

An aerial photograph of the Gosforth village in County Londonderry, Northern Ireland. The village is a dense cluster of houses with grey roofs, surrounded by green fields and trees. In the background, there are more fields and a road. On the left side of the image, a large, weathered Celtic cross stands vertically, partially obscuring the view of the village. The cross has intricate carvings and a decorative top.

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## QUARTERLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

Editor: Gillian Jackson 019467 25730 or 25800

## BLENGDALE CROSSINGS

The Blengdale Crossings project team has been continuing to develop plans to open up more of Blengdale Forest to a wider range of people. We held a well-attended public meeting in December last year which gave us a chance to discuss our ideas and we were pleased to find out that people in the parish gave them their backing.

We are now in the process of completing our funding applications – this is a lot of work for the team behind the scenes but it will be a little while longer before you see anything happening in the forest. The Lake District National Park Authority is busy designing the new bridges and we hope to have them in place before the end of the summer. We know that many of you would like to see this happen a lot sooner but there are restrictions stopping work along the riverbanks during the fish spawning season.

Installation of the bridges is a specialist job but we will be happy if people want to get involved with other parts of the work – thanks to those who have already volunteered! We can't get going until funding is secured but again we hope that things will start to happen over the summer. We'll let you know more nearer the time.

Visit our website for more information on the project:

<https://sites.google.com/site/blengdalecrossings>

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our project. Please send any comments to our email address: [blengdalecrossings@gmail.com](mailto:blengdalecrossings@gmail.com) or care of Chris Walton, 79 Meadowfield.

## PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

The council has set its budget for 2012-13 and precepted for £19,310 (which is the same as for 2011-12). The precept is collected by Copeland Borough Council by an adjustment to the local Council Tax. It represents approximately £32 per year for each Gosforth household. The bulk of the money is spent on maintaining free car parking, the public toilets, the public hall and the playing field. It also enables the council to attract wider funding from outside sources which, together with the co-operation and assistance of other groups, enables projects such as the provision of the new sports pavilion, multi-use games area and new play equipment to be undertaken for the benefit of the parish.

## DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Dog Control Orders are put in place, enforced, and kept under review when necessary by Copeland Borough Council. There are two types: Dog Exclusion Zones where dogs are not allowed under any circumstances, and Dogs On Lead Zones where dogs are allowed provided they are kept on a lead. The whole of the village playing field is now an Exclusion Zone. There are no Dogs On Lead Zones in the village at present. Additionally, any dog owner who allows his/her dog to foul (and does not pick it up), in any public place, is committing an offence. The spot fine is £50, but there is a maximum of £1000.

# GOSFORTH AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

Venue – Gosforth Village School  
7-9pm Mondays

We meet every Monday night throughout the year with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. We generally arrive around 6.45 – 7pm in the evening and leave around 9pm. We have tea, coffee etc and quite often stop around half time to have a chat, look at each other's paintings and share views.

We have 30 members who have various abilities with watercolour, pastel, oils, acrylics and other media. We all tend to share our knowledge with each other as and when needed. Usually new members find it useful to get ideas and help from more experienced members but that is entirely up to them.

Plenty of help is on hand.

We use our funds hiring professional tutors for the benefit of our members. Our Annual August Bank Holiday Exhibition, this year from Saturday to Monday, 25-27 August, 10am-5pm each day, plays a big part in raising funds for our group.

Jakki Barratt: jakki@karletta.co.uk

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

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### ...Celia Walker from The Village Store in Gosforth and long-standing Gosforth resident

*Many villagers will be aware of Alfie the cheeky parrot who resides upstairs in The Village Store. He comes across many interesting people as they chat with friends in the cafe. With the help of David Ancell, co-owner of the shop, we hope to learn more from Alfie about some of the people we see in and around our village.*

Celia is a well known face in Gosforth, being (almost) part of the fixtures and fittings of The Village Store. Locals and visitors alike are always given a warm welcome by Celia who started work at the village store, then known as Albert Jacksons, on 9 April 1972. Yes, that's right – Celia celebrates 40 years of service to the community of Gosforth this April.

Celia was born in Gosforth. Her father was a well known and respected figure in the community running Gosforth Engineering for many years until his retirement. Growing up and living in our community is something Celia has loved. Her local knowledge is something many of us should be thankful of; many a delivery driver specifically stops off at the shop for directions to various addresses in Gosforth and Wasdale. Celia even gets drivers calling her at home for directions!

Although having worked in the village for many years, the village store was actually not her first spell of work. Initially Celia worked in the metropolis of Whitehaven for John Blundles Ltd. This store was located in Church Street, selling items from clothes to furniture. The job there was in the accounts department, and she worked there for 18 months until Mrs Blencoe told her that there was a job available at Albert Jacksons. The rest, they say, is history.

Working in the grocery department Celia recalls that there used to be Gosforth Drug Store where



John and Betty Sim worked. Celia worked with Mr Gillis and John Simm in the grocery department. Alan Aitkenhead worked in the hardware department. And there was Mrs Gillis, assisted by Mrs Aitkenhead, in the newsagent's. Celia says she is still in contact with Mrs Gillis who is 102!

Watching Gosforth develop, with new houses and new people moving in to the village, is what Celia has really enjoyed. She loves the fact that Gosforth is a busy village that still retains that rural atmosphere from years gone by. There is nothing about Gosforth Celia does not like!

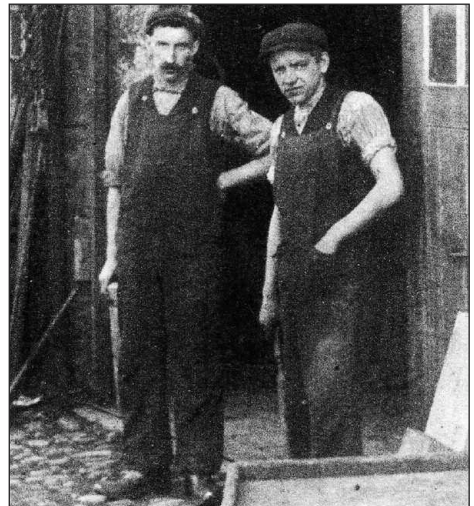
Working in the village store has enabled Celia to meet lots of different people and she loves the fact that Gosforth is such a friendly place. Throughout her years working she has welcomed people and animals into the store. One of the funniest times was when working in the newsagents she happened to look up to see a white ferret entering the shop – not peeking out of someone's trouser leg either! Ferrets are not Celia's cup of tea and thankfully there was a stool handy to stand on! She was, however, much happier to welcome a family of ducklings with their mother into the shop only last year.

There have been times where there has been some unwanted excitement too, particularly the week when the shop was ram-raided on two evenings within the space of seven days. This

was when the shop sold expensive outdoor clothing; they raided it once, waited for the stolen stock to be replenished, then raided it again! This is the next step up from Buy One Get One Free!

Living and working in the same place for many years has not stopped Celia travelling. What many people may not know is that Celia loves to travel and get away from Gosforth (on the occasion!). Celia and her daughter Susie (who teaches at Gosforth School) did a lot of Youth Hostelling throughout Scotland, Wales and England with Molly Mitchell and her family. Celia has also travelled extensively in America and been to far-flung places such as South Africa and also to the hot spots of the Med. Like many of us Celia loves a bit of sun.

Living in such a beautiful part of the country is something Celia has always appreciated and this has allowed her to indulge in another one of her great loves – animals, and in particular dogs. A love of walking has allowed Celia to appreciate the wonderful views we have in and around Gosforth; in fact Celia's favourite view is that of the mountains from the top of Meadowfield; in particular the view on a crisp winter's day. She is able to appreciate this view on a daily basis as she walks to work, and after nearly 40 years she has not tired of it. We are sure the village has not tired of Celia's "service with a smile" at The Village Store.



**John Tyson Russell and his brother Tyson – Celia's father and uncle outside Gosforth Engineering Company on Kellbank.**

# THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It is expected that many communities throughout the country will join in organised events to celebrate 60 years of the Queen's reign, with many celebrations centred around the extended weekend of 2-5 June. The late May bank holiday has been moved to Monday 4 June and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be on Tuesday 5 June.

Groups and organisations in our village are planning a number of Jubilee events before the beginning of June – details are included in the events calendar – please support them if you can.

On the Jubilee weekend it is hoped there will be an exhibition of children's art, a concert by La'al Big Band, a Jubilee dinner recreating the menu served to the Queen on her coronation and a village parade ending in a family day on the village playing field (this event is planned for Monday 4 June).

Gosforth Parish Council wishes to invite village residents and businesses to decorate their homes, offices shops and pubs for the Jubilee. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories. Entry forms will be available soon in The Village Store.

Organisation of these events is currently in its infancy, but updates will be provided through the village website, posters, flyers etc. Please feel free to contact parish councillors if you would like more information, or would like to offer help.

Representatives of the village groups and organisations are meeting with parish councillors to coordinate events for the family day.



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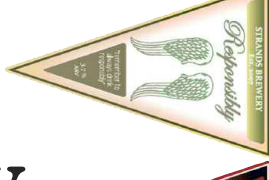
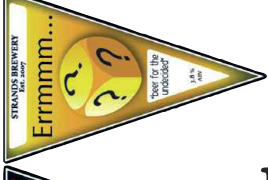
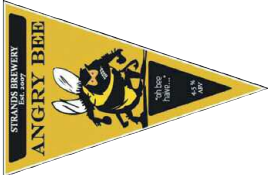
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## SCHOOL WHEELS

The yellow school minibus used to be a familiar sight in the village as it took pupils to sporting fixtures, swimming lessons and special events. Unfortunately it reached the end of its life last year and the school has since been fundraising for a replacement. The minibus was originally delivered to the school by Blue Peter presenter Tim Vincent on 22 June 1994 after one of the pupils, Ben Sherwen, won a television competition. Ben recalls that his winning entry, to raise the awareness of seatbelt use in children, was chosen from 38,852 entries and comprised a poster with the slogan 'Can't you see that it's a sin – make them strap your children in!'

The school has secured £10,000 of Lottery Funding and together with proceeds from a number of fundraising events the total so far has reached £17,200 – the target is £21,000 to cover the cost of a new bus and insurance.

Last summer a parent of pupils in school, Chris Waldie, took a week away from his business at the Low Wood Hall Hotel in Nether Wasdale to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats. He raised a total of £1500 towards the minibus appeal. It is hoped that the Easter Fair in school on Sunday 25 March will help the children reach their target.





## BROADBAND'S FUTURE IN GOSFORTH

In Gosforth, with the exception of the school and library, our broadband relies on conventional copper telephone cabling coming from Preston or some point equally far away. Although our village telephone exchange has been enabled to handle broadband it is limited to the volume it can handle, so as more and more people log on at any one time the worse the service becomes. I know many people feel that currently this is adequate for their needs. However as the internet becomes more universally used and new features become available on it they could find that they will be unable to take advantage of any new features and will slowly have more difficulty in accessing the services they currently enjoy, such as on-line shopping, banking and information seeking. To avoid this happening we must take steps to upgrade the broadband network in our area. I am Gosforth's member on a group of parish representatives from this area who are working with the county council so that we can do this by taking advantage of public funding which is currently available. I would welcome any comments you may wish to make to me.

If you wish to check the level of broadband service you currently get, this can be done by accessing [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net) The target download speed we wish to achieve is 24Mbps; furthermore the European definition for Superfast Broadband is currently above 30Mbps.

*David Gray*

## GOSFORTH'S FRENCH CONNECTION

Villagers will have probably noticed signs that have recently appeared on the A595 coming south from Calder Bridge and going north near the River Esk bridge at Muncaster. They record the twinning of the Western Valleys Exchange Association (WEVA) with the village of St Martin d'Auxigny near Bourges, almost exactly in the centre of France.

The Western Valleys is essentially the area covered by Wasdale and Eskdale to the coast, centred on Gosforth.

WEVA has been going for about 10 years with ourselves visiting St Martin one year and they visiting us on the alternate years. The parties normally consist of 25 to 35 people, families, couples and singles, ages ranging from early teens to OAPs and are accommodated by host families.

The next exchange will be our French friends visiting us from 25-30 April.

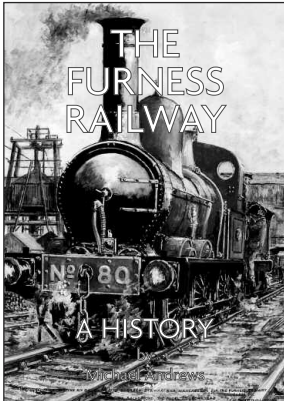
WEVA also organise a few social events in between visits. including an annual dinner and shared meals, normally with a French flavour.

We have recently established a website <http://weva-cumbria.spodbox.org> giving more information on our activities and contact details.

If anyone would like to know more but do not have web access please contact Graham Hutson by phone on 25477.

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## THE FURNESS RAILWAY – A HISTORY



This book, undoubtedly now the definitive history of our railway, has just been published. A small team led by Alan Postlethwaite, former vicar of St Cuthbert's, Seascale, and design/production by Trevor Preece (who grafts this newsletter together), brought 50 years of research by its late author to fruition. It's casebound, and contains numerous photographs and maps, with many in colour. It was unveiled at a ceremony in Barrow Town Hall on 17 February this year. *The Furness Railway – A History*. By Michael Andrews. 256 pages. RRP £25, sent post free to UK addresses. Available from Barrai Books, 17 Railway Terrace, Lindal in Furness, Cumbria LA12 0LQ. T: 01229 468069. E: [sales@barraibooks.co.uk](mailto:sales@barraibooks.co.uk) W: [www.barraibooks.co.uk](http://www.barraibooks.co.uk)

A small stock of books is available in Seascale. Anyone locally who wishes to peruse a copy, or buy one, may get in touch with Trevor on 28449. It is available over the counter at Spindle Craft, Drigg Station.

# SERVICE TO HELP CUMBRIA COMMUNITIES STAY SAFE AND IN TOUCH

A community messaging service is helping people across Cumbria stay up to date with issues in their community from crime to major incidents and much more.

The service, Cumbria Community Messaging, allows anyone in Cumbria to get up to the minute information on a wide range of community issues by email, voicemail or text.

Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association is leading the project, with support from Cumbria Constabulary, Cumbria Community Safety Partnership and Cumbria County Council's emergency planning and trading standards teams and fire and rescue service.

It is free to receive information and members can choose the things they would like to receive information about and how and when they receive it. Alerts on a range of community issues will be sent out through the system, from emergency incidents and bogus sales people, to fire safety events.

The service also gives members the opportunity to respond with information about a particular crime, a local scam, or even a missing person.

Dr John Perkins, Chair of the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association said, "This service takes the basic idea of Neighbourhood Watch – neighbours looking out for each other – and brings it right up to date to get information out to communities fast.

"Getting Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Community Safety Partnership and Cumbria Constabulary involved means that everyone can get free information about a wide range of things including trading standards, crime, fire safety issues or major emergencies.

"Members of the public can also send us information through the service, such as if there have been suspicious characters in the area, or anti-social behaviour.

"Everyone can sign up to the system – you don't have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch – and it's completely free".

You can sign up to the scheme now at [www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk) and

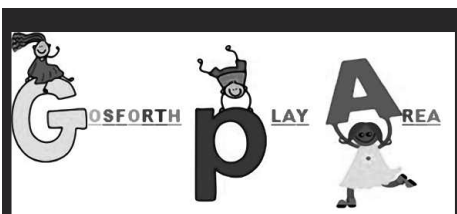
begin receiving updates about issues and events right away.

Anyone without internet access can fill out a form from community police officers that can then be handed in to their local police station or to a member of their local neighbourhood policing team – the current contact for Gosforth is Peter Bradley.

The scheme has been specially selected to meet the highest standards of data protection so residents can be confident that their personal details are secure and will not be passed on to any other organisations.

## KEEP GOSFORTH TIDY

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*With the help of Rod Davies' and Gill Unsworth's homemade pies, Gosforth has become widely recognised as the Pie Village of Cumbria.*

*The bar and lounge area within the hall is open to man's best friend with a dog-friendly treat drawer allowing owners the comfort of supping a well kept real ale or warm bean-to-cup of coffee.*

*On chilly nights the open fires in the lounge and bar will always offer a welcoming glow and during the long summer nights the beer garden is a definite meeting place for friends.*

*Fresh home-cooked meals are available in the bar and lounge for that relaxed feeling, or the restaurant for the more formal occasion.*

*With an ever-expanding event portfolio, Gosforth Hall Inn prides itself on its ability to organise a range of occasions, enabling hosts and hostesses to enjoy the event. Whether it be a party, meal, conference or family get-together the aim is to provide the right atmosphere at the right cost.*

*On 26 March 2012 between 12 noon and 2pm Rod, Barbara and the team welcome you to our Open Day and offer you the opportunity of viewing the new rooms.*

*Why not pop along and see for yourself the facilities available and how the Hall has changed over the years?*



The annex was part-financed to the value of £50,398 by the Rural Development Programme for England, for which Defra is the Managing Authority, part financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas.

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We are most grateful to Hazel Jacklin for allowing us to use one of her aerial photographs of Gosforth on the front cover of this second village newsletter.

Although Hazel has the copyright on this and other photographs she does sell copies to raise money for both the Air Ambulance and Gosforth Mountain Rescue. These are printed to order at very reasonable cost – £3 for A4, £5 for A3, and cards for 50p. Hazel can be contacted at the site office on Fell View Park weekdays between 9am and 1pm or by email: [hazeljacklin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hazeljacklin@hotmail.co.uk)

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# TYSON NORMAN

Strange name? Is it back to front? No, Tyson is a good old Cumbrian Surname adapted as a Christian name and used by my family and others.

I was asked to write a short piece about the Parish Council and myself, but to make it interesting and not boring. So here goes...

I have lived at High Bridge Petton for 20 years (which is the first farmhouse on the left going to Holmrook on the main road). I was born at Calder Hall (the farm, not the power station) and moved quickly to Ponsonby. When I married Judy, we moved back to the farm and just before it was demolished moved on to Thornbank Farm. From there we went on to Lowcrae (which was derelict when we bought it), before ending up back near the village again.

I have two daughters and one son and work in the family garage at Calderbridge with my wife and son. That's a quick history to establish credentials needed to be a local on the council (!) which I joined when Nirex decided to drill holes

all over the Parish! It didn't take long to get involved in many activities – playing field, village hall, charities etc, and ending up as Chairman of Finance. This makes me one of the members (along with our financial officer, the Clerk) responsible for creating a working budget to run the Council, keep the village tidy, provide public seating, maintain a free car park and toilets, and provide grants for the playing field, churchyard and village hall.

All this has to happen at the same time as trying to keeping the Parish rate precept acceptable to Gosforth residents.

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## VISIT WASDALE

**Saturdays only, 31 March to 29 September**  
**Seascale – Nether Wasdale – Waswater YHA – Wasdale Head**

Northern Rail, in conjunction with Mid Copeland Parish Partnership, Lake District National Park, Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway, Cumbria County Council and Western Lake District Tourist Information are promoting walks around Wasdale, with a Saturday bus service between Seascale station and Wasdale Head. Times of buses are shown here. Northern Rail services from Carlisle and Barrow connect with the minibus at Seascale.

### **Saturday AM train/minibus connections**

The 09.07 from Barrow, 09.35 from Millom arrives at Seascale at 09.58.  
The 08.37 from Carlisle, 09.45 from Whitehaven arrives at Seascale at 10.06.

Seascale 10.10  
Gosforth 10.15  
Nether Wasdale 10.25  
Wastwater YHA 10.30  
Wasdale Head 10.45

The minibus will wait if a train is delayed.

### **Saturday PM minibus/train connections**

The minibus will NOT wait for passengers who are late even if they have reservations.

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Nether Wasdale 17.35  
Gosforth 17.45  
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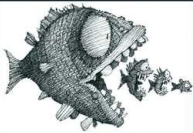
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# VISITING THEATRE GROUPS

Arts Out West, the West Cumbria Touring Arts Scheme, promotes 'Great Shows in Unexpected Places'. They are currently funded by Arts Council England, Cumbria County Council and Copeland Borough Council. They work with volunteer promoters in 25 venues to bring top quality professional entertainment to our doorsteps, their live shows bringing communities together and creating a real 'buzz'. Venues for their performances include Gosforth Public Hall. Their current programme promotes the visit of Kevin Tomlinson in 'Seven Ages' on Saturday 31 March, 7.30pm – a fascinating show about the cycle of life as Tomlinson takes familiar situations from his own life and suggestions from the audience to weave a tapestry of comedy that is both very funny, and often tender and poignant, too. Suitable for ages from 6-106!

The Ashton Theatre Group will visit Gosforth Public Hall on Saturday 30 June 7.30pm with their production 'Hollows', a play written by a Whitehaven teenager and performed by

apprentice actors. The play follows a group of young people about to leave school, torn between leaving a small town in West Cumbria and fear of the 'big wide world'. It's suitable for all ages, and particularly appealing to teenagers and older children.

Contact Ann McKenzie – 019467 25700 or [annatfellside@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annatfellside@yahoo.co.uk) – for further information about these and future productions and to make bookings.

## SELLAFIELD STORIES

On Monday 5 March this book was published – *Sellafield Stories: Life with Britain's First Nuclear Plant*, edited by Hunter Davies, and published by Constable Robinson. Hunter has made selections from about a third of all the interviews, and used them to describe the story of Sellafield from the 1940s to the 21st century. It's a readable book that gives a flavour of the much greater amount of material held in the Local Studies Library in Whitehaven Archive and Local Studies Centre. Copies of the book will be available locally, at £9.99. More information from 01946 506420 Email: [sellafield.stories@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:sellafield.stories@cumbria.gov.uk)

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# EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Gosforth

- 24 March – Saturday.** Table Top Sale – including previously loved baby and children's clothing and equipment. Gosforth School Hall, 2pm. Refreshments available. Tel 25800 for details.
- 25 March – Sunday.** Join Gosforth District Agricultural Society for 'A Jubilee Celebration of Rural Life', with entertainment, exhibition of memorabilia & refreshments. Gosforth Public Hall from 1pm. Details & tickets, £5, from Vera Lowery, 25213.
- 25 March – Sunday.** Easter Fair, Gosforth Primary School in support of the school Minibus Appeal. 11am–2pm. Supported by NSG Environmental Limited.
- 25 March – Sunday.** Victorian Afternoon Tea in the Methodist Church Hall. 3pm. Tickets £5 will include dainty sandwiches, scones with jam and cream plus a selection of cakes and pastries. Proceeds shared between church funds and youth visit to Soul Survivor.
- 30 March – Friday.** Vigil with Jason Braithwaite at Muncaster Castle, with training and overnight investigation in various parts of the castle. 01229 717614 or [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk)
- 31 March – Saturday.** Stonebridge String Quartet concert at Nether Wasdale Church, 7.30pm, tickets £10: 26258.
- 31 March – Saturday.** Kevin Tomlinson, 'Seven Ages', a fascinating show about the cycle of life. Gosforth Public Hall, 7.30pm. Details & tickets from Ann McKenzie 25700.
- 1 April – Sunday.** Easter Messy Church, Gosforth Methodist Church, 11.30am-1.30pm. Easter crafts, songs, food and mess – details from Elsa Mason 019467 25612
- 4 April – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A History Group. "Romans in Cumbria" by R.S. Matthews. 10.15 for 10.45am, Drigg Village Hall. Contact Xandra Brassington 019467 25794.
- 13 April – Friday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A Walking Group. Eskdale. Dalegarth Station car park, 10am. Stanley Ghyll (optional) and along river bank to St Catherine's Church.
- 13-14 April – Friday and Saturday.** Exhibition of paintings, photographs and prints by Gareth Harrison. 11am-5pm, Supper Room, Gosforth Public Hall.
- 18 April – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Illustrated talk on Golden Eagles by Neil Harnott, Senior Conservation Officer, CWT. Seascale Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. £1.50 includes refreshments.
- 19 April – Thursday.** Arts Out West music performance "Craig and Willoughby". 7.30pm, Drigg and Carleton Village Hall. Tickets 019467 24321.
- 19 April – Thursday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A. "Restoration, a Restorer's Lot" by Peter Makin. 10.15 for 10.45am, Gosforth Public Hall. £2.50 for non-members.
- 20 April – Friday.** Italian evening at The Hungry Parrot, above the Village Store, 7.30pm. 25232 for more info & booking.
- 20 April – Friday.** Evening Steam and Fish Supper. Leaves 6pm Ravensglass, Ravensglass & Eskdale Railway. Tickets £8.50 inclusive. Contact Claire: 01229 717171.
- 23 April – Friday.** Air Ambulance collection from Gosforth School. Leave bags of clothes, shoes etc in school yard before 9am. Telephone 019467 25244 for more details.
- 25 April – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery Group. "Experiences of an Expert Witness" by Dr Ian Hill. 10.15 for 10.45am, St Mary's Room, Gosforth. Contact Graham Hutson 019467 25477.
- 26 April – Thursday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. A spring wildlife walk from La'al Ratty. Take the 10.30 train to Irton Road for a guided walk towards Muncaster Fell. For fares and to book phone 01229 717171. Donation to Trust £2.
- 2 May – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A History Group. "William Calvert of Keswick" by Roy Ellis. 10.15 for 10.45am, Drigg Village Hall. Contact Xandra Brassington 019467 25794.
- 4 May – Friday.** Flowers in Song – music for the Flower Festival by West Cumberland Choral Society. With wine and puddings. St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale. 7.30pm. Tickets £10. 01946 823167.
- 4-7 May – Friday to Monday.** St Cuthbert's Church Flower Festival. St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale. 10am-4pm Friday, Saturday and bank holiday Monday. 2pm-5pm Sunday. Details from Rev. John Woolcock, 28217.
- 5-7 May – Saturday to Monday.** Muncaster Feast of Flowers.
- 9 May – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. From 7pm. "Natterjacks Calling". A walk along the dunes from Seascale car park to Sellafield and back in search of reptiles and to listen for Natterjacks. Bring a torch. Free public event.
- 11-13 May – Friday to Sunday.** Festival of Strands Beers. 25 Strands own-brewed beers on handpulls. Strands Inn and Brewery, Nether Wasdale. See page 7.
- 12 May – Saturday.** Open Day with Jubilee Cream Teas – Gosforth Nursery, from 2pm. Details: 019467 25800
- 17 May – Thursday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A. "Of Samurais and Geishas" by Pax Garabedian. 10.15 for 10.45am, Gosforth Public Hall. £2.50 for non-members.
- 18 May – Friday.** Evening Steam and Fish Supper. Leaves 6pm Ravensglass, Ravensglass & Eskdale Railway. Tickets £8.50 inclusive. Contact Claire: 01229 717171.
- 2 June – Saturday.** Diamond Jubilee Children's Art Exhibition. From 2pm, Gosforth School Hall. Refreshments available. Telephone 019467 25244 for more details
- 2-4 June – Saturday to Monday.** Eskdale Art Show. 10am-4.30pm, St Bega's School, Eskdale. Art for sale including paintings, prints, wood turning, ceramics, jewellery, cards and craft. Cafe. Free parking and admission.
- 3 June – Sunday.** Diamond Jubilee Village Praise. St Mary's Church, Gosforth, 10am. There will be an exhibition of photographs of celebrations at St Mary's Church over the past 60 years during this weekend – contact Norma Hughes 25366 for details.
- 3-7 June – Sunday to Thursday.** Muncaster Jubilee Festival.

**If you know of events from mid-June 2012 that would interest residents of Gosforth please email to [gosforthnursery@btconnect.com](mailto:gosforthnursery@btconnect.com) for publication in the next newsletter.**

Festival of Fools, Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday, a concert on Monday, and finishing with the International Jesters Tournament. 01229 717614 or [www.muncaster.co.uk](http://www.muncaster.co.uk)

**4 June – Monday.** Gosforth Village celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. Parade starts from school field 1pm – to village playing field with stalls, activities etc for all the family. Contact parish councillors for further details and watch out for posters/flyers.

**4 June – Monday.** La'al Big Band Concert, Gosforth Public Hall, 7pm. Tickets from Des Hobson Tel 019467 25454.

**4 June – Monday.** Diamond Jubilee Banquet (recreating the meal served at the Queen's Coronation), with entertainment, Westlakes Hotel, Gosforth, Tel. Geoff or Debra, 25221 or David Ancell, 25232 for further details and tickets (event to be confirmed).

**5 June – Tuesday.** Diamond Jubilee Brass and Bunting with Egremont Brass Band. Dalegarth Station, Ratty.

**6 June – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes USA History Group. "Stately Homes in Cumbria" by Walter Johnstone. 10.15 for 10.45am, Drigg Village Hall. Contact Xandra Brassington 019467 25794.

**9 June – Saturday.** Drigg Gala. Behind The Victoria Hotel.

**13 June – Wednesday.** Gosforth 10 and Fun Run. Contact: Bob Quayle 019467 25617.

**30 June – Saturday.** Ashton Theatre Group present 'Hollows', a production written by a Whitehaven teenager. Gosforth Public Hall, 7.30pm. Details & tickets from Ann McKenzie, 25700.

**18 August – Saturday.** Gosforth Show. The Show Committee welcomes photos of your families, people and events to build the Jubilee jigsaw of Rural Life, which will be an exhibit at the Show. Contact Vera on 25213 or members of the Show Committee.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Beavers.** Every Wednesday during school term time, 5.30pm. Gosforth Scout Hut. Contact Jackie Harper 019467 27211.

**Blengdale Runners.** Every Tuesday, 7pm, starting at the Gosforth Hall Inn. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome. Contact Bob Quayle 019467 25617 for details.

**Brownies.** Every Thursday during school term time, 5.30-7pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Contact Lisa Wilford 019467 25425.

**Cubs.** Every Monday during school term time, 5.30pm. Gosforth Scout Hut. Contact Jackie Harper 019467 27211.

**Drigg Young Farmers.** Every Tuesday 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Church. Contact Julie Jenkinson 01229 718723.

**Gosforth & District Art Society.** Meet every Monday, 7pm, Gosforth School Hall.

**Gosforth Baby & Toddler Group.** Meet Tuesdays during school term time, 10-11.30 am, St Mary's Room. Open to all parents/carers and children under school age. All welcome.

**Gosforth Goslings.** Meet 3rd Monday of each month, St. Mary's Church, 2.15pm. A short informal service for Under 5's and their families/carers. All welcome. (No service in August).

**Gosforth Indoor Bowls.** Meet every Wednesday, 2-4pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Equipment provided. Contact Judith Duckett 019467 25659

**Gosforth Library.** Opening times – Monday 9.30am-12 noon. Wednesday 3pm-6.30pm, Friday 10am-12 noon, Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm.

**Gosforth Mothers Union.** Meet monthly, usually on a Wednesday. Venues vary – contact Ruth Schofield 019467 25300 for more details.

**Gosforth Parish Council Meetings.** Second Wednesday of each month, 7pm in Supper Room, Gosforth Public Hall.

**Gosforth Pre-School Music Group.** 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, 10am, Gosforth Nursery. Contact 019467 25800 for details.

**Gosforth Women's Institute.** 1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Contact Benita Livesey 019467 25381.

**Guides.** Every Tuesday during school term time, 7.15-8.45pm, usually at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith 019467 28265.

**Health Visitor monthly 'Drop In' session.** 3rd Friday of each month, 9.30am, Gosforth Nursery. Contact 019467 25800 for details.

**Line Dancing.** Every Monday, 7.30pm, Windscale Club, Seascale. £2.00 donation to charity. Contact 019467 28449 for details.

**Open Mic Night – Strands, Nether Wasdale.** First Wednesday every month, 9pm start. Live music by various singers and groups, including regular appearances by Emma and Paul Winstanley.

**Open Mind West Lakes USA.** Third Thursday every month. Gosforth Public Hall. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt: 019467 28759.

**Open Mind West Lakes USA Discovery Group.** Fourth Wednesday every month. St Mary's Room, Gosforth. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt: 019467 28759.

**Open Mind West Lakes USA History Group.** First Wednesday every month. Drigg Village Hall. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

**Open Mind West Lakes USA Art Appreciation Group.** Second Thursday every month. St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. 10.30am for 10.45am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

**Over '60s Lunches. Strands, Nether Wasdale.** Monday to Thursday, noon to 2.30pm. One course £5, 2 courses £7, 3 courses £9. 019467 26200.

**Rainbows.** Every Monday during school term time, 5-6pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sarah Millard 019467 25365.

**Rangers.** Every Tuesday during school term time, 7.15-8.45pm, usually in supper room at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith 019467 28265.

**Scouts.** Every Thursday during school term time, 7pm. Gosforth Scout Hut. Contact Jackie Harper 019467 27211.

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

**Yoga.** Every Tuesday during school term time, 5.30-7pm. Suitable for beginners and people who have already done some yoga. Contact Sue 01946 861133.

# MUNCASTER MICROBUS DAY TRIPS 2012

Date	Day	Destination	Price	Notes
March	31	Sat	Carlisle/Houghton Grange	£10.00
April	14	Sat	Grasmere	£9.00
	28	Sat	Maryport	£8.50
May	12	Sat	Keswick/Cockermouth	£9.50
	16	Wed	Workington/Dunmail	£8.50
	25	Fri	Windermere Cruise	£9.00
June	9	Sat	Holker Hall Garden Festival	£9.00
	23	Sat	Coniston/Hawkshead	£8.00
July	7	Sat	Mystery Trip	£9.50
	11	Wed	Workington/Dunmail	£8.50
	21	Sat	Ambleside/Windermere	£9.50
August	4	Sat	Grange/Cartmel	£10.00
	18	Sat	Ullswater Steamers	£10.00
September	1	Sat	Keswick/Cockermouth	£9.50
	12	Wed	Cockermouth/Lakeside	£8.50
	15	Sat	Carlisle	£10.00
	29	Sat	Ambleside/Windermere	£9.50
October	13	Sat	Penrith/Rheged	£10.00
	27	Sat	Barrow/Roa Island	£9.00
November	10	Sat	Keswick/Cockermouth	£9.50
	14	Wed	Workington/Dunmail	£8.50
	24	Sat	Kendal/K Village	£9.50
December	8	Sat	Carlisle	£10.00
	12	Wed	Cockermouth/Lakeside/Lights	£8.50

Plus – Theatre-by-the Lake Trips TBA (probably 2 in autumn)

Muncaster Microbus runs Whitehaven shopping trips on Tuesday and Thursdays which can call at Gosforth and Seascale. Details from [www.muncastermicrobus.org.uk](http://www.muncastermicrobus.org.uk). Bookings: 01229 717229.

## GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE IN WEST CUMBRIA

The consultation on the geological disposal of radioactive waste in West Cumbria will have closed on 23 March. The Parish Council will be making a full submission on the consultation document before that date. The final draft of the submission will have been agreed at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 14 March, giving us time to incorporate any final amendments before the closing date.

A copy of the Parish Council's submission will be available on the village website, as well as being available in the public library attached to the minutes, approximately one week after the PC meeting. We will be arranging to circulate to all households in the Parish a summary of the

actual submission, either before or with the next issue of this newsletter. We will then await the outcome of the deliberations of the Principal Authorities before a decision on further action. In the meantime, I would urge all residents of the Parish to make their views on the consultation known to the MRWS Partnership by responding individually to the consultation document.

This can be done by visiting [www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk](http://www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk), emailing [contact@westcumbriamrws.org.uk](mailto:contact@westcumbriamrws.org.uk), or writing to RSKT-LTXU-HAYC, West Cumbria MRWS Partnership, Copeland Borough Council, The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven CA28 7SJ.

Mike McKinley

# GARETH'S ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON SHOW IN GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL

Paintings, prints and photographs will be on display in the supper room at Gosforth Public Hall on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 April. All are the work of established Seascale artist Gareth Harrison. This is a chance to see a representative selection of his work covering the last ten years. Works on show will range from scenes around the Wasdale area through to more individual pieces drawing from aspects of colour and contrast over recent seasons.



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