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SEASCALE

A significant development affecting the Parish since the last issue is the formation of the Geological Disposal Facility Community Partnership.

Its purpose is to look at what a Geological Disposal Facility might mean for this area. Seascale has been included in the search area for Mid Copeland GDF and as such Seascale Parish Council was invited to be represented in the Partnership. We are aware that there are mixed opinions as to the need for, and value of, such a facility and that there is a degree of cynicism surrounding the process following two earlier failed investigations. We are also aware that Cumbria County declined the invitation to be involved in the Community Partnership. The consensus of Seascale Parish Council is that it is preferable to engage with the process and to have a formal place within it where we can put forward the views of our parishioners, rather than opt out and have whatever decisions are finally made imposed upon us without any input into those decisions. There will clearly be a need for an extensive consultation exercise and this community engagement will begin with a number of public information sessions to be held in Seascale Community Library during March. I must stress that, contrary to the impression being given by some, this is far from a 'done deal' and it is vital that the opinion of the Seascale Community is expressed.

We continue to look at how we can extract the most benefit from the assets we have in the village and to this end a working group is being formed to look at the SRA playing field area with a view to seeing how it can be developed and upgraded to reflect the needs of a 21st Century sporting and recreational facility. The Coniston Avenue Play Area will also be considered as part of this review. Grant applications have recently been submitted to upgrade the BMX bike track and plans to develop the Library into a Community Hub are ongoing. All of these show that we continue to be a progressive Council and village that looks to opportunities for progress and development in the future rather than dwelling on past difficulties.

Plans are already well under way for this year's Coast to Coast cycle event in June and it is anticipated that this will build upon the success of last year and prove even more popular this time around. The Bowling Club held a successful Open Day last summer and is looking to run further family events this year to encourage more people to get involved.

A litter pick is planned for early spring before the tourist season gets back into full swing and once again the Council would like to express its gratitude to the volunteers who help to keep the village looking clean, tidy and welcoming to our visitors. The value of this was reflected in the number of complimentary comments that were passed on to us last summer.

David Halliday, Chairman, Seascale Parish Council

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Cumbria

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cumbria> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cumbria (part of the Walking in England website – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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First Wednesday of the month, except August., 7pm, in the Methodist School Room.

NOTES FROM SEASCALE LIBRARY

Lots of exciting things have been happening in your local library since we re-opened.

Firstly, we have had a new heating system installed and this has made a huge difference to the warmth and comfort of our visitors and volunteers, especially through winter months.

We have introduced a Jigsaw Swap, so if you're looking for some new challenges, bring your old jigsaws along and swap them for new ones.



We are bringing back our popular Coffee Mornings first one to be held on Valentine's Day and then once a month going forward. Come along for coffee and cake, a friendly chat with friends old and new, and maybe win a prize in the Tombola.

If you can't make it to the coffee mornings, the kettle is always on, so why not have a brew while you're browsing the bookshelves. Just ask one of our friendly Volunteers.

After encouraging support from a Facebook Poll, we are happy to announce that we will be opening the Library on a Saturday morning. The first of these was on 5 February and will be every three weeks going forward.

And there's plenty for the kids to do as well in a specially designated area. Besides the selection of books, there's drawing & colouring, sticker collecting and much much more planned for children of all ages to participate in.



Other services we offer:

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Your Library Needs You

Come and join us as a **Library Volunteer**. It's a great way to meet people and serve your community at the same time. It's only for a few hours a month so please get in touch.

Contact information:

Tel: 01946728487

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Follow us on Facebook: [Seascale Library Link](#)

LOWES COURT GALLERY – MORE THAN JUST A CRAFT SHOP

Lowes Court Gallery, Egremont, re-opened for 2022 recently following a short winter break. After a busy Christmas period the gallery is keen to emphasise that as well as the usual selection of quality locally sourced crafts, they also show a variety of pictures by local artists.

This now includes regular slots for featured artists' work each month, so that individual artists can benefit from having a whole wall in the upstairs gallery.

Upcoming features include:

Egremont Junior Schools Artwork – until 19 March
Rose Bradbury and Gillian Vaudrey – 22 March to 23 April

Emma Hunt – 26 April to 28 May
Gareth Harrison – 31 May to 2 July

Open Nights: 22nd March (for Gillian and Rose), 26th April (for Emma), 31st May (for myself, Gareth)

As the gallery is now a registered Community Interest Company, they are keen to show support for local schools artwork, a long-standing tradition at Lowes Court over several decades. Students' work always makes for a vibrant and colourful display – both uninhibited and imaginative!

Going into April the work of Rose Bradbury and Gill Vaudrey features, both of them being established members of Gosforth and Seascale Art Society. Rose, a resident of Seascale, has



developed her own bold, recognisable style of working, certainly making an impact with both her animal pieces and landscapes. "I took up art during retirement and now see it as a hobby. I find it a great way to emphasise my feelings and character. I love to experiment with different mediums and textures, even if they don't always turn out the way I hoped."

Gill, from Whitehaven, employs a softer style of working, to quote: "I enjoy painting wildlife, seascapes and landscapes in pastel or acrylic. The stunning coast and lakes of West Cumbria offer plenty of inspiration for artists!"

Following on, West Cumbrian artist Emma Hunt will be showing her paintings during May. Emma grew up as a working-class teenager in Whitehaven, always with an interest in art. After training as a radio-chemist at Sellafield and then working in accounting, Emma was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome – a degenerative body condition. She returned to art as a way of pain and mental health management, using pastels to depict the Cumbrian landscape.

During COVID lockdown she began delivering online workshops for the local charity Women Out West, and then progressed into streaming her classes on Facebook. She has recently been busy curating exhibitions for venues in Maryport and Whitehaven.

Into June, Lowes Court will highlight some recent paintings by long-standing Gallery member (me!) Gareth Harrison, of Seascale. Usually known for my strong depictions of the "Rambo"! by Rose Bradbury. ▶



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► Wasdale scene, in various media, I am aiming to show, for the first time, some of a series of images stemming from my times in the recent lockdowns. Being forced to stay fairly close to home to explore the landscape, my spirit was drawn more and more towards the lonely unfrequented fellsides above our corner of West Cumbria. I have spent many happy hours wandering the moorland and bogs of places such as upper Blengdale, just beyond Gosforth.

When I stop and really look in these places, the more I see that almost comes out of nothing, and the more I begin to realise how one can use the effects of light to knit together something tangible, rather than just focusing on painting the object.

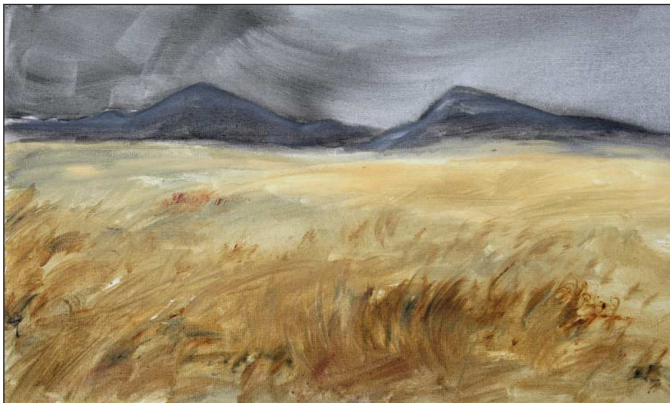
As well as the featured artists on show, the gallery (on Main Street, Egremont), always stocks a wide range of locally produced arts and crafts, including paintings and photographs by other gallery artists, prints and cards, textiles, glassware, jewellery and wood, so do come along and have a look for yourselves. *Gareth Harrison*



Wasdale Golden Hour by Emma Hunt.



**Boxing hares
by Gill Vaudrey.**



**Study of Upper Blengdale
by Gareth Harrison.**

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS: FROM SEASCALE TO KATHMANDU

It's never too soon to help children understand they are part of a global community. At Seascale School, our children from Nursery through to Year 2 have been involved in an amazing project supported by The British Council. We have been very fortunate to be linked with Bal Raman Batika Montessori Pre-School in Kathmandu, Nepal. Together we have a vision that by introducing a Global Partnership with such young children, values of compassion, understanding, tolerance and respect will grow and flourish.

Our joint project involved gardening and cooking and centered around maintaining good health and well being. The children have planted seeds and looked after the seedlings, watching them grow and develop. The produce has been harvested and then cooked. The children have created recipe books showing the food that has been made from the plants grown. These recipe books have been shared with both schools and both schools have been able to try recipes from a different culture. The culmination of this has been the creation of a joint recipe book which is being printed. This includes recipes from both cultures and shows the learning from the gardening and the wider cultural exchange.

The children have really enjoyed the project. They have experienced the delight of gardening and the benefits to mental well being: 'Gardening is so peaceful and you can hear the birds singing', 'I love it because gardening is so much fun and you can relax.'

Cooking is always popular and the children have certainly enjoyed it! 'I love cooking 'cos I like eating it!' 'I love it 'cos it's fun!' Our dishes have included carrot soup, apple muffins, blackberry and apple crumble, bruschetta and spicy potato wedges. In Nepal the cooking activities have

included: Popcorn, Roti and Achar, French Fries and Momo.

The introductory activities that the children were involved in allowed the children time to introduce themselves and to share information about their daily lives. We illustrated a typical day for each other with activities from getting up to going to bed. We have shared information about the places we live. Through Zoom meetings we have shared information about the kinds of foods we eat for normal meals and the kinds of food we eat for celebration meals. As part of this exchange Bal Raman Batika shared stunning photographs and videos of the children participating in dancing for their Tihar festival. We have in return shared photographs of the children telling the story of the Nativity. The learning has shown what we have in common and provided opportunities for discussion about the things that are different and throughout, the children have been able to learn from each other. This learning is invaluable. The link with our partner school has certainly made teaching about different cultures tangible. "It has provided a real world activity which is relevant and meaningful to the children. This has resulted in high level of engagement, leading to excellent outcomes!" says Avril Spencer Head at Seascale.

Our parents have been very supportive "Absolutely love that you're including these kind of lessons, my child enjoys them so much" and "What a great incentive! My child was so excited to tell me about the meeting with the children in Nepal." Laura Goad from CDEC, our local advisor for the Connecting Classrooms Global Learning writes "This is all fabulous! What an amazing partnership you've set up."

The project has certainly afforded the opportunity to empower student voice. My class wrote to our local MP to ask for vaccinations to be sent out to Nepal:

"We know that people in Nepal are really suffering and struggling because of Corona virus and that many people are really sick. We know they live close to the bad virus. We know that the people are in lockdown because when we did our zoom meeting the children were doing their learning from home, like we had to."

They asked if she would like to come and visit school to find out about our project. She did and

we had a newspaper article written. On sharing this with our parents one responded saying: "This sounds like such a worthwhile project. I agree that it's very important to promote awareness of issues and also for children to learn about and understand what they can do to help." We sent the article to Bal Raman Batika and Subarna Maharjan, the Principle included it on the school Facebook page to share with parents, with the wonderful headline: "Children can change the world one step at a time." The children from Nepal wrote lovely thank you letters and pictures to our children for doing this. This was incredibly powerful and special learning.

I am so proud of the way the children have responded to the project and of the links we have made with Bal Raman Batika. Covid restrictions have made it difficult to hold the kind of event we had originally planned to celebrate the project and the launch of our collaborative Recipe Book. I hope this article has gone some way to sharing our special project with the wider community. Long may the partnership and the benefits continue.

Jacqueline Merry

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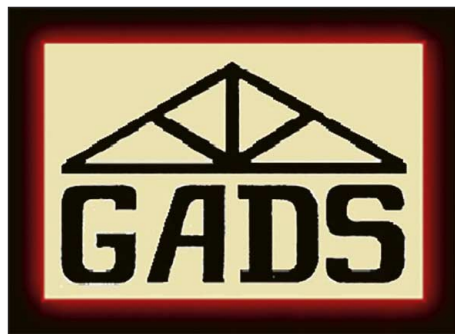
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EVENTS CALENDAR

in and around Drigg, Gosforth & Seascale

- 9 March – Wednesday.** 7.30pm. Holmrook Reading Room. The Annual General Meeting.
- 22 March – Tuesday.** 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm for refreshments). Drigg Village Hall. Alan Cleaver will be talking about the Corpse Roads of Cumbria, showing us how our forefathers coped with funerals held in remote parishes.
- 29 March – Tuesday.** Kellbank function room. 7.30pm. GADS Plays for Pleasure play readings. Free to attend.
- 2 April – Saturday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. RSPB at the Railway. Tel: 01229 717171 or email: steam@ravenglass-railway.co.uk for further details.
- 6 April – Wednesday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. RSPB at the Railway. Tel: 01229 717171 or email: steam@ravenglass-railway.co.uk for further details.
- 13 April – Wednesday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. RSPB at the Railway. Tel: 01229 717171 or email: steam@ravenglass-railway.co.uk for further details.
- 26 April – Tuesday.** 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm for refreshments). Drigg Village Hall. The AmbleSide Oral History Group will give a talk "All in a day's work", a look at local employment and working conditions in the years preceding and following World War Two.



- 16 June – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7.30pm. GADS Late Spring Play. "Oliver" the musical.
- 17 June – Friday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7.30pm. GADS Late Spring Play. "Oliver" the musical.
- 18 June – Saturday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7.30pm. GADS Late Spring Play. "Oliver" the musical.
- 24 June – Friday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Fish & Chip Train. Tel: 01229 717171 or email: steam@ravenglass-railway.co.uk for further details.
- 23 September – Friday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Fish & Chip Train. Tel: 01229 717171 or email: steam@ravenglass-railway.co.uk for further details.
- Muncaster Castle – <https://www.muncaster.co.uk/events> –** please see the website for upcoming events – no details available as at time of publication

REGULAR EVENTS

Please check with contacts for any of these entries to confirm that they are still happening

- Badminton – Seascale.** Wednesdays mixed from 6pm. Thursdays mixed 7pm. Beginners very welcome. Seascale Sports Hall. Details from 019467 28435
- Bowls – Seascale. Saturday.** Mid-April to mid-September. 1.45pm for 2.00pm start. Everyone welcome including beginners. Details 24652 or 07813 433212.
- 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 drigggyfc@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 Kettlelicise, 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 Seascale. Every Thursday morning 10am to 12am** in Seascale Methodist School Room but with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. Contact Marlene Partridge. at marlene.partridge@btinternet.com
- Gosforth Brownies (2nd Gosforth).** For girls aged 7-10. Meet term-time Mondays 6.00-7.30pm in Gosforth Scout Hut, next to the school. Contact Samantha Milliner at sam.milliner@hotmail.co.uk or register interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk
- Gosforth Guides (1st Gosforth).** For girls aged 10-14. Meet term time 6.00-7.30pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. Contact Abi Waller at Abi.waller@hotmail.com or register interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk
- Gosforth Karate. Wednesday classes. 4.45pm.** One free taster class available. to book call 01946 694751 or visit www.eskk.co.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.
- 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. Why not call David on 019467 24632. To see if it is available for your next event?
- Holmrook Reading Room Membership.** Membership renewals for

2022 are due from 1 March. These can be renewed/started any time. If you are an existing member or want to join us contact David on drmarsden@outlook.com or 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. 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.

Line Dancing. Every Monday. 7.30pm, The 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 HIIT/Core Blast. Monday 10-10.30am. Seascale Sports Hall. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

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

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

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

Muckypups 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, First Wednesday every month. 9pm start. Nether Wasdale. – Live music by various singers and groups.

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

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. 7pm most Fridays. Meets in Seascale Methodist Church Schoolroom and also on Zoom. Come along and sing, play or help with technical support. All welcome – no church affiliation necessary. Further details on our website: www.phoenixpraise.org.uk. Please contact Jill or Keith Hudson 019467 21592. jillfhudson@hotmail.co.uk

Pilates Classes. Mondays & Wednesdays. Ravenglass. Mondays & Thursdays. Beckermert. Tuesdays. Online via Zoom. One to One and Duet sessions are also available on request. Contact birch.lake.pilates@gmail.com and visit birchlakepilates.com for more information.

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 , 10-11.30am. Seascale Methodist Church Hall

Scottish Country Dancing. Every Wednesday from September

to April at 7.30pm. Windscale Club, Seascale. Beginners very welcome.

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

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

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

Seascale Memories Group meets on third Wednesday of the month (during term time) at 2:30pm. in Seascale Methodist hall Informal group that have a friendly chat with tea and biscuits talking about all sorts of memories. All are welcome. Allison Hanshaw 019467 21935 ajhanshaw@outlook.com for further details.

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

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

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

West Lakes USA Discovery Group 1 0.15am for 11am. Fourth Wednesday every month at St Mary's Church Hall Contact: Graham Hutson 25477.

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

West Lakes USA History Group, 0.15am for 11am start. First Wednesday every month at Drigg Village Hall 1. Contact: Mary Holbrook 25466.

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

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



PANTOMIME

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, BY TOM WHALLEY



The preparation for a pantomime starts months before the first performance – in this case towards the end of last summer. Covid-19 was a big threat and several of our regular members and support crew weren't yet willing or able to help out – and quite understandably. Nevertheless, the threat was decreasing so we decided to bite the bullet and go all out for it. We auditioned last October and rehearsals began at the beginning of November.

All was going reasonably well until that pesky Omicron variant appeared. We were able to continue under the new restrictions but several cast and crew members had to isolate during the rehearsal and set building period so it wasn't easy. In fact we didn't manage to have a single rehearsal with all cast members present – and that includes both of the dress rehearsals just days before the opening night. So it was a minor miracle that all cast and crew members were able to come together for the first time on the night of the first performance.

To be totally honest we weren't expecting massive audiences this year but we were so very pleasantly surprised. We broke no records, but we had very enthusiastic and appreciative crowds at every performance. The matinee was a huge success again, although the show was perhaps a bit long for some of the younger ones. We extend a massive "thank you" to those of you who ventured out to one of the performances and really appreciate all the positive comments we received after each show. It not only lifted our spirits, but the spirits of the whole village too. You will have seen a cast of 25 thoroughly enjoying

themselves and giving it everything to entertain you. Every year we seem to attract a few new members and this year was no exception – we hope they will stick with us. What you won't have seen is most of the 30 or so support crew – behind the scenes and front of house. We still didn't have enough to serve hot drinks during the interval, but thankfully that was the only casualty of our little labour shortage. It's never too early to get involved in the next production and it's certainly not all about acting – so please get in touch if you fancy helping out in any way at all. We are already looking for our next pantomime script.



Belle and Professor "It's my amazing invention – the ouvre-boîte" (tin opener)

SPRING PLAY – OLIVER, THE MUSICAL

For our next production, we are planning our most ambitious undertaking yet – "Oliver!" – the musical. By the time this issue hits the doorsteps, we will have held our auditions and will know if we can cast it. Rehearsals will be underway for performances from Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 June. It's a bit early for more detail here, but you can keep an eye on our website or Facebook page a bit nearer the time.

PLAYS FOR PLEASURE

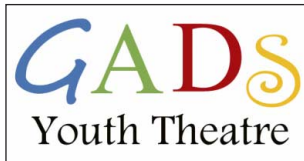
P4P took an extended break for the panto season but resumes for a couple of sessions before the Spring

Play gets underway. We begin at 7:30pm on 22 February and then 29 March. Our new location for P4P is the conference room (upstairs) at the Kellbank in Gosforth, where we get a warm welcome from Tom and the staff there. At our P4P on 22 Feb we will be reading the rather snappily titled "They came from Mars and landed outside the Farndale Avenue Church Hall in time for the



To audience "Don't touch the knob, leave the knob alone" (door knob, naturally)

▶ Townswomen's Guild's coffee morning". This is one of the series of Farndale Avenue comedies



YOUTH THEATRE GROUP AND SUMMER WORKSHOP

by David McGillvray and Walter Zerlin Jnr. On 29 March we will tackle "A Chorus of Disapproval" by Alan Ayckbourn, which tells the cautionary tale of a man who couldn't say no to wine, women or song – and of his consequent rise and fall in the world of amateur operatics. John Peter from the Sunday Times described it as "...a serious comic masterpiece: brilliantly constructed, ruthlessly observant, hilarious and hard as nails." These plays are always great fun to read and perform so each should be a good evening. New faces are always welcome so just come along.

The news from our Youth Theatre Group is not so good. Tosh has run the group for the last 5 years and we thank her for the enthusiasm and energy she has injected. However, the time has come for her to step down – but we don't have anyone to pass it on to yet. So, sadly, our YT group has folded – for the time being anyway. But the good news is that Tosh is not leaving us and will still be running the next Summer Youth Workshop in the summer holidays (Monday 1 to Saturday 6 August).

AND FINALLY...

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TRUDY HARRISON Highlights GRANTS AVAILABLE IN COPELAND

I'd like to use my column in this edition to highlight a range of range of grants and support that is available to Copeland's business community.

The Help to Grow scheme, funded by the Government, is a fantastic initiative that can help business owners or managers take their organisations to the next level. It's split into two strands:

– **Help To Grow: Management Course** supports senior managers of small and medium sized businesses to boost performance, resilience and long-term growth. Run over 12 weeks in a combination of in-person and online learning, the course is accredited by the Small Business Charter and is funded 90 per cent by the Government.

– **Help To Grow: Digital** offers eligible businesses discounts of up to £5,000 off approved digital accounting software. Businesses can also access free specialised advice on how to choose the right digital technologies to boost their growth and productivity.

I encourage business owners to tap into these

excellent resources.

I would also like to highlight a new grant that has been launched for the farming sector. Under Defra's £27m Farming Investment Fund, the Improving Farming Productivity Grant will pay up to 40 per cent of the cost of initiatives that increase productivity and protect the environment. This can range from slurry treatment equipment to robotic weeding and harvesting and to ventilation control systems for buildings.

Applications are now open and the window for this tranche closes on 16 March. And for businesses in Copeland affected by Covid-19, Copeland Borough Council currently has two Government grants available – the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant and the Additional Restrictions Grant (for business affected by the Omicron variant) – with an extended application deadline of 18 March.

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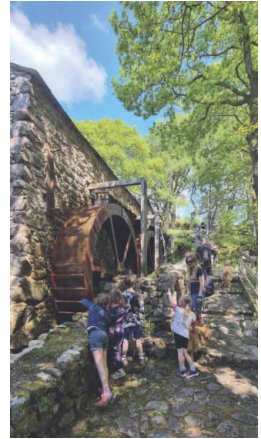
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BECK PLACE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN

It was a sunny but cold day when I popped into Beck Place Garage in Gosforth to have a chat with the new business owners Scott Cherry and Jonathan Wood.

As I walked into the garage, I could see them retreating into their oil smeared overalls, and instinct told me they were not the chatty type! These guys are more at home with their heads under a bonnet than being interviewed...

Luckily Scott and Jonathan are both generously good humoured, and their mischievous expressions told me there's a wicked sense of humour lurking beneath those woolly hats!

"We'd been wanting to start our own business for a long time," said Scott "and trying to find the right kind of premises was beginning to feel hopeless, until this place came up. And having been a garage before, it was perfect."

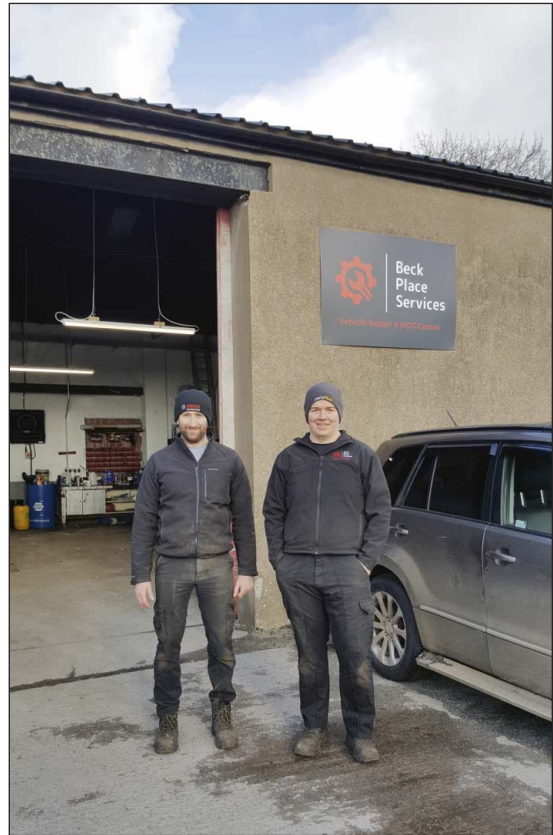
Jonathan interjected "it was busy from the moment we opened the doors and we had to hit the ground running."

In this economic climate with everything going up from power to raw materials starting a new business is not an easy undertaking. Scott nodded. "It's important that our prices are affordable for customers and that our service is the best. I have to say that locals have made us feel so welcome that we know it was the right decision for us."

It took a while before the building was brought up to standard, a leaking roof fixed and faulty electrics were sorted before the guys could move in and launch their business. "The landlord has been really good and although we still have lots to do, like creating a better office space, we feel it's all falling into place and we are able to work comfortably," said Scott.

Jonathan explained the services they offer. "We can carry out diagnostic work on cars and we're waiting to get our MOT status which, by the time this article is published, should be in place. We also like working on motorbikes and campervans so our experience is quite wide."

As we chatted a lady came in to have a tyre changed and Scott sprang into action leaving



Jonathan and me in the office.

At 31 Jonathan, from Gosforth, has a small child, "this is why Scott and I are not committing to working on Saturdays" explains Jonathan "My partner works shifts at the hospital so its important that I keep my weekends free for the family." Jonathan is a keen walker and runner "in fact I enjoy all outdoor activities and the little'n comes too." He continued, "It's funny but people who knew my parents here in Gosforth are surprised when they realise it's me doing this and that I'm all grown up." Jonathan smiles.

Whereas Scott, from Egremont, might as well have been born on the moon. "I'm currently



Jonathan Wood

“We are getting some universal spare tyres that we can fit when we’re called out to someone who’s had a puncture and their tyre can’t be fixed at the side of the road.” Explained Jonathan. “The tyre we put on will allow them to get safely back to the garage where we can then fix or replace their own tyre.”

It was nice meeting these guys who are committed to providing a good honest service to customers at a reasonable price. “We’re still very much feeling our way at the moment.” Said Scott.

Before I left, I wanted to get the low-down on what make of car they think is the most reliable? “VW all the way” they both agreed. You heard it first here.

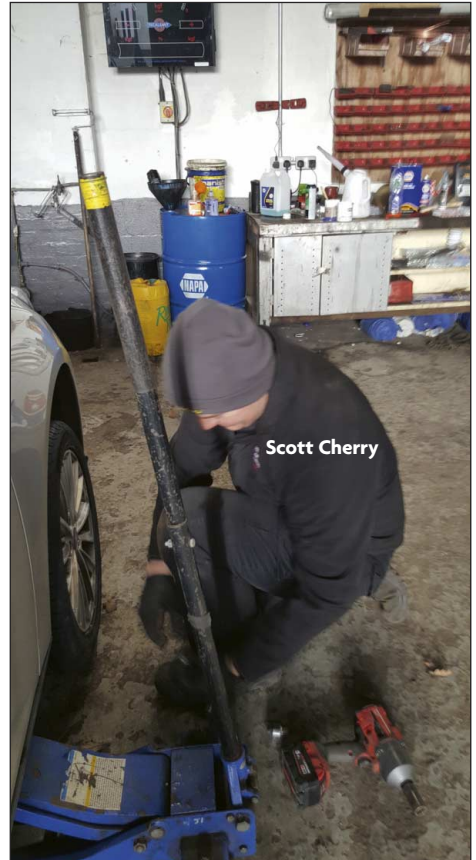
From the broad smiles on their faces, it’s obvious they are enjoying their new venture and I know the community will benefit hugely from them being here.

Vivienne Tregidga

trading on Jonathan’s good name until people get to know me.” Scott laughs, who now lives in Whitehaven. “I have three children and my wife and I also run Cumbria Lakes Camper Hire, so I have a lot of experience working on the VW campervans.” Despite his busy work and home life Scott is making time for his passion, “I’ve just starting playing rugby again and I’m really enjoying it, although at 32 might be considered over the hill!”

Jonathan explained that they are providing a call out service. “The other day we went up to the school to get the school bus going again.” Scott added “yes and, we helped the postman when his van broke down!” Seems like it hasn’t taken long for them to be a necessary part of the community.

Talking of breaking down, one of this author’s all-time pet hates, that I can rant for Britain on, is cars no longer have a spare tyre, don’t get me started! And as for that foam stuff that’s supposed to plug a hole, it’s as much use as a chocolate fire guard! My experience is that it goes everywhere except in the tyre! So, it was good to hear that Scott and Jonathan have got this covered.



Scott Cherry



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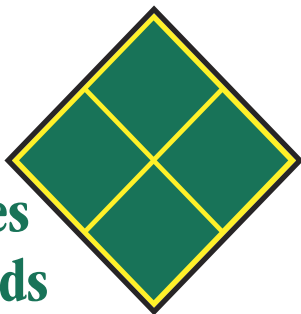
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GDF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INVITES FUNDING BIDS



Formation of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Community Partnership in Mid Copeland has given access to £1million investment funding.

Bids and enquiries for local projects have been coming in since the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership was launched in November last year and details of any grant awards will be announced following the first panel meeting in February.

The Partnership was the first to be formed in the country to take forward discussions around geological disposal and includes the electoral wards of Gosforth & Seascale and Beckermert.

A Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is an underground facility designed to safely and securely dispose of higher activity radioactive waste. Community Partnerships are longer-term groups made up of a larger number of people to consider the possibilities of hosting a GDF within the identified Search Areas in more detail.

Mark Cullinan, Interim Chair of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership, said: "It's fantastic that funding applications are coming in with projects being suggested to benefit people in the Search Area of Mid Copeland.

"This funding is provided to make a difference to local communities while they are part of this process and we invite groups and organisations to come forward and take a look at the opportunities on offer. The Community Investment Team is on hand to offer advice and support."

Investment funding can be used to support initiatives that provide economic development opportunities, enhance the natural and built environment, or improve community wellbeing. It would rise to £2.5m per year if deep borehole investigations to assess geology take place.

The Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership currently has initial membership. Members so far also include the GDF developer, Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and local councillors.

A series of drop-in events is planned for March

to allow people to hear more about geological disposal and ask questions – check the website for details:

<https://midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk>

Mr Cullinan added: "No decisions have been made about where a GDF could be sited. This Community Partnership is a starting point to consider possibilities in more detail and a chance to ensure people's voices are heard."

A GDF requires a suitable site and willing community. If a suitable site is found in Copeland – a decision which could take 10-15 years - a Test of Public Support to give people a direct say would be held with those living in the wards affected. Without public support the project would not go ahead.

As part of investigations, the potential of the deep geology beyond the coast is being considered for siting the underground elements of a GDF. The Copeland Working Group recommended this area for initial focus. This means a surface facility on the coast could provide access to a disposal area deep in rock beyond the coast.

A community that takes the opportunity to host a GDF will receive significant additional investment and long-term benefits for future generations, including jobs and skills.

If you would like to find out further information about the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership or Community Investment Funding, please see the website: <https://midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk> Other ways to contact the Partnership include email: Gdffinfo-midcopeland@nda.gov.uk or telephone 0300 369 0000. You can also email the Community Investment Funding team direct on: communityinvestment-midcopeland@nda.gov.uk

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Formed in November 2021, the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership will take forward discussions. The Partnership includes the electoral wards of Gosforth & Seascale and Beckermeth. All details are on our website.

There's now access to £1 million a year Community Investment Funding for the area. To apply visit our website.

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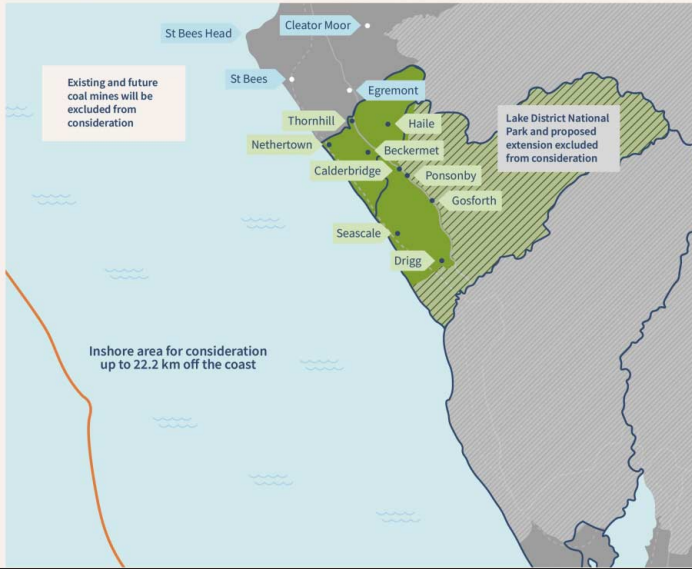


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WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB'S YEAR OF ACTIVITIES

Covid caused the Rotary Club in 2021 to adjust its program to comply with national regulations and rotary guidance. As a result, many indoor meetings which would have normally been held indoors were done over the internet using Zoom. However, a varied programme of outdoor events was held, some raising funds for charity. Regrettably the annual pensioners party could not be held owing to it being an indoor event. It is hoped it can be resumed in the not-too-distant future.



Work was carried out renovating the churchyard gates and the village telephone box so that it could be used as a Tourist Information point.

Three views here.

One of the decaying original.
One work in progress.

And the other,
see on page 33, completed.



A social evening was spent bowling at Seascale in August.

SEASCALE GOLF CLUB COURSE REVIEW

“Seascale Golf Club may be less well-known than Silloth 40 miles to the north, but it’s another Cumbrian links well worth a visit.”

By Jeremy Ellwood

Published January 07, 2022 in Golf Monthly.

Seascale Golf Club Course Review and reprinted, though without their photographs, here in Tethera with kind permission from its publishers.

Golf Magazine’s verdict – Forget Seascale’s proximity to Sellafield – this is a fine links serving up many interesting holes with great views out to sea and inland to the Cumbrian fells.

Favourite Hole – The par-4 9th, where you fire your approach down from the upper plateau to a green flanked by a beck.

Many people enjoy lifelong love affairs with the Lake District in Cumbria. If you can put the words “cloud”, “wandered”, “lonely” and “daffodils” in the right literary sequence you’ll know how fond some of England’s finest 19th-century poets were of its crystal-clear lakes and brooding mountain scenery, Mr Wordsworth included.

The pretty 10th hole is one of a quartet of strong par 3s.

Yet because Cumbria’s western flank is the Irish Sea, the range of golf on offer covers not only courses with enviably picturesque backdrops but also some excellent links, the most heralded of which – Silloth on Solway Golf Club – tops every list of the best golf courses in Cumbria.

While Silloth may hog Cumbria’s links plaudits, it doesn’t quite have it all its own way. Seascale, just an hour or so back down the coast, may lie next to the Sellafield nuclear power station, but you shouldn’t let that deter you, for this is a fine links that perhaps eases you in a little over the opening



stretch before serving up many challenging holes.

The par-4 9th is one of the best holes with a beck flanking the right half of the green.

It starts with a gentle uphill opener, but the 3rd then demands great care with an OOB field on the right to think about off the tee, or if you stray too far right when laying back or playing into the wind. The middle part of the outward half has real shades of Royal Porthcawl about it, with this nine then closing strongly via the long par-3 8th from an elevated tee in the dunes, and the superb 9th playing steeply down from a plateau fairway to a green flanked by a beck on the right.

Seascale’s 18th green is a full 67 yards from front to back.

The power station (as many still call it) makes its slightly eerie presence felt on the tough 468-yard par-4 11th, but the 471-yard 16th just edges this hole in the tough par-4 stakes thanks to a steep ridge just short of the putting surface that obscures the green from view. Finally, look out for the colossal 18th green, which measures a full 67 yards from front to back. It’s possible to be several

Rotary supported the Beep Doctors Round Cumbria Cycle Ride which passed through Seascale and Gosforth in July.

clubs out here but still on the putting surface! Seascale is proof that there’s a little more to Cumbrian links golf than highly regarded Silloth.

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SEASCALE LINKS GOLF COURSE AND ESKDALE GOLF CLUB

For two golf courses that are so different you could be forgiven for thinking that they are further apart than the 15 minutes along the A595.

The 129 year old Links at Seascale is situated immediately on the coastline of the Irish Sea and every shot must be manufactured with the prevailing winds in mind. The fine grasses that are native to these golf courses are evident at Seascale where the skill is to run the ball in under the wind and judge each shot with particular precision.

On the other hand Eskdale Golf Club is a Parkland course nestled within the renowned Eskdale Valley, you feel like you are playing the great game within the mountains of North America. Where Seascale promotes the running game, Eskdale requires you to pitch your ball accurately right up to the flag and hope you are close enough to make a birdie.

The signature hole is undoubtedly the Par 3 14th, an island green constructed in the middle of a well-stocked trout pond where any wayward shots will not be retrieved.

The history of both Clubs is also varied, with Seascale built in the golfing boom of the late 19th century by renowned architect Willie Campbell whereas Eskdale is a relatively modern layout routed by the famed 3-time Open champion Henry Cotton.

One thing that both Clubs do share though is an extremely friendly welcome, managed by local farming lads Adam (me) at Seascale and Simon at Eskdale. Everyone will always feel at home walking the fairways at our two local courses.

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**Job done, redecorating
the telephone box in
Gosforth, and converting it
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FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS...

I'm currently standing in the belfry of St. Paul's Church in Irton (and no I'm not bats, although there are some who would disagree) looking at 8 bells. To get up into the belfry required climbing very steep spiral stairs that only just accommodated my size 5 feet. I then had to squeeze, bend and twist between wooden posts of the frame that holds the bells in place.

As I stood balancing on the edge of the frame to get a better view of the bells, the wind outside howled around the tower like a bunch of angry banshees riding a furious storm. As the wind found its way through the narrow vents it created a low moan that added to the spooky atmosphere up here.

These current bells came to rest in this tower in the 1800's when they were gifted by Sir Thomas Brocklebank who was a wealthy shipping magnet. The Tenor bell, number 8 and the heaviest bell at just over 16cwt is inscribed to the memory of his wife Ann Brocklebank.

There's not an inch to spare in this narrow tower. "This is very much the product of a Victorian gentlemen wanting his church to have the very best bells that the church could accommodate" said David Batten who was my guide today. David explained about how the bells are suspended from a wooden and cast-iron frame that doesn't touch the outer stone wall.

On the floor below on my way down I spied a



Number 8 Bell up in the belfry.



**bell ringers
in action.**



The hand pull ropes called The Ellacombe apparatus allows one person to chime all the bells.

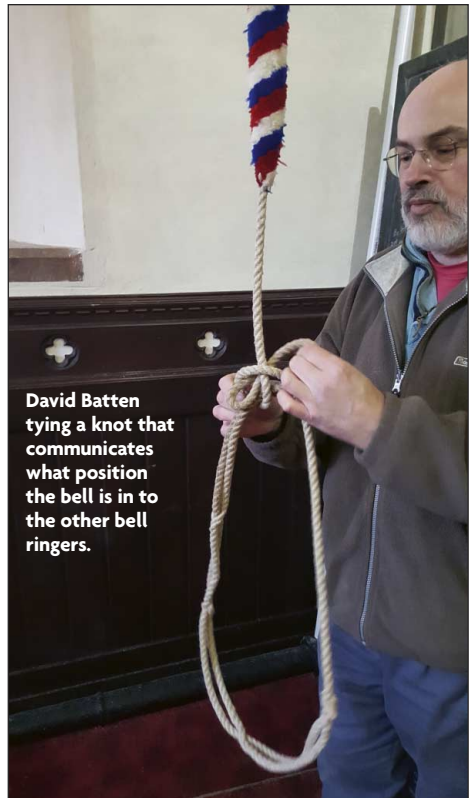
vacuum cleaner, “Geoff, our steeple keeper, has been up and cleared away all the cobwebs,” said David, and I was extremely grateful to Geoff, because there was no way I’d have been able to navigate around large spider webs!

Back down in the church, Geoff gave me a demonstration on how to chime a bell. It looked really easy! Famous last words! I then had a go at chiming number 4 bell, which is actually heavier than me, and boy did I know it! Not that it felt heavy, just that I needed to exert a lot of power to give the rope its initial pull. I felt my feet being lifted from the floor before I got the hang of letting the rope rise at the right time. There is definitely a technique to this pulling and I simply didn’t have it yet!

Later on, Geoff let me handle the tail end of the rope when the bell was ringing. He stood in front of me ready to take control of the rope if I got it wrong, which I did. “I’m making sure you don’t get a slap from Sally” he said. I looked around, where was this Sally! Was she about to ►



The ropes are hoisted high up safely out of reach when not in use. The stripey bits are called the Sally, a soft fluffy covering that protects the bell ringer if the rope hits them.



David Batten tying a knot that communicates what position the bell is in to the other bell ringers.

▶ jump out of the cupboard and slap me! Geoff saw my expression and laughed. “No, the fluffy bit on the rope is called a Sally, and it’s fluffy so it won’t hurt if it hits you.”

I quickly realised that the technique of bell ringing is definitely an art form and that it takes a lot of practice to become a confident campanologist who can ring a method (tune) with the band.

I watched as the regular ringers got into position and then David, on bell number one, shouted “look to, treble’s going, she’s gone” as he pulled down on his rope. And suddenly they all began pulling their ropes. I recognised the method (tune) that I’d heard many times at weddings. It was sweet and rhythmical, but then it changed to a different method.

“Apparently these bells are difficult to pull” said Sue who stood beside me as we watched the group ring ‘Plain Bob Minimus’ method and later a touch of ‘Plain Bob Doubles’.

The evening was very convivial with tea, coffee, wine, soft drinks and chocy biscuits and plenty of chatter from those waiting their turn on the bells.

Kathleen Egglestone, the Tower Captain explained, “it’s important that we don’t bamboozle new bell ringers with all the technical side of it, but just get them ringing a bell.”

There is also a set of hand pull ropes tucked neatly in a cupboard that are called the Ellacombe apparatus. These ropes are attached to hammers

on the bells and when pulled produce a smaller chime. Henry Thomas Ellacombe in 1822 in the Parish of Bitton, located between Bristol and Bath, created this system that allowed one trusted person to chime the bells instead of him having to rely on a band of unruly and perhaps drunken ringers. I’m pleased to report that the bell ringers at St. Paul’s take their campanology very seriously and there’s definitely no unruly behaviour going on here.

Even if you’re not religious, like myself, you can still appreciate and enjoy the splendour of this Victorian church; from its wonderful architecture, a couple of delightful Burne-Jones stained glass windows, to the magnificence of the Celtic Cross, erected in the ninth century, before the Danish and Norse invasions, that stands quietly proud in the churchyard.

I left that evening having thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the bell ringers and having had a go. Although I must say that my arms ached and I suddenly realised that bell ringing would be excellent exercise to get rid of my pesky bingo wings! Ladies, this was a eureka moment, great exercise and even better company. What more could you ask for?

If you would like to have a go at bell ringing, and I highly recommend it, then get in touch with Kathleen at Spindle Craft Gift Shop in Drigg or telephone her on 019467 24335.

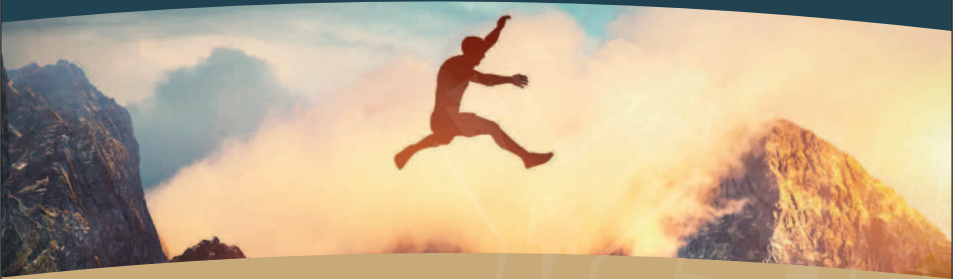
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**View from
St. Paul’s church.**





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GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

Gosforth Scout Group has been very busy this term, especially the cubs and beavers who have been undertaking some really great activities as you can see from the photographs.

The Scouts have been busy too with trips out to the Bleng, Miterdale and also building some of their essential skills in readiness for the camping season once the weather improves. The Scouts are planning to attend the Red Rose International Camp in August too, which will be a week-long camp based at the Westmorland show ground.

We have also been very pleased to learn that Abigail Mason has been selected to attend next year's World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Scouting continues to bring a great deal of fun and friendship to the Group and we wish to continue this over the coming months. We are always open to welcoming more helpers and leaders and would especially like to encourage anyone on a graduate scheme or recently moved to the area to look us up and join the team.

Finally, it is left for me to announce that Jackie has stepped down as GSL to concentrate on Cubs, Beavers and her family. I would like to thank Jackie for the fantastic job she has done as a leader and also as the custodian of the Gosforth Group over the years, keeping it going and contributing to the development of several generations of children from our local area. So it passes to me to take up the mantle of Group Scout Leader and continue the great work Jackie started. If you want to get in touch about becoming a leader or want to help the Group out, please contact me on my email address dmason@dmaml.com. Many Thanks,

Dave Mason



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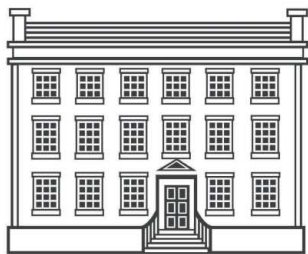
"I like Cubs because of the fun activities with my friends. I like being with my friends and Badger and Kestrel. I love doing activities outside and inside with the other Cubs. I liked it when we went to the beach and found lots of crabs and when we went to Parkgate tarn.



I really enjoyed showing the other Cubs my sheep on the farm. It is very exciting when I am awarded a new badge. My favourite badge is the medical badge."

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THINK BIG. DREAM WILD. ACT

When a young person arrives at 2nd Seascale Scout Group for the first time, whether as a 6-year-old Beaver or a 10-year-old Scout, Leaders want them to love scouting as much as they do. Leaders want them to not just go to scouts but 'be a Scout', to learn life skills and to have the courage to venture out of their comfort zone because that leads to the best adventures.

2nd Seascale are extremely proud to announce that two of our Scouts have been selected to be part of Unit 48 at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures not only while at the World Scout Jamboree but also their journey to get there. They will have many adventures leading up to the big event with fundraising events and preparation camps. 2nd Seascale will support their Scouts by helping at fundraising event over the next year.



Our Scouts would like to share with you their adventure so far...

Just over 18 months from now, at the end of July 2023, Unit 48 (comprised of Cumbria Scouts, Northwest Guides and Isle of Man Scouts) will be heading to South Korea for the 25th World Scout Jamboree and we have been fortunate enough to be selected to represent 2nd Seascale Scouts. We will be part of an ecosystem like no other, comprised of 40,000 scouts from all across the world, thrown into this unique environment which will become our home for two weeks. We will have the opportunity to try new things, meet new people and show the world what it means to be a Cumbrian Scout. It is truly an honour for us to be

representing 2nd Seascale Scouts and Cumbria in this way and we feel incredibly privileged to have been selected.

At the beginning of December, we were due to meet at Great Tower, Newby Bridge, where we would take part in team-building activities and give a talk about why we should be selected to join Unit 48. However, owing to weather complications, this could not go ahead (despite our epic journey to get to the campsite) and so a new challenge was introduced. We were asked to design our own Scout camp for a set number of Scouts within a limited budget. We submitted this by email along with a presentation explaining why we wanted to be part of this opportunity.

Over seventy applicants eagerly awaited news as the selection team cut the number of applicants by half. Then came the second round of selection, on the 29th of January, at a camp in Carlisle. We were closely watched as we interacted with others, took part in activities, and spoke to leaders about what the Jamboree meant to us. More anxious waiting followed but they didn't keep us waiting long, we were in and now faced the challenge of raising £3,995 each. We are beginning this journey with eighteen other Cumbrian Scouts, two of whom are in the local Explorer Scout Unit and we are of course, eagerly anticipating the summer of 2023.

We are sure you will see us out and about fundraising over the next few months but if you would like to support us we have set up a just giving page:

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Ben Ashton & Murin Birks, 2nd Seascale Scouts

Getting together again

It has been great to start getting back to normality within our Groups meetings and Beaver Scouts have had some great evening outside learning how to make Shelters, following glow-stick trails, playing torch light games in the woodlands and of course enjoying time around the campfire eating s'mores. However, the



Top left and right Beavers Cooking.

Lower left and right Scouts. Cooking.



highlight of the Autumn term was being able to attend Group and District events.

Western Lakes Scouts District Cooking Competition was held in October at Ennerdale Camp Site and Beaver Scouts were excited not only for the competition but also to be visiting a campsite (even though they were not camping!). Groups joined together to compete in a *Ready Steady Cook* style competition. Beaver Scouts were able to choose from a selection of fruit and veg and asked to create something edible. 2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts got to work designing their creations on paper, collecting the fruit and showed off their cutting, preparation and tidying up skills. Their teamwork was evident in all that they did and their creations were amazing. 2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts were delighted to be able to retain the 'Western Lakes Beaver Challenge' Trophy.

The Scouts also took home the cooking trophy again. Similar to the younger sections the Scouts were given a selection of ingredients and then had

to create and cook three dishes. Their teamwork was as impressive as the food that they produced and their kitchen-tent

had a palatable air of calm about it.

Remembrance Day Parade

2nd Seascale Scout Group never thought that there would ever be a time where they would not be able to attend the Remembrance Service in the village, so we were pleased to be able to attend this year. Not only were our Young People paying their respects, but it was the first time since 2019 where 2nd Seascale Beavers, Cubs and Scouts gathered for an event together. Our Young People as always did us proud, as before the parade they had raised £160 for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal by doing jobs around their homes.

Join the Adventure

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

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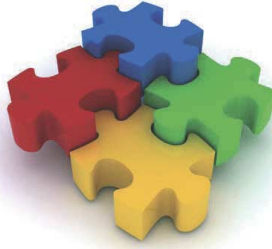
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SIR HUMPHREY AND THE CHINESE BELLS, IN GOSFORTH

The most unusual object in Gosforth church is a cast iron Chinese bell sitting on a window ledge near the rear of the church. It stands 25 inches high and 21 inches diameter at its base. It is highly ornamental, depicting a dragon with horns, scales and claws. The bell was taken from a fort at the mouth of the Canton river during the Chinese war in 1841. The Chinese inscriptions on the bell were translated by Dr Henry, a Chinese scholar. Here are two of them. The first wishing good luck,

*"The breezes and the tone (of the bell)
Are both in accord
In the land to its borders,
The people dwell in peace"*

Another has details of the origin of the bell:

*"Date. In the nineteenth year of the reign of
Tao-Kuang, in the ssuhai cycle year (i.e., about
1839), in the second month of autumn (i.e., the
eighth Chinese month, about September), on a
lucky day, this bell was put in place and erected.
By the (subscription of) the learned and gentry
it was made in a furnace."*



Sir Humphrey Fleming Senhouse.

The bell was presented to the church in 1844 by Lady Senhouse, widow of Sir Humphrey Fleming Senhouse who was a senior naval officer in the British navy. So therefore the bell was not particularly old when brought to Gosforth.

Work was then carried out in Gosforth church to have the bell installed in the church's bell turret and fitted with a large clapper. Both the turret and the bell had to be modified to achieve this. It is reputed to have rung only once, became cracked, not surprisingly owing to the large size of the installed clapper. It was taken down in 1896 and the turret restored using the original stone. There are records indicating that a second larger cast iron bell of similar origin came to England and was presented to the Whitehaven Mechanics Institution in 1865 and that this was from a Chinese admiral's ship. There is no record locally of its whereabouts today. If anyone can help please let the editor of Tethera know.

Sir Humphrey Fleming Senhouse KCH, Kt, CB. (Knight Commander of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order; Knight Bachelor; Companion of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath), was born in 1781 in Barbados where his father was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and surveyor-general of Barbados and the Leeward Islands. He joined



the navy in 1797 and progressed through the ranks and served in numerous ships. At the Battle of Trafalgar he served as a lieutenant on HMS Conqueror, a 74-gun third-rate ship of the line. The rating of a ship was related to the number of guns it had. Third rated ships were noted for their great fire power and good sailing qualities. He later commanded navy ships in both the West Indies and the Mediterranean. In 1839 he was sent to fill the office of second-in-command of British naval forces in China. It was during this period that the fort on the Canton River was seized by the British and the "Chinese Bell" was acquired. While being left in command of the naval forces in China, owing to the absence of the fleet commander who was in India for consultations. Senhouse died of a fever, contracted owing to operations in the Far East. The bell was sent to England and presented to his widow. Sir Humphrey was buried in the Old Protestant Cemetery in Macao where there is a memorial to him. It was his wish that it be Macao because there was then uncertainty regarding Hong Kong's future as a British settlement. One lasting reminder of Sir Humphrey

in the Far East is the naming of the highest point on Lamma Island which is just off the south coast of Hong Kong Island. Although it's called Mt Stenhouse, it is alleged that although it's named after him a misspelling occurred.

Sir Humphrey bought the manor of Seascale from his brother and in 1840 built Steelfield Hall, originally called "Seascale," in Gosforth which is situated at the top of Hardingill. It is a grade II listed building as are the two gate posts situated on the left side of the road as you enter the village. Lady Senhouse died in 1865. The manor of Seascale was then sold to a Mr Henry Tyson; however one of Senhouse's daughters remained living in Gosforth and was buried there in 1903.

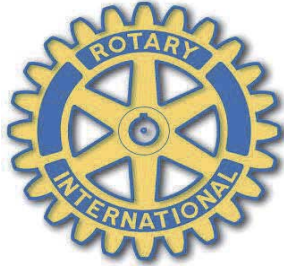
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