

# Drigg & Carleton

Parish Newsletter

SUMMER/AUTUMN 2012

## DRIGG SCARECROWS & HARVEST FESTIVAL 29-30 SEPTEMBER

ON SATURDAY THE 29th, ST PETER'S CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR VISITORS TO ENJOY THE HARVEST DISPLAYS, 1.30 TO 5.15PM.

By popular demand, this year Scarecrows will again feature. This will be the third time scarecrows have been part of our Harvest celebrations. In 2010 more than 60 scarecrows appeared throughout our community and made everyone smile. So, we're looking forward to seeing this year's crop of scarecrow characters and their antics. Every household in Drigg & Carleton Parish is invited to join in to make this year's Harvest Festival weekend another special community event.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Sunday 30 September, the traditional Harvest Festival Service will be held at St Peter's Church at 11.15am. Local children and young people will be taking part and Jill & Keith Hudson and friends from 'Waymark' Praise Band will lead the music. Jill & Keith also invite local musicians and people of any age, who would like to play or sing with them at the Harvest Festival, to get in touch so they can arrange time for everyone to meet up. If you or your children would like to join in, please contact Jill & Keith (21592) or Hannah (24021).

### HARVEST LUNCH

Following the Harvest Festival Service, the traditional Harvest Lunch will be served in the Village Hall, at about 12.15pm. This event is open to everyone in our community, so bring your family, friends and visitors.

Please buy lunch tickets in advance – see details on posters and in September's issue of 'Keynotes' magazine.



# Drigg & Carleton Parish Newsletter

The summer of 2012 saw many reasons to celebrate in our parish. It was a credit to our community just how many people came forward to organise, help out and attend these events.

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The lych gate at St Peter's Church was erected in 1887 by the people of Drigg to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The present-day community decided that it would be a

fitting tribute to Queen Elizabeth to restore the gates, and rededicate them, to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. The restoration work and a new noticeboard were completed in May and the project was funded by the generosity of Drigg parishioners.

On Saturday 25 May a Victorian Fair, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland, was held at Drigg & Carleton Village Hall. There were traditional home-made afternoon teas, stalls, including a sweet shop with toffee apples and sugar mice on sale. Outside the Hall, Cleator Moor Brass Band provided musical entertainment. Many people chose to dress in Victorian style, thanks to GADS for the loan of a selection of costumes.

On the Sunday the usual congregation of St Peters Church in Drigg were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress, Waymark Praise Band, members of the local community and visitors for a special Jubilee Service. Following the service, led by Revd John Woolcock, the sixty members of the congregation gathered in the churchyard for the re-dedication of the lych-gate and then enjoyed refreshments in the Village Hall.

Both events, which were the first of the Jubilee Celebrations in Drigg, had glorious sunny weather and were enjoyed by Parishioners and well-wishers from the surrounding area.

Thank you to all who helped to make restoration of the lych-gate possible and to those who supported these successful and very enjoyable Jubilee celebrations.

*Wardens & PCC,  
St Peter's Church*





## THE JUBILEE BIG LUNCH

Sunday 3 June saw The Jubilee Big Lunch in the parish hall. An impressive selection and quantity of fare was served up by a group of volunteers: Amanda Crayston, Jill Korwin-Granford, Clare Tyler, Janet Jennings, Janice Mounsey and Fiona Roberts. The hall had been extensively decked in Jubilee bunting which, added to the good turnout, made this a very enjoyable afternoon. The organisers were so pleased with the positive feedback they may consider doing it again next year.



## COMMEMORATIVE MUGS & BISCUITS

The Drigg Charity funded Jubilee mugs for the children of the parish, and there was a commemorative Jubilee tin of biscuits for each household in the parish. For both of these a special thank you must go to Janice Mounsey and Fiona Roberts for ensuring everything was delivered to every household, even returning several times until they caught people at home.

# DRIGG & CARLETON GALA

Gala Queen  
Mary Wake



The second weekend in June saw the 35th annual Drigg & Carleton Gala. Although the weather threatened to dampen the proceedings, the rain held off and was enjoyed by a good turnout. Mrs Pam Clatworthy and Mrs Enid Messenger were the judges of the fancy dress in the parish hall. The parade to the gala field behind the Victoria Hotel was led by the Gala Queen Mary Wake. The LLWR sponsored Art Competitions were judged by LLWR's Managing Director Dennis Thompson and his wife Julie, who were also celebrating their wedding anniversary that day. The children enjoyed many activities including the climbing wall, bouncy castle, large inflatable slide and various races through out the afternoon. The gala committee had worked hard through the year raising funds, so the activities above were free for the children.

Gala Committee: *John Jennings, Terry Wake, James Carnall, Sue Allain, Helen Bracegirdle, Jason Donnelly.*



## GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE JUBILEE CAKE

The actual weight was 6lb 10oz. There was a tie for the best guess:

**K. Shepherd: 6lb 8oz**  
**Joyce Dalton: 6lb 12oz**

Each won a bottle of wine, rather than cut the cake in two. Thank you to Jill Korwin-Granford who made the impressive Jubilee cake.

## FANCY DRESS RESULTS 2012

Special thanks to the Judges: Mrs Pam Clatworthy & Mrs Enid Messenger.

### Category F1: Pre-school

- 1st Eden & Freya Gray
- 2nd Mark Roberts
- 3rd Murin & Eden Birks

### Category F2: Reception up to school year 4

- 1st Sam George Pratt
- 2nd Molly & Ewan Little
- 3rd Michael Bracegirdle

### Category F3: school years 5+

- 1st Olivia & Felicity Whitehead & Claire Mounsey
- 2nd Sienna Tyler
- 3rd Joanna Carnall & Tasha Whyte





## **LLWR SPONSORED ART COMPETITION**

A big thank you to the Judges  
Dennis & Julie Thompson.

### **Category A1: Pre-school, Nursery & Reception**

A Royal Crown (in any medium) or a portrait  
of the Queen

- 1st**                    **Eden Gray**
- 2nd**                    **Martha Wake**
- 3rd**                    **Ellie Mawson**

### **Category A2: School years 1 & 2**

A medal or coin to commemorate  
GB Olympics – any medium

- 1st**                    **Sam Pratt**
- 2nd**                    **Kieran Tackas**
- 3rd**                    **Lucy Champion**

### **Category A3: School years 3 & 4**

A collection of stamp designs to commemorate  
the diamond jubilee – any medium

- 1st**                    **Benn Carnall**
- 2nd**                    **Rosie Pratt**
- 3rd**                    **Laura Pilkington**

### **Category A4: School years 5 & 6**

A collection of stamp designs to commemorate  
the diamond jubilee – any medium

- 1st**                    **Joanna Carnall**
- 2nd**                    **Sienna Tyler**
- 3rd** **Olivia Whitehead & Claire Mounsey**

### **Category A5: school years 7+**

Design to commemorate the diamond jubilee  
– any medium

- 1st**                    **Amber Whyte**
- 2nd**                    **Emily Pratt**



# GALA DAY RACES 2012

Place	Event/Race	Age Group (in School Years)				
		Pre-school/Reception	Y1 - Y3	Y4 - Y6	Y7+	
1 2 3	Straight Running – girls	Charlotte Whyte Eden Gray Abigail Oliver	Erin Gallagher Lucy Fox Rosie Pratt	Tasha Whyte Emma Standish Olivia Whitehead	Amber Whyte Megan Naylor Rachel Shepherd	
1 2 3		Straight Running – boys	Ewan Little No runner No runner	Thomas Standish Jake Simcock Sam Pratt	Edward Wake Ellis Barry Benn Carnall	Allard Newell Robert Farrer Ross Marsden
1 2 3			Block race	Abigail Oliver Murin Birks Lily Summerson	Thomas Standish Lucy Fox Jake Simcock Craig Birketts	Claire Mounsey Tasha Whyte Emma Standish
1 2 3	Egg & spoon				Rosie Pratt Aaron Mckenzie Sam Pratt	Claire Mounsey Sienna Tyler Tasha Whyte





# HOG ROAST AT CLOUDBASE

What a night we had. It was the party of the year and everyone who came is looking forward to 2013's Hog Roast already! Good food, draught beer, good company and good music – what else can you ask for? Well it could perhaps not have rained, but did we let it spoil our night? Not a bit of it! The sun was shining and everyone was lounging in the garden, then the heavens opened and the party moved into the wonderful marquee (erected by LLWR – thanks guys).

The juicy roast hog with apple sauce makes my mouth water even now. It was Ab Fab. The best bit, however, was wandering around chatting to everyone and catching up on past events and gossip (in colloquial speak I understand this is crack/craic depending upon which Cumbrian you ask to spell it! – another story for another day...)

Anyway the food was brilliant, the setting was idyllic and the weather could have been much worse. We were warm and dry and had lots of space. I am writing from the perspective of one of the musicians at the party. I was the one who made a racket with the sax later in the evening. My friend Hilary arranged for her little jazz band to perform in the highlight spot and it was top notch – thanks Hilary for all your hard work and practice time.

Thanks also to Marian who not only sang in the jazz band but also left her equipment with us so that we could sing and play into the wee small hours. The music continued until almost 2am and musicians and audience alike had a fine old time. Special thanks to Claire and her wonderful family who hosted the whole event and put in more work that you can possibly imagine. It's wonderful of you to keep doing this and raising several hundred pounds from the event again.

LLWR and the Ennerdale Brewery are thanked for their continued financial and fluid support of this event respectively.

If you went, be sure that you come back. If you have never been, get tickets fast next year.

See you  
then!  
Val  
de Gasperi  
(rock sax)



# EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Drigg

Find updates at: [www.drigg.org.uk](http://www.drigg.org.uk)

- 4 September – Tuesday.** Holmrook Reading Room Magic Day: afternoon show for children and evening for adults. Tickets from Dave Marsden: 24632.
- 5 September – Wednesday.** Steam and Romans at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Visits to Roman Bath House and Hardknott Fort. £23.50pp inc. transport and light lunch. Claire: 01229 717171.
- 13-17 September – Thursday-Monday.** King George IV Inn Beer Fest. Eskdale Green. 150 real ales on 35 hand pumps over the period. Climbing wall, bouncy castle and bucking bronco.
- 14 September – Friday.** Steam and Fish Supper at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. 6pm from Ravenglass. Return from Dalegarth 8pm. £8.50pp. Claire: 01229 717171.
- 22 September – Saturday.** La'al Big Band. Evening. Seacote Hotel, St Bees. Contact: Val 07974 418325.
- 26 September – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery (Science and Technology) Group. "A Short Story – The Flying Boat Factory on Lake Windermere" told by Judith Shinglers. 10.15am for 10.45am, St Mary's Room, Gosforth. Contact: Graham Hutson, 25477.
- 26 September – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "The Wild Oceans Project" about sustainability seafood and conservation around Cumbrian shores, by Lindsay Sullivan. 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Church Hall. Fiona Galloway: 019467 841313.
- 26 September – Wednesday.** Steam and Romans at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Visits to Roman Bath House and Hardknott Fort. £23.50pp inc. transport and light lunch. Claire: 01229 717171.
- 29 September – Saturday.** Eskdale Show. Eskdale Showfield, next to King George IV Inn.
- 29-30 September – Saturday & Sunday.** Drigg Scarecrows and Harvest Festival.
- 29-30 September – Saturday & Sunday.** Taste Cumbria Food Festival, Cockermouth ([www.tastecumbria.com](http://www.tastecumbria.com)).
- 30 September & 1 October – Sunday & Monday.** Hairy Bikers at The Forum, Barrow-in-Furness. 01229 820000
- Early October:** Jubilee Oak Tree: to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee there will be an oak tree planted, along with a plaque, at the end of Old Shore Road, Drigg.
- 5-7 October – Friday to Sunday.** Broughton Festival of Beer around Broughton-in-Furness (<http://www.broughtonfestivalofbeer.org.uk>). Minibus service between many pubs each day, including Foxfield for train connection.
- 12 October – Friday.** Steam and Fish Supper at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. 6pm from Ravenglass. Return from Dalegarth 8pm. £8.50pp. Claire: 01229 717171.
- 12 October – Friday.** Open Stage Barn, Rosehill, Whitehaven. Drama, poetry, music. All welcome (£3), including well-behaved children. free. Baby grand piano and small PA available. Contact: Val 07974 418325.
- 13 October – Saturday.** Wasdale Show, Wasdale Head.
- 17 October – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "British Moths", by Dr Roy Hilton. 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Room. Fiona Galloway: 019467 841313.
- 18 October – Thursday.** Holmrook Reading Room Slide Show by Bob Steele "Return to Everest Base Camp". Tickets from Dave Marsden: 24632.
- 24 October – Wednesday.** Steam and Romans at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Visits to Roman Bath House and Hardknott Fort. £23.50pp inc. transport and light lunch. Claire: 01229 717171.
- 27 October - 3 November – Saturday to Saturday.** Halloween Week at Muncaster Castle.
- 28 October – Sunday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Conserving Wildlife Day at Dalegarth Station. Displays and activities. Information from Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway@01229 717171
- Early November:** Drigg Bonfire and Fireworks. Open to all. See *Keynotes* and notice boards for more details.
- 4 November – Sunday.** Jazz band performance, St Bees Village Hall. Contact: Val 07974 418325.
- 9 November – Friday.** Steam and Fish Supper at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. 6pm from Ravenglass. Return from Dalegarth 8pm. £8.50pp. Claire: 01229 717171.





# HOLMROOK READING ROOM'S SWIMMING POOL!



The one thing that you can be sure of is that if you construct a building on a flood plain, it will be flooded! Fortunately our wonderful little Reading Room in Holmrook seems able to cope with everything that life throws at it and just shrugs it all off!

In June the flood waters came again and none of us had an ark to shelter in. Even some of the houses way above the flood line had problems with drains and blocked gutters. The Reading Room being only a little above the level of the river Irt itself, was bound to flood. And did. The important thing about the little building is that it was built in the days when materials lasted and the wonderful wooden floors breath, swell and retract and end up back where they started again after a good clean. Amazing! The Reading Room had just been redecorated and this seems to have helped a lot since the newly painted walls struggled off the muddy waters better than ever before. What was interesting was that the Reading Room Meadow was flooded to about 2 feet and the flood waters were running fast over the land hence you would expect all the flowers to be 'flat'. This expectation was what we described to the Cumbria In Bloom judges who were due to visit the following week! They came with their wellies and an open mind and I have to say that I was stunned myself to see how well the plants had picked themselves up in their desperation to flower and set seed. It was beautiful, culminating in a wonderful compliment printed in the Whitehaven News on

12 July saying that our little meadow was 'simply the best that the judge (Toni Magean) had ever seen'. This coming from a National Green Flag nature conservation judge is high praise indeed – thanks Toni. Worthy of note is that all of the hard landscaping (walls, fences and chairs) dealt with being 'in a fast flowing river' very very well. Nothing suffered and not a stone moved from its position. It proves that good design and construction will last the test of time. The flowers are in bloom now, so do drop in if you can.

*Val de Gasperi, Holmrook*



## PARISH WALKS

Around mid-June parish walks were organised, these covering most parts of the parish, fortunately missing the floods. As well as being organised by Jimmy Naylor, some of these walks were led by him. This was the first time since 1977 and the Queen's Silver Jubilee that parish walks had been arranged.



**Last year:**  
 Mayor Jim Jackson,  
 Adrienne Millington  
 & Bob Williamson.

## CUMBRIA IN BLOOM 2012

This year the parish's CIB entry was led by Jimmy Naylor. Judging took place in July, but as yet the results are not known; let's hope we can equal last year's success.

## ST PETER'S CHURCH AND DRIGG CHURCHYARD

Last year we, along with volunteers from Drigg Young Farmers, planted 2000 bulbs in the churchyard. This was the 1st phase of our plans to improve the churchyard environment and also to support Drigg & Carleton's 'Cumbria in Bloom' campaign. In Spring 2012 we were rewarded with a lovely display of daffodil & crocus flowers.

This year, we have continued to involve local children and young people in helping to make the entrance to church and churchyard more attractive and welcoming to visitors. During the Family Service in February they planted flowers seeds which they looked after at home and then

planted in the displays which are now by the Lych-gate and the Church door.

In the autumn we hope to plant more spring bulbs and have again invited Drigg Young Farmers to help. More volunteers will be most welcome, so please get in touch with Drigg PCC if you would like to be involved.

### BACK COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER

Past and current Drigg Newsletters (and Seascale/Gosforth publications too) are available to view and download in PDF format. Find them at [www.epic-gb.com](http://www.epic-gb.com) (compiler Trevor Preece's website) and navigate to your village.

# TUESDAY CHAT A SOCIAL AFTERNOON & AFTERNOON TEA

HELD 1<sup>st</sup> TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

from 2 to 4pm in

Drigg & Carleton Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME

Come along and meet up with friends & neighbours  
 or make new friends over a cuppa - it's FREE.

'TRAIDCRAFT' GOODS available to buy or order.

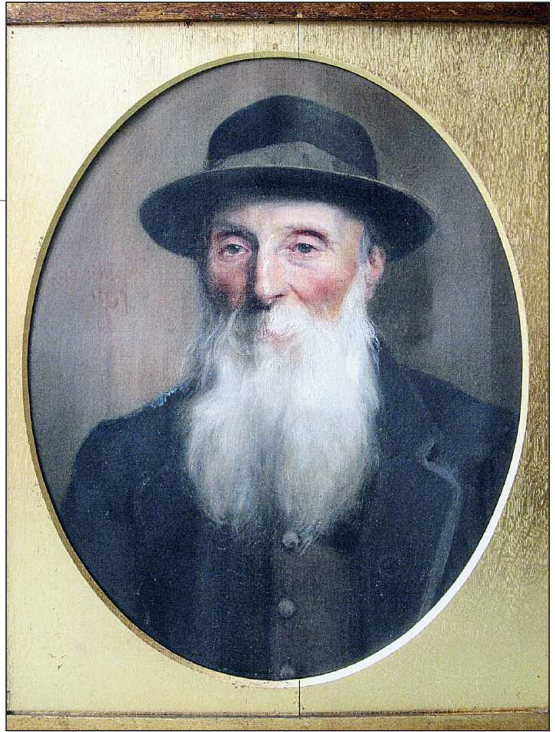
For more details please see KEYNOTES or phone 24272

## JUBILEE BEACON

On Monday 4 June, as part of a national chain of beacons, including one lit by Queen Elizabeth II, a beacon was lit at Drigg Moorside on the highest point in the parish. All the work and organisation was done by the Shepherd family - thank you.

# TALES FROM DRIGG HERITAGE

John Henry Smith was Station Master at Drigg from 1901. He married Dorothy and they lived at the Station House for over 30 years, raising their seven children there. John Henry was an accomplished portrait painter who exhibited his work at the Royal Academy, in London and the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool. Many local people were subjects who posed for him on the station platform. John painted them between the train arrivals and departures! These paintings hung in numerous houses in the area, but sadly most of them are now lost. Fortunately one superb painting has survived and is pictured here (Courtesy of John Gainford). This is John Thompson, a well known landowner at the time, who lived at Sandlands on land that is now occupied by the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR).



When retirement arrived John Henry built a small bungalow for himself and his family, in Station Road. For many years his daughters ran the village shop, a bakers and confectioners, close to Midtown Farm, which is now a private house.

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