Use of the field adjacent to The Victoria Hotel is courtesy of Gordon & Belinda. There was a Fancy Dress competition, with cash prizes and rosettes for the best three in each age group. The judges Pam Clatworthy and her daughter Gill Hand had their work cut out with some interesting and varied fancy dress. The weather was a lot better than forecast, and a big improvement on the heavy rain that morning.

Around the Gala field were many attractions to entertain the local community. There were several large inflatables including The Wiper, Bungee Run, Giant Slide and Gladiator Challenge (sponsored by NSG Environmental and Drigg & Carleton Community Fund). Jason the Juggling Jester was working his way around the field, entertaining young and old, as well as having a performance in the main marquee.

Near Seascale Scouts' stall they had set up three large catapults to test people's accuracy firing light-weight plastic balls. There were several interesting stalls, including St Peter's Church, including Tombola and the £50 Square. Wasdale Mountain Rescue had an informative stall along with two of their operational vehicles, and team members to field questions. Other stalls included Hospice at Home, Rainbow Herdwicks, Drigg & Carleton Children's Christmas Party Committee and the popular Coconut Shy (sponsored by Andy Pratt Ltd). Lake District Motorhome Hire had a display with guided tours of the vehicles. The ladies of the Drigg Firework Committee had their refreshments stall providing a nice selection of cakes and drinks in the main marquee.

The LLWR-sponsored Art Competition was judged by LLWR MD Paul Pointon and his wife Ann. There was a good colourful range of quality

entries, from local primary schools in Gosforth and Seascale and pre-school groups (Mucky Pups, Drigg and PJ's, Seascale) and the local community, which proved a challenge to the judges. The theme for all was: 'Colourful Nature', with cash prizes & rosettes awarded for the best three in each age category.

There was also the usual selection of popular (mainly) children's races, with cash prizes and medals for the first three in each category, across four age groups, including running, bean bag race and sack race for the older children, and some brave adults in the open age group. The sun even made a brief appearance through the clouds during the races. The penultimate event will have been the most popular sporting event of the afternoon, the Tug-o-War, with the Girls team narrowly overcoming the Boys in the third and decisive pull, avenging last year's defeat. The afternoon was rounded off with the Grand Gala Raffle in the main marquee; thanks to the generous local business' for their donations, including The Victoria Hotel (meal voucher), Lake District Motorhome Hire (weekend hire – restricted dates & deposit required), PPS Electrical (Amazon Fire Tablet), Seascale Golf Club (food/drink voucher), Holmrook Service Station/mini-mart (bottle of wine), Tynedale (large farm toy), J. Roberts & Sons (Wilson's butchers meat voucher), Barn Door Shop Wasdale Head (DVD & Jack Wolfskin wallets), Furness & South Cumbria Farm Supply (Pick-up & jet ski toy) and many more....

This year's Gala organising and fundraising committee: John Jennings, Fiona Roberts, Terry Wake, Peter Simcock, Sharon Gallagher and Helen Bracegirdle.

The committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out on the day, the generous local businesses, and the local community for coming and supporting. Drigg & Carleton Gala website: [www.driggevents.co.uk](http://www.driggevents.co.uk)



## Drigg & Carleton Gala 2019: Art Competition. Theme: Colourful Nature

### (A1) Pre-school & Reception

1st Tilda Sutton      2nd Arien Birks      3rd Beth Temple

### (A2) School Years 1 & 2

1st Lawson Birks      2nd Thea Clements      3rd Andrew

### (A3) School Years 3 & 4

1st Eden Birks      2nd Ellie Savage-Pritt      3rd Morgan McDowell

### (A4) School Years 5 & 6

1st Murin Birks      2nd Charlotte Whyte      3rd Robbie Temple

### (A5) School Years 7 +

1st Tilly Adams      2nd Sienna Tyler      3rd Sam Pratt



## Drigg & Carleton Gala 2019: Fancy Dress 2019

### Age group: Pre-school

1st (joint)

Holly – Teddy Bear

Lottie Pyke – Goldie Locks

### Age group: Reception – School Year 4

1st	2nd	3rd (joint)
Pippa Pyke – Scientist	Cairnan Watling – Team Scream	Mark Roberts – Liverpool 6x Champions Alastair Cornwell – Racing Car

### Age group: Reception – School Year 5+

1st	2nd	3rd
Murin Birks – Indian	Eden Birks – Bat	Hannah Frazer – Sheep Shearer



## Drigg & Carleton Gala 2019: Children's Races

### Race Category R1 Age group: Pre-school & Reception

Boys – running 1st	Spencer Howson	2nd Logan Craggs	3rd Monty Brookes
Girls – running 1st	Autumn Watley	2nd Arien Birks	3rd sla Mawson
Bean Bag 1st	Autumn Watley	2nd Arien Birks	3rd Logan Craggs

### Race Category R2 Age group: School Years 1 – 3

Boys – running 1st	Mark Roberts	2nd Joe Wallar	3rd Lawson Birks
Girls – running 1st	Lorna Oakley	2nd Milly Lawson	3rd Pippa Pike
Bean Bag 1st	Marco Walsh	2nd Mark Roberts	3rd Lawson Birks
Sack Race 1st	Arlow Sutton	2nd Milly Lawson	3rd Chloe Ireland

### Race Category R3 Age group: School Years 4 – 6

Boys – running 1st	Bradley Roberts	2nd Oliver Hartley	3rd Elliott Ireland
Girls – running 1st	Hannah Frazer	2nd Murin Birks	3rd Charlotte Whyte
Bean Bag 1st	Murin Birks	2nd Hannah Frazer	3rd Eden Birks
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### Race Category R4 Age group: School Years 7+

Boys – running 1st	Ben Carnall	2nd Neil Henderson	3rd Matt Arnold
Girls – running 1st	Tasha Whyte	2nd Amber Whyte	3rd Jo Whyte
Bean Bag 1st	Ben Carnall	2nd Dylan Walsh	3rd Matt Arnold
Sack Race 1st	Matt Arnold	2nd Ben Carnall	3rd Michael Bracegirdle



# TRAVEL TIPS SEVEN

In my last article, I tried to cover the main options for trekking in Nepal, so in this piece I will attempt to give you all an idea of some of the many activities that Nepal has to offer for the non-trekker. And as nearly everyone who travels to Nepal arrives there by air in Kathmandu, I will limit this piece to Kathmandu and the surrounding Valley which alone has an amazing Seven World Heritage Sites, so more than enough to occupy the visitor for a week.

There are three cities within The Kathmandu Valley, Kathmandu (the capital), Patan (now merges with Kathmandu) and Bhaktapur (17km from Kathmandu) and all three have a Durbar Square, all are different and even after the destruction by the two 2015 earthquakes which destroyed many ancient temples, all three Durbar Squares are well worthwhile visiting. Some temples survived intact, some were damaged and have since been repaired and some were completely destroyed – and even some of these have either been rebuilt or rebuilding work is underway. Bhaktapur has several main squares and



**Buddha Air mountain flight.**



it is worth spending a couple of nights there as there is a lot to see (don't miss Nyatapola) and as many tourists visit as a day trip, it is excellent to have the streets and squares more or less to yourselves in the evenings and early mornings.

The other four World Heritage Sites are outside these three cities, but still within The Kathmandu Valley are Swayambhunath (the Monkey Temple) and Boudhanath (one of the largest Stupas in the



**Boudhanath**

# NEPAL FOR THE NON-TREKKER (PART 1)

world) which are Buddhist and also two very famous Hindu shrines, Pashupatinath (Burning Ghats) and Changu Narayan (Deemed the oldest temple in Nepal).

As well as the Seven World Heritage Sites, Kathmandu and the surrounding valley has a multitude of other interesting temples and historic sites to visit including my own personal favourite temple of Gorakhnath (don't miss the temple in the tree). There is also Namobuddha (one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites south of the Himalayas) and, back in Kathmandu, another of my favourites, Koti Swayambhunath (a smaller version of Swayambhunath).

Next – Before you start thinking that Kathmandu and the surrounding valley is all about ancient temples, there's a variety of other interesting things to do and see including taking the Buddha Air Mountain Flight to see Everest close up. There are also several villages on the rim of The Kathmandu Valley where visitors go for a taste of hill village life and, if the weather is good, to see spectacular mountain sunsets and sunrises, Nagarkot being the most famous of these. Then there is the cable-car into The Chandragiri Hills which is another popular trip, either as a day excursion or including an overnight.

Another reason that some visitors find themselves in the Kathmandu Valley is that they



**Gorakhnath – a temple in a tree.**

have been attracted there to go on a Buddhist Retreat, or course. There are several monasteries offering these including the famous Kopan Monastery.

The above ideas certainly aren't intended as a definitive list, but hopefully they will at least give you some ideas of what you could do if you had a



**Post earthquake reconstruction  
Bhaktapur Durbar Square.**

spare week or so to spend in Kathmandu and the surrounding valley.

You should also be aware that Kathmandu is an incredibly busy and somewhat polluted city and although I love it, even I have to escape from time to time so, especially if you are a first time visitor, I would advise breaking your visit there, limiting your initial stay to around two nights, then head up to somewhere like Nagarkot and spend a couple of nights there to give yourself a break, then perhaps have another couple of nights in Bhaktapur and do your sightseeing there before heading back to Kathmandu, perhaps via Namobuddha.

I am more than happy to help anyone plan trips to Nepal and share my knowledge as well as the contacts that I have made there over the last quarter of a century, so please feel free to contact me if you are planning to visit.

When to go? The best time to go is from mid-September to late May – June to September is monsoon season and although it will rain then every day, it won't rain all of the time, so not ideal but Nepal still gets some visitors then. January can

## HEALTH WARNING

*If you are visiting the famous Dakshinkali Temple you might want to avoid visiting on a Saturday and Tuesday (or other main Hindu Temples such as Manakamana on Saturdays) as this is the day that most locals will offer sacrifices. These can be sheep or goats, but more commonly hens and chickens and although they are dispatched quickly, there is often a lot of blood around and it's not to everyone's taste. Last year two ladies that I had met visited Manakamana on a Saturday on their way back from Pokhara to Kathmandu and although I had pre-warned them about the sacrifices, they can't have taken it in and were really shocked at what they saw and couldn't get back on the cable car to come back down quick enough. Visiting on any other day you would rarely see a sacrifice, so the choice is entirely your own!*

be cold, but is usually dry, so as long as you go prepared for cold evenings and nights, this is also a good time to visit. **Bon Voyage, Rob Steele**

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## THE LIBRARY – NEARLY OURS!

As you will know the library in Seascale will soon belong to everyone in the local area. Cumbria County Council has agreed to transfer this 'asset' to Seascale Parish Council, probably in May/June, for a nominal sum. This means that control and responsibility will pass to our local community for running our library. It is an asset available to all, not just Seascale, but all the local communities.

A library is much more than a building for holding books and to this end, it is hoped to make alterations to the existing building to create some space for other social/community activities. Remember, this is a building for everyone and you are invited to put forward your ideas for its use.

The building will still operate as a library, with Cumbria Library service providing books on a regular rotation basis. It will still hold books on local history, have computer access, periodicals and open on a regular basis.

Cumbria Library Services will have a regular presence in your library to give support, guidance and advice to the volunteers and to anyone visiting.

In order to do this we need people to give some of their time to help us make it a success. There is nothing difficult or complicated about being involved and there will be lots of friendly support to help. Cumbria Library service has offered training and knowledge to anyone involved. There is no more 'stamping' books in and out – it's all done automatically by the machine that has already been installed and is used by the 'customer'. PLEASE think if you could give a small amount of your time to help this project. No-one will be expected to give lots of their time – much better to have more volunteers giving small amounts of their time. After all, it could be a happy social time with opportunity to meet lots of your fellow local friends over coffee and biscuits.

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So far we have a "Happy Band of Volunteers", some of whom have already received some friendly training from Cumbria Library Service, who are standing by to help and support.

**David Ritson – Seascale Parish Council.**



## PERSONALITY PROFILES

Oliver Hodgson & Holly Ellison

### RISING STARS

When young Oliver Hodgson asked me to attend and review his event featuring 'The Voice' star Holly Ellison, I was instantly filled with dread. "What if I don't like it? And then what do I write without upsetting people?" This is why I usually steer well away from writing reviews!

During my own career I've project managed many large events and know first-hand just how much work is involved, and how important it is to be able to problem-solve at lightning speed on the night and make it all look seamless and effortless. I needn't have worried because from the moment I entered Gosforth Village Hall on 30 March I was impressed. And I definitely wasn't expecting that!

Right from the onset Oliver and his team were extremely professional from how they greeted their guests, to the set-up of the venue and how

smoothly the event ran. But what impressed me most was how smart Oliver and his now 14-year-old assistant Kaiden Meloy were dressed. They all wore white shirts, ties and smart jackets. They had made a huge effort to look professional, and it worked. Oliver was thankful for the professional work of his technical staff Lee Adams and Shelbi Travers who were running production that night.

I wanted to find out more about this young entrepreneur who has already had an amazing career from currently hosting his own radio show on the Bay Radio every Saturday from 6pm to 8pm talking about entertainment gossip and music; to being the live lighting engineer on a professional Panto 'The Wizard of Oz' in Ulverston and photographs with many famous faces like Sir Mo Farah, and spending two nights in London doing work experience with Trudy Harrison in her office! And that's not half of it!

Oliver is just 15 years old and as I sat having a ▶



▶ cuppa with him at Denton House in Gosforth a few weeks later I was struck again by his enthusiasm, professionalism and easy broad smile. Oliver still has that air of youthful naivety (you remember that feeling? Right?) when if you just work hard enough it's all going to turn out fine!

Well so far for Oliver it has, owing mostly to his dogged determination and attention to getting the smallest detail right. "If you are going to do something you have to do it right," said Oliver.

This guy thinks big, I mean how many other 15-year olds do you know could persuade a celeb like Holly Ellison to come and perform in sleepy little Gosforth?

"If you don't try you won't know" says Oliver with a broad grin. "I've always been interested in production since I was about 11 years old. My parents love music and would take me to lots of festivals and music events, and while they enjoyed the music, I was more interested in the technical aspects of how the production was happening, like the lighting and the sound."

Oliver started out doing the sound for the Young Farmers and was quickly snapped up by GADS. "So, I've done GADS for 5 years now and this January was my last Panto – Alice in Wonderland" said Oliver. "GADS has really helped me develop as a person and raised my confidence while helping me socialise with people older than myself. I went on to be involved with Joseph Purdy Professional Panto productions which is more what I want to do." Oliver smiled "It's been really good for me to be involved with the professionals because I have been able to bring that experience back to GADS. Now I want to train another young person in GADS to do the sound production for the group."

Through working with the professional Panto, Oliver has got to know quite a few celebs, and

there's never a week goes by when he doesn't have a photo of himself smiling alongside someone famous.

But it's not always been easy for this young guy with a big ambition, and I was shocked to hear that January and February were very difficult months for him.

"I have struggled at school because of bullying," Oliver admits shyly. "Just because a boy doesn't go out and play rugby or kick a football around, doesn't mean he's gay." As we know bullying is a huge issue and young Oliver is determined that this won't define him.

"I have to say that the school, West Lakes Academy, has been fantastic and really helped me through it all." This terrible experience has taught Oliver a huge life lesson, "I know how to deal with it now, and those people are not going to stop me doing what I love."

Oliver is keen to become a role model for other young people who want to go against the grain and follow their dreams. "I have become more positive and won't let others pull me down and make me feel bad. I want to help other young people to be the best they can be."

This year when Oliver spent a couple of days doing work experience in Trudy Harrison's office, he said, "I really enjoyed that, although it was a bit scary travelling down to London on my own and staying in a hotel. But I learned so much and she was so encouraging and helpful."

You can see this video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW7Gnj0Im5M>

So, what's on the cards for this year?

"I'm really busy with the Diverse Awards in Carlisle which I have been project managing the production and visuals for the corporate awards, and then director of radio and on-site broadcast for Esk Fest again which is always great fun. I'm also the online editor for Cumbria Media and Visit Whitehaven, and of course my radio show on The Bay Radio. Then I will address the press publicity of Kendal Calling again, and working with my regional contacts to cover the music festival, and that's all fitted in around hosting my own events, DJing for private and public events and the Joseph Purdy Productions doing the Pantomimes." Oliver will also be involved with The Great North Run again, being an accredited member of press.



I felt tired just listening to all this! "I couldn't do all this without the great support from my parents, Dale and Caroline, and the rest of my family and friends. But most of all I want to encourage young people to follow their dreams."

Oliver is definitely a product of the modern world, driven by social media and knowing how to harness it to promote the business he ultimately wants to make his own. I am confident this young man will go on to be an even bigger success and

achieve his dream of becoming a DJ in the media.

I really enjoyed meeting and writing about this incredible young guy and would love to find more young people doing amazing things to write about in this magazine.

You can follow Oliver on Twitter and Instagram @oliverhodgsonn

On Facebook it's DJ Ollie Hodgson. His website is Platinum Sound Lighting & Events [www.pslecumbria.co.uk/](http://www.pslecumbria.co.uk/)

*Vivienne Tregidga*

## FROM 'THE VOICE' TO WEST CUMBRIA

**O**n Saturday 30 March Holly Ellison, a contestant from 'The Voice', performed on stage at the Village Hall in Gosforth and wowed the audience with her amazing voice. "When I read an email from this 15-year-old boy Oliver Hodgson asking me to perform at his event, I thought, ahh, and knew I just had to do it." Holly said as she walked on stage.

Holly then began to sing and blew everyone away with her showmanship and beautiful voice. No wonder Will.I.Am turned within 2 seconds of hearing her sing at the Blind Performance on The Voice last year.

However, Holly chose to be on Olly Murs' team and got through to the final 6 contestants. "I'm still in contact with Olly, he was super helpful and gave me lots of tips," said Holly when I met her back stage in Gosforth before the show. She was wearing a funky track-suit with curlers in her hair and greeted me with a big warm smile.

I was struck by how petite Holly is, reminding me of a young Kylie, perfectly formed with a killer voice.

"They say that people who win The Voice don't do that well," said Holly in her soft Liverpool accent. "Whereas I'm free to do what I want and perform where I want." She cocked her head and continued "But I'm glad that I did it, but I really want to be known for who I am and not just for being on The Voice. I'm branching into acting which is really exciting and I've got a few auditions for some good TV Soaps." Unfortunately, Holly was tight lipped about which soaps.

Holly has been acting since the age of 11 and she studied the performing arts at The Everyman Youth Theatre and LIPA. In 2015 she received a 1st class BA hon's degree in Popular music from LIPA where she studied production, song writing, the music business and performance.

"I won The Beatles Prize Award for best singer/song writer and was chosen to have a one to one song writing session with Sir Paul McCartney which was amazing."

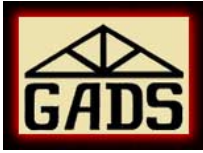
Holly, 25, seems to have her feet firmly planted on the ground and won't allow the fame bubble to change her from being the kind and friendly person she's always been. "I feel like I've got my head screwed on, and I'm so lucky to have a great family around me, and my mum who I call 'Momanger' who comes with me all the time."

You might remember her Momanger, Joanne, on The Voice screaming in the wings as she watched Holly on stage. "She helps me to stay grounded."

This was Holly's first visit to Cumbria. "It's only two hours up the road from Liverpool yet it seems like another world and feel I should have my passport." She laughed "The people are so friendly and it's all very beautiful and cute."

When Holly walked out onto the stage in her glitzy gold dress and very high heels, she owned it and gave us a show we'll always remember. This lady with her generous nature and superb voice is destined to be a big star, and an excellent role model for today's young women. I know Holly is extremely busy but I hope she will visit Cumbria again soon.

*Vivienne Tregidga*



## YOUTH THEATRE GROUP

As we write this in early June, we are busy preparing and rehearsing for our Spring Play “Lucky Sods” by John Godber but by the time you read this, it will all be over. If you came to see it – thank you and we hope you enjoyed it. Maybe it inspired you to get involved too? We have plenty of opportunities, so just read on.

### **GADS Youth Theatre Group takes on the bard**

This term in GADSYT we have been focusing our attention on the man himself, Mr Shakespeare. YT Director Tosh is a great fan and took it upon herself to convey her passion to the kids, and with some success too. Starting off with a whistle stop of Romeo and Juliet, we began devising from day one. Throughout the different sessions the young members were given thematic prompts, character types and ‘what if’ scenarios to get their creative ideas flowing. There was a lot of death – it is a tragedy, after all – and a surprising amount of comedy, we had a number of short scenes to

develop into a night of entertainment. As usual, it didn’t stop with acting. It was up to them to decide on their costumes and props for the performance, and each week became more elaborate and took longer to tidy up!

What has been lovely this term is seeing the group grow and become more of one team. Everyone mingles together now and happily works in any group mix, irrespective of age differences. We’ve also been celebrating a lot more successes this term with our new OSCAR awards, given for Outstanding Effort, Stage Presence, Confidence, Accepting Ideas and Resilience. Turns out some of our members are quite competitive, and those golden certificates have become a badge of honour. We will be taking a break for the summer holidays to let everyone rest up and recover (mainly Tosh and Karen really) and will be back at 7pm on Thursday 5 September with the beginning of the new school term. As we’re only back for six weeks before we break again for panto, we will be working on different themed sessions each week – so lots of new and exciting techniques to explore! Although we currently have a full complement, these youngsters do have a habit of growing up, getting older and moving on. So we do get a turnover of members and keep a waiting



**Youth Theatre members rehearse *The Cow and The Spoon* during an evening session.**

list. If you would like to be kept up to date with our activities you can follow us on Facebook or check out our website. We do try to keep it current with photos and information about what we’ve been up to. You could also come along to a showcase of the group’s Shakespeare exploration on Thursday 11 July. The performance is mainly for friends and family of YTG members, but will also be open to members of the general public – especially those who are thinking of joining the group. ▶

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## ► Summer Youth Workshop

Our 13th Summer Youth Workshop will run daily for a full week from Mon 5 to Fri 9 August, with a performance for friends and family on the evening of Sat 10 Aug. The week is specifically for 8 to 18 year olds, very popular, and was fully subscribed by the end of May! This year we will have another script written specifically for us by one of our long-standing members, this time by Caia van den Elzen, who will also be running the week. As usual, we will have daily updates on our website to follow progress during the week. If you want to see the fruits of real labour, please come along to the performance on Sat 10 August. This will probably begin at 6pm, but watch the website and hall noticeboard for updates.

## Plays for Pleasure

Our informal play readings are good fun and resume at 7:30pm on Tuesday 30 July at the Westlakes Hotel, Gosforth. They continue on the last Tuesday of each month through August, September and October. These readings are attracting more participants since we relocated to Westlakes – maybe it's the bar (which is open to us)? We always welcome new members – whether you want to act or just enjoy reading. Come along and give it a try.



## Autumn Play, 2019 – Call for a play, director and cast!

Following the success of our first spring play in several years, we are riding the wave and planning an autumn play this year as well. Although we have thoughts of our own, we always welcome new ideas and faces to the society and are looking for a play, a director and cast members. We plan to stage another small cast play (preferably around 4-8 actors) with rehearsals starting at the end of August and performances on Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 October at 7:30pm in the Public Hall. We will support and assist new directors and cast members in every way we can. You do not need to be a current GADS member either, as we welcome new blood with great enthusiasm! If you would like to direct a play for us and have an idea of a script you would like to put forward, please get in touch with us at [reading@gads.org.uk](mailto:reading@gads.org.uk), message us through Facebook or stop any one of our committee on the street (we're always around Gosforth and Seascale, and can usually be found in Gosforth Public Hall on a Thursday evening).

## GADS Pantomime – January 2020

As you may guess, Pantomime takes more planning and effort than anything else we do, so we have to start early. At the time of writing, we don't have a script, a director or dates for auditions. But whatever we choose, there will be plenty of acting parts for adults and children (aged 9 and over). Rehearsals (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) begin early in November and the performances will be from Wednesday 22 to Saturday 25 January 2020. Lots more about that in the next Tethera, but come along to one of the audition evenings if you want to join in – on stage, back stage, anything at all.

To get involved with GADS, to find out more about what we get up to, or just to look for family and friends in our ever growing library of photographs going back over the decades, please see our website [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk). On Facebook we are [gads1948](https://www.facebook.com/gads1948) and you can follow us on Twitter [@gadsgosforth](https://twitter.com/gadsgosforth). We're also on Instagram.

*Tosh McGregor / Jim Polmear*

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The day began with a fairly early start, with all 36 participants ready to begin at 7.45am, with everyone prepared for the unpredictable weather we have in Cumbria. The walk was supported by members both past, present and future with an age range from 7 years old, to 84 (this being Joss Naylor, our very experienced guide). Despite the expectation for damp Cumbrian weather we set off in lovely sunshine and were all determined to do what we'd set out to do, with some of our younger members keen to prove that they could do it.

We all managed to get to the top intact in a respectable 2 hours 40 minutes where temperatures were as low as minus 2 degrees Celsius. A quick celebratory photo was taken, the view was admired and we set off on our way back down. We managed to reach the bottom by midday completing the whole walk in 4 hours.

The walk was not without drama when one of our Advisory members, Sid, managed to trip, tumble and land on an unsuspecting tourist whilst



trying to keep up with some of the younger members on his way down. Fortunately, only his pride was hurt.

We were so proud of all our members to have completed the walk given our diverse range of ages and abilities to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

Overall, we've raised a total of £2010 for The Farming Community Network. This was chosen by our members owing to its importance and relevance to so many local families and businesses.

We are very grateful to everyone that donated through sponsorship, collection buckets and support from other YFC clubs, as well to our members for completing the challenge.

*Maisie Naylor, Drigg YFC*



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2nd Seascale were on hand again at the Lakeland Loop Cycle Sportive. The ride is over 100km long taking in many of the Lake District's most challenging passes, including Hardknott and Wrynose to finish with.

Our members, however, were faced with the considerable, although less hilly, challenge of preparing sandwiches for the several hundred hungry cyclists taking part. As well as being an excellent fund-raiser, everyone enjoyed helping to feed the riders and fill their water bottles.

We received a generous donation from Epic Kidz, which has paid for new tents and a log-burner stove to colder camps more comfortable.

## Auld Reekie

Over 50 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts set off on the early morning train to Edinburgh. Everyone enjoyed the stroll through the beautiful Princes Street Gardens on the way to The Castle. With the help of a quiz every possible nook and cranny of this most stunning of landmarks was explored.

With no time to waste another wander through the Old Town, past The Elephant House – famous as the birthplace of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter – and past Greyfriar's Bobby, Edinburgh's faithful dog, to the National Museum of Scotland.

An extra day might have been enough to complete a tour of the museum. We had to make

## 2nd Seascale

do with just a few hours, but the young people and adult helpers were awestruck by the exhibits and interactive displays.

All too soon it was back to Waverley station for a speedy return to Carlisle for pizza dinner. Safely delivered by Virgin Rail into the hands of Northern Rail – and that's when it all went wrong. The planned train was cancelled, so we jumped on an earlier train going only to Whitehaven. Although forewarned of 60-odd passengers – including some only 6-years-old – Northern failed to provide onward transport.

A huge thanks go to Tesco Whitehaven, who made their café available and provided juice and biscuits for all, while a Dunkirk-style flotilla of parents' cars departed from Seascale to rescue us.

## Beamish

2nd Seascale joined other groups from the District at the Flags Day at Beamish. The parade is an annual spectacle with hundreds of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts proudly carrying their Group colours.

## Wild Life

The Beavers Scouts (6-8 years) have been getting out and about as the weather has improved and the nights get lighter. They



have explored local wildlife in the school grounds, in the village and in Giggle Alley; finding new sights, sounds, and smells amongst the flowers and animals. With one group looking and listening carefully to see a pair of deer.

### **In the Name of Science**

Science experiments included finger prints, growing seeds, and building effective water filtration units and testing them on the beach.

The Beavers have enjoyed a true or false Easter Egg hunt based on traditions, jousting with space hoppers and swimming noodles as knights, for St George's day and learning how to be safe in the hills with a visit to the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Centre. Many were surprised by the sirens, as they are even louder than the Beavers.

The Young Leaders have continued to be invaluable members of the team, organising and running many of the activities.



### **Rescue**

In the last few months the Cub Scouts (8-10 years) have visited the headquarters of the Wasdale Mountain rescue Team. The Cubs were particularly interested that originally if someone was hurt, a group of farmers would climb the hill, with a gate as a stretcher. They tried on some of the equipment and investigated the vehicles used. We concluded the evening by investing one of our newest members into the pack. Thank you to all the MRT volunteers who made the evening possible and so enjoyable.

### **Challenging**

The Cub World Challenge badge asks you to "Complete an activity that benefits your community". We decided that as we all use The Viking Way it would be a good idea to walk it and complete a litter pick on the way back.

There was hardly any rubbish on the route,

which was a pleasant surprise.

The Cubs have been working towards their pioneering badge and have perfected several knots and hitches. Their favourite hitch was the Cow Hitch – probably due to its name! More practice is needed with the Friendship Knot but luckily Young Leader Kaa is very good at it and is frequently called upon to help the Cubs to tie it.

All sections need to complete their Personal Challenge Badge. Recently several cubs have completing a range of activities from walking up a mountain to cooking a meal for the family.



### **Out and About**

The Scouts (10½ –14) have mainly been taking on a 5-week challenge this term. Each patrol has spent an evening taking part

in or learning about: geocaching; scavenger hunt; woggle tying; ready-steady-cooking; and the egg-drop challenge, with the attempt to build a contraption capable of protecting an egg when dropped from a great height.

### **Join the Adventure**

2nd Seascale Scout Group meets Seascale School on Thursday, caters for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and has links with the local Explorer Scout unit. To find out more, please contact:

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# THOSE INFERNAL TICKET MACHINES AND OTHER RAIL PROBLEMS

## The main message about the ticket machines is – DON'T WORRY!

Of course, if you are on the northbound platform, at either Drigg or Seascale, there isn't a machine to worry about. Just buy your ticket on the train as usual. The machines on the southbound line are not as 'customer friendly' as hoped for.

### Difficulties include:

- 1 Tickets can only be purchased for the day of travel. A pity – many people like to be organised with all they need a day or so earlier.
- 2 There are problems with some rail cards and some special offers.
- 3 If you buy your ticket at the wrong time you may be charged at a higher rate; instead of 'off-peak'.
- 4 You may want to pay with cash; but the machines only accept bank cards.
- 5 There are a limited number of stations quoted – i.e. – just those on the local line.
- 6 If it's raining, hard water runs down the machine into the ticket dispenser. We have heard complaints about purchasers receiving a soggy ticket.
- 7 If the sun is shining the reflections on the screen make it difficult to read. This is especially true at Seascale. Here the reflection of the nearest parked car, and especially the adjacent white gate, tend to dominate.
- 8 Luckily there is some helpful advice printed on the machine. Unfortunately it is very low down, and so hard for a person of normal height to

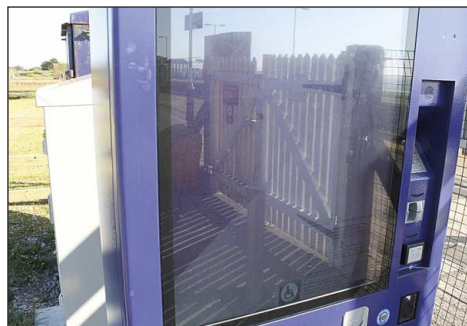
read. If you want to find out about this, the suggestion is to take with you a kneeling mat; or perhaps a 7 or 8 year-old of less than average height and is a good reader. However, to be helpful now, the advice can be summarised as follows. *If you are having any problems, please report to the ticket office; or if it is closed, or if there isn't a ticket office, please buy your ticket from the guard on the train.*

The white gate (mentioned in 7 above) has had a long controversial history. This is really a double gate. In the past some new travellers had found it hard to open, but there have been recent changes to make it easier. A few years ago, when it was causing trouble, a CRUG member said to a rail official "If we take the gates down and burn them; what will you do?" Answer: 'Replace them'. Several times we have asked "Why are the gates there? There aren't any on the other side." The answer: "To keep sheep off the platform". This raises the question – have sheep been a problem? We have asked around and not found any resident who has seen sheep in the car park trying to get on to the platform. Possibly a reader may recall such an incident?

As usual, nationally, new timetables came into effect in May. Unusually, for the Cumbria coast line, the new timetable was only valid for 6 weeks. It showed few changes, and those shown are improvements. At Drigg most of the previous gaps – train not stopping – were eliminated. These gaps were a legacy of the timetable for the loco-hauled trains (of blessed memory?). One important, annoying gap, southbound at Drigg, still exists. The extract here shows this:

Whitehaven	16.21	-----	18.18	19.03
Sellafield	16.40	17.25	18.39	19.28
Seascale	16.44	17.28	18.43	19.32
Drigg	16.48	17.31	-----	19.35

The problem is created by the second train listed starting at Sellafield; and the third not stopping at Drigg. Not too bad for anyone travelling south from Seascale or Drigg – to



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Barrow perhaps. BUT for any train users (worker, shopper etc) leaving Whitehaven after 16.21, the times are most unkind. For anyone Seascale bound there is nearly a 2-hour gap until the next train. For Whitehaven to Drigg travellers the gap is even longer – a whopping 2 hours 42 minutes. As I

write this, the timetable is current only until 29 June so when this edition of Tethera is in print the third timetable of the year will be active, and the problem may be cured – if not, and you are affected, **COMPLAIN!**

If you are a regular, or indeed occasional traveller, on the Cumbrian coast line, you may find it useful and interesting to join CRUG – the Cumbria coast Rail Users Group – fee £5 per year.

There is now a new agenda item at each meeting: ‘Compliments, Complaints & Queries’. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 13.10, in Seascale Methodist Church Hall. Dates for the next meetings are 13 July; 10 August 10th and 14 September. All are welcome.

*Martin Bibby*

# MILLY WENT TO BRIGHTON

London to Brighton Run 2017



It's the world's longest running motoring event, established to commemorate lifting of the speed restriction. The first run took place on 14 November 1896, a wet Saturday. Organised by Harry J. Lawson, and named 'The Emancipation Run', it was a celebration of the recently passed Locomotives on Highways Act 1896, which had replaced the restrictive Locomotive Acts of 1861, 1865 and 1878 and increased the speed limit to 14mph (23km/h). Since 1878 the speed limit had been 4mph (6km/h) in the country and 2mph (3km/h) in the town and an escort had been required to walk 20 yards (18m) ahead of the vehicle. The 1865 act had required the escort to carry a red flag at a distance of 60 yards (55m). The run was also the first meet of the Motor Car Club, of which Lawson was President.

The original event started with a breakfast at the Charing Cross Hotel, which included the symbolic tearing in two by Lord Winchelsea of a red flag. The competitors gathered outside the Metropole Hotel, with the cars accompanied by a 'flying escort' – estimated by one witness as 'probably 10,000' – of pedal cyclists, recreational cycling having become popular with the English in the final decades of the 19th century. A total of 33 motorists set off from London for the coast and 17 arrived in Brighton. The first of the cars set off from London at 10:30am and the first arrival in Brighton, by a Duryea Motor Wagon, beating the next closest Brighton arrivals by more than an

hour. Two Duryea cars participated in the run, marking the first appearance of American motor vehicles in Europe.

In the 1953 the film *Genevieve* was made based around the run and frequently shown on a Sunday afternoon by the BBC. Blue Peter presenters also took part in the event, both of which triggered the imagination of your scribe to one day take part in one of the most exhilarating and exclusive motoring experiences in the world.

The run takes place on the first Sunday in November attracting 400 plus entrants from across the globe driving some of the most innovative and unique cars from our automotive heritage, all attempting to complete the 60-mile run from London to Brighton. The run still starts with the ceremonial tearing of the red flag by an invited celebrity participant. In 1968 Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco, entered the run in a 1903 De Dion-Bouton.

Run entries must be authenticated as being built pre-1905, having 2, 3 or 4 wheeled and powered by internal combustion, steam or pedal power, as there are a number of intrepid entrants who ride their penny farthings to Brighton every year.

My participation in the event moved a step closer in summer 2016 with the purchase of a 1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile; the 50+ year run ambition moved a step closer. The car had just received its Veteran Car Club authentication as a



1904 vehicle, which qualified it for an entry into the London Brighton run. The car had been rebuilt by the previous owner but had only made a few runs around the garden. I called the car 'Milly.'

A little fine tuning would improve the vehicle's reliability was the leaving statement upon collection of the vehicle. On a positive note the car came with a very good documented history.

It was a moment of madness in May 2017 when I entered the car for that year's run, despite the car's ongoing lack of reliability. Part of the entry asks for the car's nickname, but what to call the car? Genevieve was not an option, but what name would she end up with? After weeks of thought it was one Sunday when inspiration finally arrived for Steven, after looking at Milly (our chief mechanic's dog), who as usual was sat quietly watching progress.

The problems and issues with the car kept increasing, from sand in the fuel tank, poor spark, leaking water pump and tank, to a large number of engine components having been incorrectly fitted. Mike, myself and Stephen the chief mechanic, spent most Sundays working on the car, repairing, making and fixing the latest problem.

During the summer months a number of test runs occurred on roads around Saltcoats.

Flookburgh Steam Rally was the next outing, providing an opportunity to drive and test the car on the site's wide runway. Following a number of runs up and down the runway we were made to

stop owing to exceeding the site speed limit. Following the runs it was noticed that the brakes were starting to cut into the wooden spokes on the rear wheels. The event proved very beneficial as a number of exhibitors who had restored similar vehicles and taken part in the run were able to provide information and good run advice.

On the Tuesday prior to the Brighton run the car was finally ready, engine started and running sweetly when a timing spring broke stopping the car. Having attempted to repair, then make a spring, fortunately one was discovered at the bottom of a box of spare parts. It was at midnight with two days to go when the car was back together and running. Wednesday saw a short test run at Saltcoats prior to loading on the trailer ready for the trip down to London on Friday morning.

London was going to be a whole new experience. Accommodation had been booked close to the Hyde Park start through the Veteran Car Club, which included safe underground parking for the veteran car.

Following an easy drive to London, satnav found the hotel. Unloading and parking the car proved easy. The next big adventure was finding the booked car park miles away at Baker Street. Once back at the hotel the opportunity was taken to look at all the other veteran cars parked ready for Sunday's run. A child in a sweet shop comes to mind.

Saturday started with breakfast followed by a walk through Hyde Park passing the Children in Need buses to be driven by Chris Evans and friends, to check the start on route to the Regent Street concourse event. Regent Street was a motoring heaven which had something for everyone, having a mix of the old and new vehicles in a variety of conditions, including FI cars and original Fiat 500's giving a unique atmosphere.

Saturday night was at the RAC club to receive a pre-run final brief and meet the celebrity Charlie Boardman who would symbolically tear the flag to start the run. The evening was a unique experience provided by the run sponsors followed by a meal at the club arranged by the Veteran Car Club.

Sunday started early, 6am, and during breakfast the unique early November London cacophony



casualty of the run was receiving attention. I decided it was time to overtake a slower French car, with driver and passenger, in full army uniform for the period car that was slowing us down. Next on the tour was Buckingham Palace, followed by Horse Guards Parade, The Houses of Parliament before crossing London Bridge and heading towards Brighton on a new route via Clapham Common and Tooting as we headed through Admiralty Arch.

Even with traffic lights set for leaving London there was still a lot of starting and stopping at traffic lights and crossings, or not on occasion! The traffic conditions brought about much anguish for the driver having to frequently change gear and adjusting the engine

advance and retard lever, not forgetting using a tiller to steer the car. There were still lots of people along the roadside watching the spectacle. As we progressed we passed many cars stationary at the roadside receiving attention. While disappointed for the participants, secret I was sheering inside that we had made it further than them. Little did I know! At traffic lights our friends Phil and Jane who were supporting us on their motorbike kept appearing on different sides of the car. It was comforting to know they were there if required.

All was still going well as we passed Tooting. Phil and Jane then spotted a water leak under the car, so we pulled off the road to undertake repairs and a check round. All repaired and ready to go when a bang was heard and part of the crank shaft balance weight was sat under the car. The engine was stopped and the RAC who support the event called. As we awaited the RAC Phil informed us that during the run they had been changing sides as Jane kept pushing Milly's wicker basket back on to the car as it kept moving on corners across from side to side. Upon arrival of the RAC, as suspected, the verdict was that our run was over after 10 miles! The car was loaded on to the RAC recovery vehicle and we were taken to Redhill, where our own vehicle and trailer awaited our arrival. Unfortunately as we approached Redhill we were met by the police diverting us as one of the veteran cars had been involved in an accident.

could be heard outside the hotel. From all over the city came veteran cars all heading towards Hyde Park. Despite the early hour and a start time of 8am there was a nagging doubt which spoiled the lovely breakfast saying we should also be heading towards the start line. After what seemed an eternity we too were ready to head for the start. With warm clothes donned, run details maps checked, Milly started first time and we too were soon heading towards the start.

It was a lovely winter morning, sunny and cold as we parked alongside the Serpentine awaiting our start time. All too soon we were under starters orders, and again Milly was on best behaviour, starting first time. As we got within sight of the start line our excitement was building when my large wax jacket caught the advance and retard lever resulting in the car coming to a stop. One of the event marshals came over to say an RAC van would be along to help soon, as I went through what to do if Milly doesn't start checks. Electrics, fuel, spark, all ok but she still didn't want to start. My wife Val was now convinced we were not even going to cross the start line, when over the hill came an RAC van at which point Milly decided she was having none of that and start.

We were off crossing the start line slightly late but cheered on by the large crowds, on to what must be one of the best ways to see the sites of London. The route out of London taking in Constitution Hill and The Mall where the first





We were to learn later that it was the VCC president's brother who was very experienced and driving the family's veteran car. Sadly, we learned later that the driver died in hospital.

Once the car was loaded, before we left Redhill

for Brighton there was an opportunity to watch some vehicles passing, including the Children in Need bus, on what they hoped would be a successful run to Brighton.

At Brighton the tender vehicle and Milly were parked in the secure parking area, before we ventured to the finish line to take in the atmosphere and cheer on the successful participants as they crossed the finishing line on Madeira drive.

Sunday night is the Annual Veteran Car Club Ball held at the Grand Hotel. Despite the disappointment of the run, as the evening progressed talk turned to the 2018 run, with the unanimous decision from all present that Milly had to try again. So started a year of major work in preparation for 2018, but I'm getting ahead of myself, that's a story for another time.

*Robert Douglas*

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# RADIO SEASCALE !

People who weren't around in Seascale in the Twenties when radio exploded can't know what it meant. This was a milestone for the village. Suddenly, with radio, there was instant human communication. No longer were Seascale homes isolated and lonely and silent. The world came into shops, houses and farms for the first time. Music came pouring in. Laughter came in. My own industry of the News came in and the world shrank, with radio.

On 3 July 1964 as Radio Caroline North sailed out of Essex and parked opposite us – it was the ship that rocked and weighed anchors in Ramsey Bay, Isle of Man, and broadcast to Seascale on AM1368; a frequency that was later taken over by Manx Radio. Folks in the village still talk about their little portable transistor radio that came into the shops in time for all new pirate radio stations.

If radio was invented today it would be laughed out of the patent office before it could even be commercially built. I mean who these days phones a radio station and asks for a song? If there's a song you want to hear you go to You tube on your computer and play it, and maybe find some other versions of that same song you never knew existed. If you want the latest news you would go to the BBC website or Sky News website or the Whitehaven news Websites, all from your phones – for free. Why bother tuning in ?

Because no matter what comes next we can't seem to kill it off completely. The radio industry will consume itself into extinction long before we abandon it. Each year an average size radio station will have to find £75,000 from advertising and sponsorships to pay Ofcom for its FM licence. Then there are PRS fees which are paid out to who ever has their material played on air, not just songs but Jingles as well.

Plus the wages to the DJ's or Talk Presenters, and the News Editors (my job) and the sales team,

**Here's a photo of our nearest transmitter for Seascale based in Whitehaven.**



even before you've paid your business rates and utilities. Which is why more radio stations are popping up 'ON LINE' instead of on air. Not all of them are 'live' but each serving some specific community or style of music. I set one up as a news service for a community in London which runs news looping and repeating every 20

minutes, so folks check into it once a day to see what's going on which may affect their community – delivered and played out on an app on their phones. If it starts in London it may eventually happen here too. Watch this space. But until someone sits down and invents 'Radio Seascale' we still have the tried and tested formula of AM, FM, long wave for cricket and DAB.

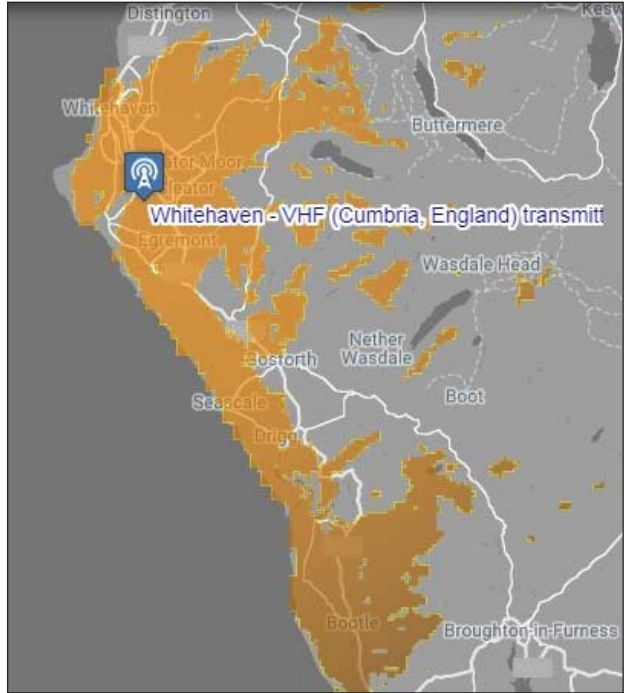
Medium wave on (MF AM) in Seascale ranges from 531 to 1602kHz, with 11kHz spacing between channels. Long wave 153–279kHz. Short wave 2.3 to 26.1MHz. VHF 30MHz to 300MHz. FM which is basically the same science as VHF goes from 80.1 to 180.0 and the new kid on the block digital radio goes from 222.064MHz to 227.360MHz depending on whether you're listening to a local multiplex or the national one.

Whitehaven MF entered service in October 1951 with the North Home service on 692kHz. A Northeast version of Radio 4 was also transmitted on 1151kHz from 1968 to 1972. Radio Carlisle launched on 24 November 1973 on 1457kHz. With the frequency changes of 23 November 1978, Radio Carlisle changed to 1458kHz, 692kHz

became 909kHz and now carries Radio 2, and Radio 1 was added on 1089kHz. On 27 August 1990, 909kHz was re-assigned to Radio 5.30 June 1994, Radio 1, 1089kHz closed.

So next time the gales in Seascale decide to blow down your Sky satellite dish, have a twiddle with ya tranny and see what's out there.

*Jason Rushworth*



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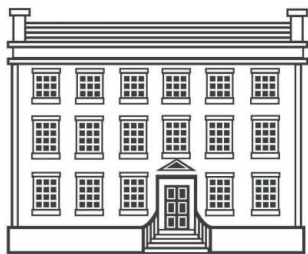
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# 1ST GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

Looking back at what we've done over the last few months to write this article, I'm surprised to see so much! I know that all the leaders have put in lots of effort to make a varied and interesting programme, and two of them, Kathryn and Norman, have been awarded medals for their hard work.

All of the sections took part in our recent Spring Fair, working with Guides, Brownies and Explorers with lots of entertaining stalls, games, craft activities and refreshments to raise £100 for the Mountain Rescue and nearly £600 to share between the groups. Well done everyone.

The Beavers have been planting things, as anyone visiting the hut will see, with some fine-looking potatoes growing nicely. They have also had the chance to sleep in the hut, building dens from cardboard boxes to sleep in, and excitement seeing a steam train passing through Seascale.

The Cubs have also been very busy, gaining their athletics badge with our young leader Charlotte (who can throw a tennis ball a very long way!), making a stir-fry for Chinese New Year, and putting up tents. Not just any tent, but our big, heavy mess tent – requiring lots of teamwork and co-operation. They are also looking at plastic pollution and what we might do about it, which will be a long-term project for them.

The Scouts never seem to be in the hut at the moment. They have been learning about rivers in Miterdale with the Rivers Trust, and took part in the Seaquest expedition at Ravenglass.

Both Beavers and Cubs have had a visit from a trainee dentist, learning how to look after their teeth, and all three sections have recently visited a lifeboat station (St Bees or Workington), and climbed at Clip'n Climb at Maryport.

We're now looking forward to getting out and about this term, and to our Summer camp in Borrowdale, where we plan to paddle in the river, explore the area, and improve our camping skills.

If you would like to join us, Beavers (6 to 8 years) meet Wednesdays 5 'til 6pm (contact Kathryn 25912). Cubs meet Wednesday 6.15 till 7.30pm (contact Jackie 27211), and Scouts meet Tuesdays, 7 'til 9pm (contact Dave 24632). Or come and meet us at one of our meetings.

*Bill and Jackie Harper*



**Cardboard dens at the Beaver sleepover.**



**Brushing your teeth can be fun.**



**Scouts helping Beavers at Clip'n Climb.**

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	9	Saturday	Carlisle	£10.00
	15	Friday	Egremont Farmer's Market	Free
December	23	Saturday	Ambleside and Windermere	£9.50
	6	Friday	Egremont Farmer's Market	Free
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