

Drigg & Carleton

Parish Council Newsletter

AUGUST 2011



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Our 'Cumbria in Bloom' SUNFLOWER COMPETITION, which was launched on Gala Day, will be judged at the Harvest Lunch.

The winner will be the tallest entry, with a prize of £10.

**So bring your
Sunflower along to
the Harvest Lunch on
25 SEPTEMBER**



What do you think of our new newsletter? Would you like to have it electronically instead of in print?

Do you like having events outside of the Parish included? Would you like to send me anything for our next issue, please? Keep in touch,

*John Jennings
Parish Council Chairman*

REPOSITORY PLANNING APPLICATION

Recently you will have received a summary of the planning application covering LLWR. If you have any comments or questions please come along to the next meeting of the LLWR Subcommittee at 2pm on 14 September 2011, in Drigg Village Hall, or contact a councillor (see page 11).

BRIDLEPATH IMPROVEMENTS

A major Parish project is underway regarding the local bridleways. The main objectives are:

- 1 All Public Footpaths in the Parish to be fully accessible and usable by walkers.
- 2 All Public Bridleways in the Parish to be fully accessible and usable by all walkers, cyclists and horse riders.
- 3 To have all gates on the public bridleways correctly hung with appropriate means of opening from horseback.
- 4 The reinstatement of the lost bridleway link at Drigg Cross or another way to link bridleway BW405010 with the bridleways of Seascale and Gosforth Parishes.
- 5 To look into the possibility of creating a new bridleway from Shore Road to Seascale (perhaps forming part of a proposed national coastal route?)

The overall Project is being broken down in to manageable phases. Once the first three phases below have been completed, the team will start to plan further improvement works to achieve our overall aims as stated above.

Phase 1 – The team has made tremendous progress towards bringing back into use two sections of the previously impassable Public

Bridleways BW405020 & BW405019 (those just north of Drigg, off the B5344). This has been accomplished by clearing overgrowth and gutters, and removing the accumulation of top soil down to the original bridleway hard surface. This has been completed by using a mixture of volunteer effort from the community (thank you) and bought-in contractors.

Phase 2 – Cumbria County Council will be asked to reassess and identify any further required drainage to the two sections of bridleway after Phase 1 is completed.

Phase 3 – Barriers/gates to be constructed to restrict vehicle access to prevent bridleway sections from becoming unusable again.

This project will benefit all in the local community and visitors to the area; providing a safe and enjoyable place for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Once work is completed, three separate circular routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders will be available, all accessible from the main road through Drigg. By reopening these sections of bridleway, improved links to other footpaths and bridleways in the Parish will be opened up, giving safe and alternative routes for everyone.

If you would like to get involved, please contact any member of the Parish Council – we would be glad to hear from you. Make a difference to your surroundings – you will find it rewarding.

Spring 2011 summary

In February there was a Family Ceilidh held in Drigg Village Hall. The sell-out audience thoroughly enjoyed the infectiously energetic Cumbrian folk music played by the quartet 'Striding Edge' (www.striding-edge.org/).

Then in March, The Kipper Tie Theatre Company performed 'The Mole Who Knew it

was None of His Business'. The large audience followed Mole's travels as he met a variety of outlandish and amusing characters along the way. It was enchanting for the adults and captivating for the children. Biology with belly-laughs, informative and fun.

(www.kippertietheatre.com)

TOURING THEATRE COMING TO DRIGG VILLAGE HALL THIS AUTUMN

6pm Saturday 24 September 2011

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Adult £7, Child £3.50, OAP £6, family £17.50 (2+2 or 1+3)

Horse and Bamboo Theatre Company

Horse and Bamboo, a long-established theatre company from Rossendale, present a gorgeously rendered re-telling of the classic girl-and-the-wolf tale. Exquisite visuals blend with pantomime-style silliness and spooky moments to create an enchanting piece of theatre. A story that everybody knows – or do they?

Horse and Bamboo started life as a touring theatre company using a Gypsy caravan to tour rural Lancashire. More recently they have created larger scale works, and very small-scale puppet shows. This show is a return to rural touring, with a combination of live actors and large puppets. They have a deserved reputation for well-crafted shows.

Age: 4+

www.horseandbamboo.org

7.30pm Saturday 22 October 2011

BIG DADDY VS GIANT HAYSTACKS

Adult £7, Child £3.50, OAP £6, family £17.50 (2+2 or 1+3)

The Foundry Group

A Heavyweight Champion Comedy in Three Acts
By Brian Mitchell and Joseph Nixon (writers of

"Those Magnificent Men" which was a very popular show on other recent rural touring schemes).

At 4pm every Saturday, from 1976 to 1988, tens of millions of Britons, and countless more worldwide, were in the grip of an extraordinary sports phenomenon: watching two fat men (aka Shirley Crabtree and Martin Ruane) pretend to fight each other. This is their story.

With an all-star cast of thousands including Dickie Davis, Paul McCartney, Chris Tarrant, Frank Sinatra, Princess Margaret, Eamon Andrews, Maggie Thatcher and Greg Dyke, as well as such wrestling greats as Kendo Nagasaki and "the exotic" Adrian Street, this ambitious, hilarious two-hander conjures up a whole nation during its most colourful era.

Featuring Ross Gurney-Randall (Follow Me and Goering's Defence – Guy Masterson Productions) and David Mounfield (Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show – Radio 4), Big Daddy vs Giant Haystacks promises to be the contest of the century and a comedy drama not to be missed. You shall be moved.

"All of their plays mix uproarious comedy and deep seriousness in ways that lesser writers would never be able to pull off."

Philip Reeve Blog on Mitchell and Nixon:

"Ross Gurney-Randall is funny the way water is wet – naturally, inexplicably. He pulls no fast ones, he just is."

Age: General

www.foundrygroup.co.uk

DRIGG & CARELTON BURSARY FUND

1. The Bursary scheme was launched in September 2009.
2. The scheme is managed through The Drigg Charity Committee.

Terms of Reference, criteria for acceptance and an Application process have all been developed and publicised and are available in an Application pack for all applicants.
3. Applications are assessed by a sub-committee, typically comprising:

Two trustees of The Drigg Charity who are Parish Councillors.

Two trustees of The Drigg Charity who are independently appointed from within the local community.

One external member from LLWR Ltd.
4. The aim of the bursary scheme is to promote improved access to education and training on a broad basis. That is, to develop training and educational skills which could enhance employment opportunities, quality of life or improved capabilities in support of community projects and local businesses.

The bursary will support further educational training but is not restricted to that. Applications for vocational and craft training are encouraged.
5. In the first year (starting September 2009) there were seven successful applicants.

Support was given to five applicants on residential degree courses:

Three Arts degree courses (Music, Performing Arts and English)

One Mechanical Engineering degree course.

One Medical degree course.

All of these were people aged 18-22 embarking on a university education.

Support was also given to:

One Mountain Leadership training – to permit a qualification to lead local groups as a mountain guide.

One Open University module in electronics to enhance the applicant's skills in an existing employment.
6. In the second year so far (September to date) there were 10 successful applicants.

Support was given to nine applicants on residential degree courses:

Three Arts degree courses

Two Engineering degree courses

Two Medical degree courses

Two Teaching and Coaching degree courses.

Support was given to:

One applicant undertaking student Electrical Engineering apprenticeship training.

All of these awards were to young adults.

There is one further application pending from another mature applicant.

HERITAGE BOARD PROGRESS

With the LLWR recently celebrating a couple of notable milestones – 70 years since Drigg Royal Ordnance Factory started operations for the war effort (WWII), and 50 years since the start of nuclear related activities on the site – LLWR commissioned a history board. The history board covers over a thousand years of Drigg history, with images and text. The content was pulled together with the help of the Drigg History Group and members of the community (please see the board for a full list of credits for the contributors). The board is to be erected outside the village hall shortly.

HOLMROOK READING ROOM

Music Club: We meet every Thursday from 7.30pm. Please contact Peter Smith on peter.gpsmith@btinternet.com or by phoning him on 01946 822489.

Gardening Club: Please call contact John Dutton for more details. johnwrdutton@talktalk.net or 019467 24317.

Fishing Club: Please contact Kneale Thompson on 019467 24265.

Play Club: Involves use of our outside playpark. Please contact Caroline Marsden on 019467 24632 for more information.

Bookings: The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen and facilities for people with disability – in fact everything you would need for a great party. Why not call Daisy on 019467 24771 and see if it is available for your next event?

Wild Flower Meadow: Please call Val de Gasperi on 24105 if you would like to support us or be involved.

Mobile Bank: Tuesdays 2-2.45pm.

Mobile Library: 2.25-2.45pm on Fridays once a month: 2 September, 14 October and 25 November 2011.

Membership: Memberships are up for renewal now. If you have not already renewed, please contact John at: johnwrdutton@talktalk.net or 019467 24317. Thanks to everyone who has renewed. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Meetings: If you have any questions, issues, concerns or you just want to join or be involved in our meetings, please contact our secretary Val de Gasperi on valg@esend-it.com or by calling 019467 24105. If you have any ideas regarding how Holmrook or the surrounding area might be improved, send them to Val by email, so that they can then be considered by our local Parish Council.

Event Schedule for 2011

(Please note – Members of the HRR will receive a £1 discount for all the following events!)

Open Stage Night: Friday 2 September, 7.30pm, Rosehill Barn.

Motivational Slideshow: 'All things are possible' (especially for youngsters just starting out in life) covering airforce experiences that forged a man, Clarence (Jack/Eddie) Ball (speaker).

1 September – Thursday. Holmrook Reading Room, 4.30pm until around 7pm.

Pizza Day: 10 September from 12.00 noon.

Charity Auction: 15 October (please start to hunt down some items to donate).

Mince Pie and Wine: 9 December.

If you wish to purchase a ticket for any of the above, or donate an item for the auction, please contact Val de Gasperi on 019467 24105.

Holmrook Reading Room BBQ

Well I said it's the best value BBQ in West Cumbria with great food, great company and a wonderful atmosphere and it all proved to be true on 16 July. What a time we had! It really was like being part of a family event. We always miss people who cannot come and enjoy welcoming new members. The food was wonderful as usual thanks to Michael and Elena Law at the Lutwidge Arms who sourced it. Thanks also to David and Colin for cooking it all while we relaxed, and of course to everyone helped out and/or donated food. Besides having a great time, we raised £139 for the charity that maintains the facilities. Thanks to you all for supporting us. Hopefully we will see you again at the Pizza Day on 10 September. *Val de Gasperi.*

Holmrook Reading Room Pizza Day – 10 September 2011, 12 noon

Do not miss this event, good people of the Parish! It promises to be fun and filling all at the same time plus usual chat/gossip/craic/crack.

As last year, John Dutton (who originally devised this event) will assist and train us in the fine art of pizza. John is now in a supervisory role regarding this event, but don't worry, there will still be some of his 'world renowned' pizza on the table! Everything will be ready for you to arrive at 12 midday and you can relax and soak up the atmosphere (and hopefully the sun!) while your whole family enjoys the food and the environment. Buy your tickets from me in person, or I can send them to you. *Val de Gasperi 019467 24105 or Valg@esend-it.com*

A NEW FIVE-STOREY HOTEL IN HOLMROOK

AND IT'S FREE TO STAY THERE...!

Wow, where is it? How can it be free? Where was the planning permission sign?

I will give you a clue regarding why you have not seen it – it only forms a 6ft cube and is surrounded in long grass and stinging nettles! Need another clue? It's called the 'Buzzy Bug Hotel' and all rooms are really, really tiny. Yes you guessed it, it's the crowning glory of the Holmrook Reading Room Biodiversity Meadow and it's for insects only...

It's a thing of great beauty (especially if you are a bug or even a small animal) and was made and installed with love and care by the 2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts as a gift. As it turned out, that was not the only gift Holmrook Reading Room received. I'll tell you the story.

Since the Holmrook Reading Room (HRR) Biodiversity project started, the Seascale Beaver Scouts have been following the project and helping out whenever possible. HRR is very keen to keep in touch with all its local youngsters as it is hoped that the youngsters of today will be the caretakers of tomorrow, but that's another story. In late April 2011 the '2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts' set off on a sponsored 'Find District Camp' Walk at Ennerdale Lake. They



had a wonderful walk and thankfully arrived at District Camp in time for their tasty dinner and lots of fun activities. They raised an incredible £259 and decided that the Holmrook Reading Room Project was to be the beneficiary. On 7 July they arranged to present the cheque to Val de Gasperi at the HRR Meadow, which she accepted with much gratitude. Val said:

"You will never realise how much an amount like this means to us. It's hard work raising money as a little charity and to receive monies, raised by a hard-working group of youngsters, was a real joy. It will be used with great care in order to further improve the biodiversity meadow for the benefit of the animals and insects that are quickly moving in now. Thank you to all concerned, including the patient parents who facilitated this wonderful project."

This was a wonderful day for HRR and was enough of a surprise, but there was more...

Since their adventures at District Camp they have been busy planning and designing the many different rooms for the 'Buzzy Bug Hotel'. This was built from a blueprint from the Wildlife Trusts but really had many improvements, so making it unique! All Beavers are looking forward to coming back to see who has checked into their hotel and they will be welcome at any time to do so. Beware, however,



that the plan is that the undergrowth will cover it up quickly as has happened to the nest boxes sited there previously (see Summer 2010 issue of Seascale's Village Magazine).

For those of you following this project, the meadow (with its accommodation of all kinds) is proving to be very popular with the local wildlife and we have been seeing increased numbers of insects, butterflies, moles, voles, hedgehogs, ducks, geese and birds of all kinds, each moving in their own way. Over the last few weeks we have even had a barn owl hunting in the grounds – what a success story. Come and have a look sometime but please be very quiet in the zone reserved for the wild animals.

To sum up, HRR and the Beaver Scouts had a wonderful evening together and great fun was had by everyone, and a few more children learned the old trick of curing nettle stings with dock leaves!

We are all looking forward to seeing each other



again on the next project day. Perhaps you could drop in too, or maybe your little one would like to be a Beaver Scout? If you want more details contact Val at valg@esend-it.com or Eve on info@seascalescouts.org.uk.

RAGWORT – PULL IT OUT!

Ragwort is a toxic weed. It is spread by means of seeds that are carried by the wind. It is an unsightly and unwelcome intruder in public open spaces.

It grows in many public areas of the village and your Parish Council wants to organise Ragwort Pulls.

The Parish Council can obtain protective gloves and paper sacks to collect it in if required and arrange a site for it to be



stored in until it is dry enough to burn, which can be done legally in small quantities.

More information about Ragwort and Seascale's Ragwort Pull is on their village website (<http://www.seascale.org.uk/page42.html>)

If you would like to help please contact Val de Gasperi at: valg@esend-it.com

JAZZ IN DRIGG

During late October a Jazz training course is being held in Holmrook. It will involve some of the best players around Cumbria being educated by Roz Sluman who is herself a world class jazz saxophonist. There are no spaces left on this course I am afraid as they were all sold within minutes of being announced! BUT at the end of the course, the group is going to play some of its favourite music for you in Drigg Village Hall. This will take place around 7.30pm on 23 October. Tickets are £4 in advance, or £5 on the door so get yours now. You can purchase one from Val or Colin on 019467 24105 or Coling@esend-it.com. Tickets will also be on sale in Holmrook Post office (Tynedale). Looking forward to seeing you there.

JAZZ IN SEASCALE

Calder House Hotel, Seascale, hosts a Jazz Jam Session, led by local stars Val and Colin, every third Friday of the month, commencing at 8.30pm. It's an informal night of music with local musicians. All are welcome to come and listen (or play!). Admission free.

DRIGG HARVEST FESTIVAL

at

ST PETER'S CHURCH

In the presence of the Mayor & Mayoress of Copeland

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

11.15am

Our Harvest Festival theme will be

'A CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY'...

...not just the Parish Church, but a celebration of life and people in our community in Drigg & Carleton Civil Parish

As well as the traditional Harvest displays of fruit, vegetables and flowers, we hope to have contributions from local families, schools, farms, organisations, shops and businesses

The Service will be followed by

THE HARVEST LUNCH

IN DRIGG & CARLETON VILLAGE HALL

from about 12.15pm

Lunch will be a traditional Buffet of Cooked Meats/Fish, Savouries & Salads, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Please buy your tickets in advance, so that we can plan the catering arrangements

TICKETS will be on sale in September.

To obtain yours please call 019467 24272 or contact church members

Adult £5

Child £3

Family £15 (2 adults & 2 under 16s)

Pre-school children FREE

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

TUESDAY CHAT

St Peter's Church Council has been looking at how the Parish Church can support the wider Drigg & Carleton Parish community, so we are organising a social afternoon, 'TUESDAY CHAT', to be held on the first Tuesday of the month in Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall.

The first 'TUESDAY CHAT' will take place on Tuesday 4 October, from 2pm to 4pm.

We know there are people, such as the elderly and those who live alone, who do not get the chance to meet up regularly with friends and neighbours and so may feel isolated.

We hope that the 'TUESDAY CHAT' sessions will also bring together people of all ages in our community who can come along to meet their neighbours and catch up with local news over a cuppa – and perhaps a cake.

If this venture is to succeed we will need to recruit volunteers to join a rota to help with refreshments, and also people willing to offer transport or a helping hand for the elderly and those who can't easily get out and about. If you would like to help, please contact Adrienne on 019467 24272, or Hannah on 019467 24021.

Please come along on 4 October and perhaps bring a neighbour too!

IMPROVED BEACH FACILITIES

The largest response in the May 2009 Parish Plan Questionnaire was for improving the beach facilities. A meeting was held in the autumn and the beach project group set up to gather ideas. The group has met virtually every month to progress the project.

The major priority was to improve the access to the beach. The track had a permanent flow of water down it all the year round which allowed slimy algae to grow. The track was hardly used, and alternate tracks on the grass were created by visitors much to the detriment of the dune flora. The site is a Site of Special Scientific interest (SSSI) and is an important British and European Site.

Permission for the drainage of the track was required from English Nature and the landowners, the Pennington family of Muncaster Castle. Advice was sought from contractors about the location and type and size of pipe required to drain the track. Test pits were dug to see if the track was built of wartime rubble or beach cobble; a site engineer from LLWR confirmed its composition and helped draw up a specification for the scheme. Happily, the fourth plan was the one which met English Nature and the

Landowners' requirements. The first part of the beach improvement was completed earlier this year before the natterjack toads started to breed. The track is now safe and dry to walk down. Hopefully the old paths will be reclaimed by nature, and the orchids will flourish even more.

The next phase of the beach improvements will be to:

- 1 Improve the car parking area with drainage and extra hard-core together with logs to prevent cars driving on the grass.
- 2 Install new beach gates for vehicles and pedestrians.
- 3 Install new waste bins
- 4 Install an information board to highlight the scope of the SSSI
- 5 Install a car park bench
- 6 Build a small pond for wild life and the sheep opposite the car park

Anyone wishing to get involved in this important project, please contact any member of the Parish Council or Alan Bell – after all many hands make light work! Your beach needs you!

HOG ROAST AT 'CLOUDBASE'

This year's Hog Roast, organised and hosted by Clare Tyler at 'Cloudbase', was a sell-out and around 200 people, including families with young children, were at the event. As it was a lovely sunny evening many people sat at tables in the garden to enjoy the views over the fells. Once again the buffet and musical entertainment were located in the Drigg & Carleton Parish marquee, which was erected courtesy of the Parish Council & LLWR Ltd.

This year we had a variety of musical entertainment to suit all tastes, performed by some very talented local musicians, including members of the Egremont Brass Band, flautist Debbie Collinson and pianist Max Tyler. Holmrook's own Jazz musicians Colin & Val De Gasperi performed with their band 'Jam Side Up' and brought along fellow musicians including the charity jazz band 'Butter side Down' and also professionals 'The Judith Jones Band', who performed some well-known blues and rock numbers. Many thanks to all the musicians who gave their time.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening so successful – all the people who made and donated the buffet food, those who served the refreshments (and did the washing up) and the team volunteers who helped to move all those tables and chairs to and from the Parish Hall.

Proceeds from the event, including profits from the Bar, Refreshments, Raffle and 'Win a £50 Note' etc are donated to the upkeep of Drigg Churchyard, and thanks to the generous support from our local community and businesses, this year's event has raised about £800.

EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Drigg

Find updates at: www.drigg.org.uk

27-29 August – Saturday to Monday. 3rd Open Art Exhibition for Gosforth & District Art Society. Gosforth Village Hall. Details from Jakki Barratt, 019467 25838.

29 August – Monday. Black Combe Country Fair, Bootle. Sports & pet show. Foxhound, Beagle, Terrier, Lurcher Classes. www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk

1 September – Thursday. Motivational Slideshow: 'All things are possible' (especially for youngsters just starting out in life) covering airforce experiences that forged a man, Clarence (Jack/Eddie) Ball (speaker). Holmrook Reading Room, 4.30pm until around 7pm.

2 September – Friday. Holmrook Reading Room Open Stage Night. 7.30pm, Rosehill Barn. Details from Val de Gasperi: 019467 24105.

3 September – Saturday. The Great Cumbrian Joint Walk, supporting West Cumberland Hospital's orthopaedic department. 1pm Whitehaven Harbour. Info from Helen 01946 523382 or Linda 01946 523192.

7 September – Wednesday. Open Mind History Group meeting "People, Places and Events of the 1900s" by Ralph Lewthwaite. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall.

8 September – Thursday. Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Another Look at the work of Modern Sculptors – Philip Jackson and others" by John and Judy Hall. 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale.

9 September – Friday. Swish Party – ladies' night. 7.30pm, Calder House Hotel, Seascale. Tickets £5 inc. glass of wine – see page for contacts.

10 September – Saturday. Open Mind Discovery Group meeting "Jordan, a Scientist's Perspective" by Warren Baxter. 10.15am St Mary's Church Room, Gosforth.

10 September – Saturday. Seascale Arts & Crafts Fair. 10.00am-4pm. Windscale Club, Seascale.

10 September – Saturday. Holmrook Reading Room Pizza Day. From noon. Tickets from Val de Gasperi: 019467 24105

10 September – Saturday. Golden Disco Night with La'al Ratty at Dalegarth. '60s dress with music,

dancing and light buffet. Steam from Ravenglass at 7pm, returning diesel-hauled at about 11.15pm. £14 per adult. 01229 717171.

14 September – Wednesday. LLWR sub-committee meeting, Drigg Village Hall, 2pm.

14 September – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "Living Seas North West" talk by Cheryl Nicholson, Marine Officer for Cumbria Wildlife Trust. 7.30pm, Gosforth Methodist Room. Admission £1.50 includes refreshments.

15 September – Thursday. Open Mind meeting "A Life in Music" by David Shirt. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall.

16-18 September – Friday to Sunday. Easy train ride to Foreign Beer Style Weekend at Prince of Wales, Foxfield. 01229 716238.

17 September - 2 October – Saturdays and Sundays. Cumbria Artists Open Studios. Village Hall, Santon Bridge.

24 September – Saturday. 'Little Red Riding Hood' by the touring Horse and Bamboo Theatre Company. Village Hall, Drigg, 6pm. Tickets £7 adult, £3.50 child, £6 OAP, £17.50 family.

25 September – Sunday. Drigg Harvest Festival. 11.15am, St Peter's Church, Drigg. Followed by The Harvest Lunch in Drigg and Carleton Village Hall, from about 12.15pm. Tickets £5 adult, £3 child, £15 family, from 019467 24272.

25 September – Sunday. Christian Sharpe playing live at Gosforth Hall Inn. 5pm onwards.

26 September – Monday. Parish Council Project Evening. Drigg Village Hall, 7.30pm. Anyone welcome.

1-2 October – Saturday & Sunday. Postman Pat and Jess the Cat are back at La'al Ratty. Magic show, face painting, games and story reading. Tickets £13 adults, £7 child 3-15yrs, with unlimited return journeys on the day. 01229 717171.

5 October – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "The Wild Ennerdale Partnership" talk by Gareth Browning, Area Forester for the North West Forestry Commission. 7.30pm, Gosforth Methodist Room. Admission £1.50 includes refreshments.

5 October – Wednesday. Open Mind History Group meeting "Behind the Scenes at the National Trust" by Sonia Batten. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall.

If you know of any events which should be mentioned here, please email to news@epic-gb.com for publication in our next newsletter.

- 7-9 October – Friday to Sunday.** Broughton Festival of Beer. Buses ferry people from Foxfield.
- 12 October – Thursday.** Open Mind meeting "The Inca Trail and Peruvian Highlights" by Norman Godfrey. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall.
- 13 October – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Japanese Art – Hokusai, The Wave" 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale.
- 15 October – Saturday.** Holmrook Reading Room Charity Auction. Tickets and info from Val de Gasperi: 019467 24105
- 22 October – Saturday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway Autumn Activity. Conserving Wildlife Day at Dalegarth Station. Displays and activities in association with Cumbria Wildlife Trust, the World Owl Trust, Save Our Squirrels, Bat Conservation Trust. Times of trains and further information from La'al Ratty 01229 717171.
- 22 October – Saturday.** 'Big Daddy vs Giant Haystacks' by the touring Foundry Group. Village Hall, Drigg, 7.30pm. Tickets £7 adult, £3.50 child, £6 OAP, £17.50 family.
- 22 October – Saturday.** Wildlife day with La'al Ratty. Wildlife visits, walks and talks about the rich biodiversity of the valley at Dalegarth from from Cumbria Wildlife Trust, World Owl Trust and Save our Squirrels Charities. 01229 717171.
- 23 October – Sunday.** Jazz evening with group headed by saxophonist Roz Sluman. Drigg Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 on the door or £4 in advance from Val or Colin: 019467 24105
- 23-31 October – Sunday to Monday.** Halloween Week at Muncaster. Events for children and adults, and in the evening Darkest Muncaster illuminations for children. Book online at www.muncaster.co.uk/halloween-week. Darkest Muncaster illuminations extend to 29 December.
- 24 October – Monday.** Parish Council Project Evening. Drigg Village Hall, 7.30pm. Anyone welcome.
- 24-28 October – Monday to Friday.** Double-headed steam trains on La'al Ratty. 10.30am and 11.30am services. No extra cost. 01229 717171.
- 2 November – Wednesday.** Open Mind History Group Christmas Lunch and Carols. Calder House Hotel, Seascale.
- 4 November – Friday.** Bonfire night, hopefully at the Victoria Hotel.
- 10 November – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Some Victorian Artists" 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale.
- 16 November – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group "Turks and Caicos Wildlife – keeping the jungle at bay". An illustrated talk by Dr Duncan Hutt from Northumberland Wildlife Trust after his sabbatical working in the islands. 7.30pm, Gosforth Methodist Room. Admission £1.50 includes refreshments.
- 17 November – Thursday.** Open Mind AGM, 10.15am, followed at 11am by talk "Northern Greenland and its National Parks" by Dr Rob David. Drigg Village Hall.
- 23 November – Wednesday.** Open Mind Discovery Group meeting "The Rise and Fall of Marchon" by Gordon Atkinson and John Kennedy. 10.15am St Mary's Church Room, Gosforth.
- 26 November – Saturday.** Christmas Coffee Morning in Drigg. Details: Betty on 019467 24321
- 28 November – Monday.** Parish Council Project Evening. Drigg Village Hall, 7.30pm. Anyone welcome.
- 4, 11, 18 December – Sundays + 21, 22 and 27-29 December.** Christmas at Muncaster Castle. See website for continual updates: <http://www.muncaster.co.uk/christmas-castle-0>
- 16 December – Friday.** Drigg church Carol Service. Details: Betty on 019467 24321
- 3-4 December – Saturday & Sunday, and following 2 weekends + 19-23 December.** La'al Ratty Santa Express. Children can meet Santa in the Dalegarth Grotto and receive a gift. Check website for booking forms: <http://www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events.html> 01229 717171.
- 9 December – Friday.** Holmrook Reading Room mince pies and wine. Tickets and info from Val de Gasperi: 019467 24105.

Drigg Parish Council

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CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

Many residents in Drigg and Carleton Parish were involved recently in helping to prepare for the visit of the Cumbria in Bloom judges as part of our entry in this prestigious competition. On 6 July, judges Alan Heath and Lee Hodgson were guided round several 'projects' and highlights within Drigg and Holmrook.

The tour started at Holmrook Reading Room and

wildflower meadow, and concluded by viewing the floral displays at Drigg Station. Along the way, the judges also visited St Peter's Church and the Village Hall. They were also shown two ambitious 'works in progress', namely work to improve the bridleways and also the access to our beautiful beach.

The results of the Cumbria in Bloom competition will not be known until early September, but the



residents of Drigg and Carleton can be proud that they have done their best to further enhance what is already a glorious part of West Cumbria. Well done to all the residents who took part in the 'Cumbria in Bloom' campaign, and also to LLWR Ltd for their support.