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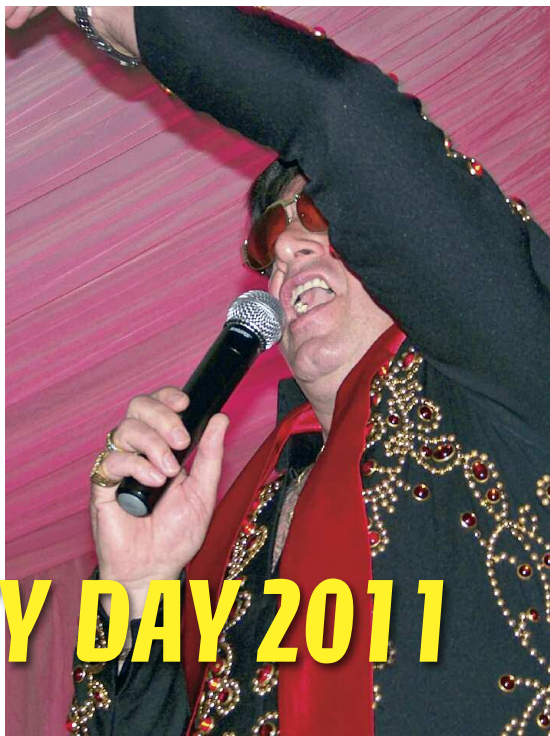
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# SEASCALE



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# PARISH NEWS

## SEASCALE

This is our 'extra' magazine and we hope you all enjoy reading it over your summer holidays. We hope the weather is good enough for you all to enjoy our beach and its amenities.

We are still looking for the person who is letting their dog chew the swing seats on the beach – information would be welcome.

There is good news on the Seascale-Gosforth Cycleway – we have been given a route number so it's official that we are on the way. The number is 727 and it looks likely that after 20 years we will be going for planning permission in the autumn.

Seascale is now part of the Coastal Advisory Group and we hope the improvements we need on the beach will soon be forthcoming.

We struggle to keep three play areas up to scratch and we would like parents to tell us if they use Coniston Avenue Play Area – please contact any parish councillor.

Our thanks go to Hertel for painting the goal posts and supplying new nets on the football field.

Most of you will know about Neighbourhood Forums and how groups can bid for small amounts of money for community schemes. There used to be four a year but it looks as though there will only be two from now on. We are waiting for more information from the County Council. Please watch notice boards for information as all groups in the village can apply for help, but they have to go to the meetings and put forward their schemes.

Once again we have to ask parents to make

sure all your children using the BMX site are wearing proper support gear especially helmets.

Lastly I wish my successor Helen Pateman, our new Chairwoman, all the best – not an easy position but a rewarding one.

*Eileen Eastwood, Seascale Parish Council*



The new Quality Coast flag was raised for the first time at a short ceremony at 6pm on 24 May at the Castle. Flag Officer David Morgan was assisted this year by the Rainbows and the Brownies.

The Quality Coast Award requires our beach and its surrounding area to come up to certain standards; it is not only about the quality of the seawater. It takes account of the state of our car park and toilets, the beach play area and the information we provide for visitors. See page 49.



**Lizzy Porter, Manager of the Bailey Ground Ice Cream Parlour, became a Mawson on 18 June. Congratulations, Liz and Steve!**

## SEASCALE TO GOSFORTH CYCLEWAY

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We now have a route number, but we want a name for it – we are asking Seascale and Gosforth residents for ideas. Tel: Eileen on 28653

## STEAM THROUGH SEASCALE

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Steam-hauled trains to Ravenglass, then on to Sellafield to turn, are scheduled for:

Saturday 6 August: The Lakelander  
Saturday 13 August: The Lakelander  
Saturday 24 September: The Cumbrian Coast Express

Timings can be found via  
<http://www.uksteam.info/tours/trs11.htm>

Unfortunately we have no further news of our planned excursion from Carlisle to Manchester via our coastal line. This was postponed because of Tornado's boiler repairs, and then the Arnside viaduct rebuild. Check the Seascale website for any news: <http://www.seascale.org.uk>

## RAGWORT – PULL IT OUT!

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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 Seascale Parish Council want to organise a Ragwort Pull during July and August when it is in flower and easy to pull up.

The Parish Council will lend protective gloves and will also provide paper sacks to collect it in and arrange a site for it to be stored until it is dry enough for us to burn, which we can do legally in small quantities.

There is more information about Ragwort and the Ragwort Pull on the Seascale Village website (<http://www.seascale.org.uk/page42.html>)

If you would like to help get rid of Ragwort please contact Helen Pateman on 28131 ([aitchpateman@supanet.com](mailto:aitchpateman@supanet.com)) or Ken Mawson on 29786.



## FLU CLINICS

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The Seascale Health Centre wishes us to advise readers to watch the surgery website about planned flu clinics for confirmation about timing, but they will be held on Saturdays towards the end of September and early October. Specific patients will be contacted to ensure that they are aware of them and to ask that appointments are booked rather than just a drop in session to avoid patients having to wait too long.

# CREDIT UNION'S "GUESS TEDDY'S NAME"

Three Seascale Primary school pupils were surprised and delighted to learn that they had won prizes in the free to enter Whitehaven, Egremont & District Credit Union "guess the name of the teddy" competition.

First prize winner Lucy Norwood decided to name the tiger after herself, calling it Lucy, and is pictured with second prize winner Ewan Pringle, third prize winner Isla Henderson and the Credit Union's Rural Development Officer Sara Armstrong.

Sara said "We wanted to bring something fun and free to our stall at the Seascale Community Day, as well as giving out information on our community based savings and loan accounts. We signed up a few new members in Seascale as a result, and hopefully more will follow.

It's an excellent way to save for Christmas, holidays, car expenses, anything really, and we are fully insured and regulated by the FSA. All this plus free life insurance, an annual dividend and a

free monthly prize draw – a Credit Union account has a lot to offer".

Whether you want to save or borrow, you can find out more by dropping in to the Credit Union Seascale collection point in the Methodist Church Hall every Monday (except bank holidays) from 9.30am to 10.30am. You can visit their website [www.wedcu.co.uk](http://www.wedcu.co.uk), email [wedcu@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wedcu@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01946 66755 / 828104



## SEASCALE HEALTH CENTRE WEBSITE

The Health Centre's website has been refreshed and we hope to be much more interactive with our patients, allowing them to do things whilst wearing their pyjamas rather than having to wait for the surgery to open!

As well as repeat medication ordering as before, new functions include online travel advice and pre-travel questionnaire, pre-registration questionnaires for new patients, the facility to update your clinical information like height, weight, smoking, alcohol, and to register as a carer. Carers' information is especially important when we get to flu clinic time as all carers are eligible for flu vaccinations. We will be starting a text reminder service later in the year and you will be able to consent or not through the web also.

You can send us your comments and feedback about our services (good and bad) so that we can continue to improve.

<http://www.seascalehc.co.uk/>

### Parish Councillors

Eileen Eastwood	28653
Elaine Dickinson	27288
Rodney Kimber	28723
Ken Mawson	29786
John McElroy	28443
David Moore	27674
Helen Pateman (website editor)	28131
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Malcolm Southward	01946 66047
Phil Taylor	28020
Clive Willoughby	07741 007495
Andrew Woollass	28218

### Clerk

Judith Kirkham	28449
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### Copeland District Councillors

Eileen Eastwood	28653
David Moore	27674

### County Councillor

Sue Brown	01229 774666
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### Other Useful Numbers

Cumbria Highways Hotline	0845 609 6609
Copeland Direct	0845 054 8600

# EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Seascale

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

- 6 August – Saturday.** Seascale Horticultural Show. 2-4.30pm, Seascale Primary School. Presentation of trophies 3.30pm followed by raffle and auction.
- 11 August – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting “An Artist’s View of London”. 10.15am Seascale Methodist Church. See page 32.
- 12 & 13 August – Friday & Saturday.** Balmoral excursion from Whitehaven to Douglas, IoM. 10:00 out. 21.45 return. [www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk](http://www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk)
- 14 August – Sunday.** Table Top Sale and Cream Teas in aid of Nether Wasdale in Bloom. 12 noon. Nether Wasdale Green. Tel: 26336 to book a table (under cover).
- 18 August – Thursday.** Open Mind Summer Luncheon. Noon, Drigg Village Hall, £10. See page 32.
- 20 August – Saturday.** Gosforth Show. See page 57.
- 27-29 August – Saturday to Monday.** 3rd Open Art Exhibition for Gosforth & District Art Society. Gosforth Village Hall. Details from Jakki Barratt, 019467 25838. See pages 40 & 46.
- 29 August – Monday.** Black Combe Country Fair, Bootle. Sports & pet show. Foxhound, Beagle, Terrier, Lurcher Classes. See page 11. [www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk](http://www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk)
- 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. See page 51.
- 7 September – Wednesday.** Open Mind History Group meeting “People, Places and Events of the 1900s” by Ralph Lewthwaite. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall. See page 32.
- 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. See page 32.
- 9 September – Friday.** Swish Party – ladies’ night. 7.30pm, Calder House Hotel. Tickets £5 inc. glass of wine – see page for contacts. See page 52.
- 10 September – Saturday.** Open Mind Discovery Group meeting “Jordan, a Scientist’s Perspective” by Warren Baxter. 10.15am St Mary’s Church Room, Gosforth. See page 32.
- 10 September – Saturday.** Seascale Arts & Crafts Fair. 10.00am-4pm. Windscale Club. See page 8.
- 10 September – Saturday.** Holmrook Reading Room Pizza Day. From noon. Tickets from Val de Gasperi: 019467 24105
- 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. See page 47.
- 15 September – Thursday.** Open Mind meeting “A Life in Music” by David Shirt. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall. See page 32.
- 16-18 September – Friday to Sunday.** Easy train ride to Foreign Beer Style Weekend at Prince of Wales, Foxfield. 01229 716238.

**If you know of events after 6 November that would be of interest to Seascale folk please email to [news@epic-gb.com](mailto:news@epic-gb.com) for publication in our next magazine.**

**17 September - 2 October – Saturdays and Sundays.** Cumbria Artists Open Studios. Village Hall, Santon Bridge. See page 14.

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

**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. See page 47.

**5 October – Wednesday.** Open Mind History Group meeting "Behind the Scenes at the National Trust" by Sonia Batten. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall. See page 32.

**7-9 October – Friday to Sunday.** Broughton Festival of Beer.

**12 October – Thursday.** Open Mind meeting "The Inca Trail and Peruvian Highlights" by Norman Godfrey. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall. See page 32.

**13 October – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Japanese Art – Hokusai, The Wave" 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. See page 32.

**15 October – Saturday.** Holmrook Reading Room 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'l Ratty 01229 717171. See page 47.

**2 November – Wednesday.** Open Mind History Group Christmas Lunch and Carols. Calder House Hotel, Seascale. See page 32.

## EILEEN EASTWOOD

Everyone in the village now knows that after 17 years as Chairwoman of the Parish Council Eileen Eastwood retired from the position in May. You will all recall her many achievements during that time. The next issue of the magazine will include an appreciation of the work that she has done. Your recollections will help to compile a tribute which does justice to a Chairwoman who has been passionate, determined and unstoppable.

Please contact Barbara Ramsden (28126) with your contributions.

**10 November – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Some Victorian Artists" 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. See page 32.

**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. See page 47.

## ALL THAT JAZZ

Calder House Hotel 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.

Seascale Parish Council is happy to accept donations for advertisements placed in the Seascale Newsletter.

The rate is £10 for a black & white quarter-page, £20 for half page and £40 for a full page. A colour full page is £60, and £30 for half-page

Contact: Trevor Preece on 28449

**Seascale Arts & Crafts Fair**  
**Saturday 10 September 2011**  
**Windscale Club**  
**10:00am – 4:00pm**

Following the success of the Art Club and various Craft stands at Seascale Community Day, there was an obvious demand for an event devoted just to this area.

As a result Seascale will see its first Arts & Crafts Fair.

There will be no admission charge to The Fair which will be open from 10am until 4pm, although donations for the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance will be taken.

Already signed up to take part are:

**Kim's Krafts – Leather goods, Lavender bags & much more.**

**Seascale Art Club – various items of quality artwork.**

**Neate's Crafts - paintings, jewellery, knitwear, quilts, cards etc.**

Refreshments will be available, so why not come along to see what Arts and Crafts are made in the local area and perhaps start your Christmas shopping early.

If you are a local artist or craftsman, and would like to take part, call Clive on Seascale 21026.

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## A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Taking over from Eileen Eastwood was never going to be easy. I was daunted by the prospect but Eileen has promised to mentor me for a while and I have had much support and kindness from my fellow Parish Councillors, for which I am immensely grateful.

Since coming to Seascale in 2004 I have increasingly become aware of what a wonderful and friendly place it is. And it seems that almost unanimously people in the village say they love living here.

Questionnaires over the years have confirmed this, most recently in the survey during the "Together We Can" week in March.

In the last few months it has been very interesting to have visitors tell me how much they like Seascale too. For example I met two young women from Liverpool who were camping nearby one pouring wet weekend who said they loved it here and envied the people who lived here and that they hoped to come back. Then there was the family from Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire who praised among other things the free car parking and clean toilets and said "You remember a place for things like that!"

*Helen Pateman  
Chair (incoming) Seascale Parish Council*

## OSLO TRAGEDY

The following email was sent to Oslo on the morning of 26 July:

"To the people of Oslo. The Parish Council and the people of the village of Seascale, Cumbria, UK wish to send you our profound sympathy at this time. Our own tragedy happened on 2 June 2010 when 3 people were shot dead in our village, victims of a gunman who killed 11 people and injured 12 more in Cumbria. We feel for you and we are thinking of you. With our condolences and very kind regards, Helen Pateman, Chair of Seascale Parish Council."

## DAVE JENNER

David Jenner, stations and administration manager at the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway – "La'al Ratty", pictured on page 28 of the May Seascale Magazine, passed away in May. Dave, who lived in Seascale, had been involved with the railway since the 1970s as a volunteer and then joined the permanent staff over a decade ago, having spent his career working for British Rail, Sealink and Red Star Parcels. He was well known in Seascale and the surrounding area and was very fond of "his" village, despite being a Man of Kent and being based in the south for his working life on the "Big Railway".

As well as his day job manning the phone at Ravenglass station and conducting the railway's day-to-day administration duties, Dave was also the nerve-centre of the railway's Santa Express booking operations, a mammoth task and potential logistical nightmare. Dave's experience and dedication to the job meant that each year thousands of passengers successfully travelled on the Ratty to see Santa.

Dave was also instrumental in setting up the Ratty's archive of vintage photographs, a labour of love taking many hours of hard work, cataloguing the thousands of historic photos which are in the railway company's possession. He was the author of four books about the Ratty's history, the latest, The Ratty Album Volume 3, which I co-authored with Dave, was published in April this year. I know he was as proud of the latest publication as I am, and he will be sorely missed by all of his friends, at the Ratty, in Seascale and beyond.

*Eliot Andersen*



**The late Dave Jenner (right) with his co-author Eliot Andersen.**

# EGREMONT SWIMMING POOL

Summer Timetable until 5 September

## Monday

9.30-11.30	General Swim
12.00-1.00	Adults Only
1.30-3.00	Fun Time (Floats)
3.30-5.00	General Swim
5.00-6.00	Adults Only
6.00-7.00	Seascale Swimming Club
7.00-8.00	Ladies Only
8.00-9.00	Adults Only

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timetable**

## Tuesday

9.30-10.30	General Swim
10.30-11.30	Aqua Fit
11.30-1.00	General Swim
1.30-3.00	Fun Time (Inflatable)
3.30-4.30	General Swim
4.30-5.30	Lane Swim
5.30-8.45	Copeland Swimming Club

## Wednesday

9.30-11.00	General Swim
11.00-12.00	60+ Only
12.00-1.00	Adults Only
1.30-3.00	Fun Time (Floats)
3.30-5.00	General Swim
5.00-6.00	Junior Lifesaving NEW
6.00-7.00	General Swim
7.15-8.45	Lane Swim

## Thursday

9.30-11.30	General Swim
12.00-1.00	Adults Only
1.30-3.00	Fun Time (Inflatable)
3.30-5.00	General Swim
5.00-7.00	Copeland Swimming Club
7.00-8.00	Ladies Only
8.00-9.30	Sub-Aqua

## Friday

9.30-11.30	General Swim
12.00-1.00	Adults Only
1.30-3.00	Fun Time (Floats)
3.30-5.30	Staff Training
5.30-6.30	Copeland Swimming Club
6.30-7.30	General Swim
7.30-8.30	Adults Only

## Saturday

9.00-10.00	Adults Only
10.00-11.00	General Swim
11.00-12.30	Fun Time (Inflatable)
12.30-2.30	Private Hire

## Sunday CLOSED

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**TAKING MEN IN TIGHTS SERIOUSLY!**

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# **BLACK COMBE COUNTRY FAIR**

**Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August, from 12 noon**

*to be opened by Richard Nankivell of BBC Radio Cumbria*

**BOOTLE** *(behind Millstones Bakery Farm Shop)*

## **BREAKING NEWS:**

Blackcombe Country Fair is an official venue on the Cumberland Wrestling circuit.

This is fantastic news. Another step towards providing the public with the very best of West Cumbria; a real traditional sport – a real crowd puller.

Graham Dicker, Chairman of the Black Combe Country Fair, Bootle was said to be “over the moon – this is a real feather in the cap for a show that has grown from absolutely nothing to being West Cumbria’s premier country show in less than five years.”

## **A call to all traders – come to the Black Combe Country Fair for FREE**

It’s official. Black Combe Country Fair is offering trade stand space for free this year, continuing its policy of supporting local businesses.

We have offered free trade stands to encourage local business and it has been very successful, we’re continuing with that policy this year. We do our bit for those that are pretty hard pressed in these difficult times – we have kept our entrance fees the same and the traders likewise.

### **PLUS...**

We urgently need more vintage vehicle owners to come forward this year as we have increased our acreage. Anyone wishing to exhibit please contact the show secretary as soon as possible. Motor bikes, cars, tractors, stationary engines – you name it, it’s welcome – our Bootle location is fantastic.

The melodic sound of Cleator Brass, the mad antics of Two Headed Sheep, a Morris side that breaks new boundaries every time it dances and a host of cracking entertainment, including Cumberland Wrestling will have everyone in a joyous spin – not forgetting the Real Ale beer tent!

So, Black Combe Country Fair, Bootle really is the place to be this August Bank Holiday Monday.

“Let’s face it – it’s the only place in Cumbria where men in tights have to be taken seriously!”

For further information contact Steve on 01946 841030 or 07593 582496

**[www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk](http://www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk)**

# SEASCALE'S LIBRARY SERVICE

Before the establishment of public libraries the benefits of a lending library service was sometimes provided by some other means. The Victorians saw the advantage of having a well educated workforce and took steps to establish a mechanism for providing access to books for the local population. In the countryside, a wealthy local employer – the village squire – would provide a room or even a building in which to house the books, as well as making the initial investment in the book stock. The librarians would be volunteers and the service would be available one or two evenings each week. Extra books, of an 'uplifting' nature, would be obtained from donations by the 'great & the good' to the service and books would be expected to last a great many years before being replaced. Often a village library was accompanied by a reading room used to house newspapers and journals, as well as providing a place for readers to sit and read the book of their choice. There may have been a charge of a penny to take a book home to read. This type of service was often associated with the Workers Education Association or some similar organisation.

In Seascale there was such a lending service provided by the village elders. It was situated in the Pretoria Pavilion, built circa 1900, that was

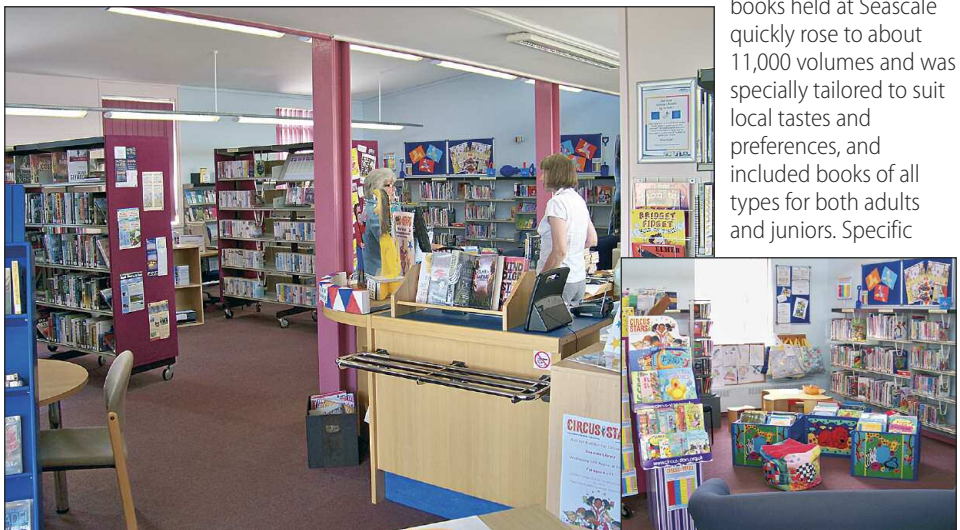
part of the Seascale Recreational Association facilities at the sports ground. There was a reading room attached to this building. Before 1900 Seascaleians would have had to travel to Gosforth for the benefit of a lending library service.

Canon Akham, the then vicar of Seascale, was responsible for a public library being established in the village. He felt strongly that the villagers, as ratepayers, were entitled to that service and it happened as a result of representations made by him to the Local Authority. This was towards the end of the First World War and they agreed to a room in the old school on Hallsenna road being used for library purposes and with books being supplied from Whitehaven. The books were put on to trains in padlocked boxes for collection at Seascale station by two of the older schoolboys – this procedure operating in reverse for the return of books. But that was as far as the Local Authority would go – the staffing of the library had to be undertaken by volunteers.

Later, the library was accommodated in the old reading room for two periods, separated by a spell in the Church Hall.

The present building came into use in July 1963 and was paid for, and operated by, the Cumberland County Library Service. The stock of

books held at Seascale quickly rose to about 11,000 volumes and was specially tailored to suit local tastes and preferences, and included books of all types for both adults and juniors. Specific



parts of both fiction and non-fiction stock were changed weekly on a rota system with other libraries, and new books were constantly being received.

The first paid librarian was a Mrs Service who, when her husband moved to Dounreay, was succeeded by Mrs Billington who was destined to become one of the leading figures in the history

of Seascale Library as her "reign" extended to 17.5 years. She recalled with affection the wonderful spirit of camaraderie that developed at the old Reading Room which, over the years, became a great rendezvous for the villagers.

Note: The vicar of Seascale at the time of the 1914-18 war was the Revd Mercier [1908-1920].  
*Neve Ramsden*

## SALLY KILVINGTON LEAVES THE LIBRARY

Sally Kilvington will have left Seascale Library at the end of July. Sally has been at Seascale Library for 21 years. When Pat Lees left in 1997 she took over as Assistant-in-Charge and worked with Vivienne Halliday for the next four years.

Sally has been outstanding in the excellent service she has given to customers and the community and has also worked hard to make sure that the library is a pleasant and welcoming place. Until our display window was removed last year she regularly won the Village Best Year Round Display from the Parish Council.

Sally's efforts in running the Reading Group have been much appreciated by the members who recently took her out for afternoon tea as a thank you. Sally has run many activities in the library over the years, including book sales, children's holiday activities, McMillan Nurses Coffee Mornings, the recent Railway Display by CRUG and Together We Can event in the library.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Sally for the last 10 years and I will miss her very much, as will all our friends and customers.

I know Sally would like to say "thank you" to all of our customers who have made her years in the library a very happy time.

Sally and her husband Martin, who is also retiring soon, are not leaving the village. She will continue with everything she does for Women's Outlook and the NSPCC.

We wish both Sally and Martin a very happy retirement and would like to say many thanks to her for a job well done!

*Beth Dell, Seascale Library Assistant*

## SEASCALE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1pm – 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10am – 12.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1pm – 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am – 12.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1pm – 5pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am – 12.30pm</b>

## THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE "UNDER REVIEW"

As you will be aware the future of the library service is under review. Cumbria County Council has been carrying out a public consultation exercise which included a drop-in at the Library on 16 June and the Parish Council held a public meeting on 9 June. Both these were well attended and the consensus has been that far from being in any way curtailed our library service should if possible be extended.

Our own view is that Seascale Library serves as a hub for a wide area of Mid Copeland and should do more to support these areas in future as the mobile library service is likely to be discontinued and some buildings may be closed. In order for users in these areas to continue to receive library provision collections of books could be delivered from Seascale to suitable centres and periodically renewed.

This is in line with the views of the County Library Service and we have received encouraging hints that this is how the service may develop. We shall continue to press our case with the consultation team now that the first stage of the exercise has been completed.

*Helen Pateman*

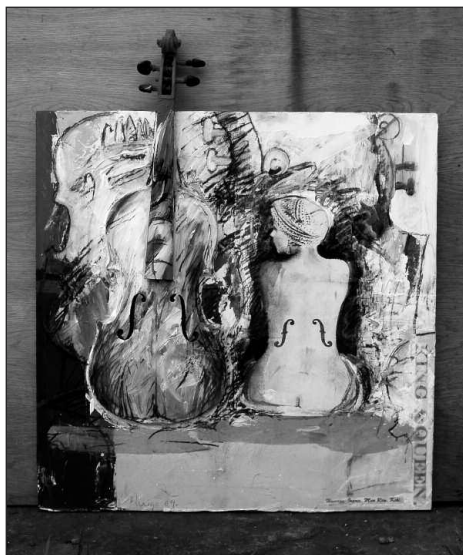
# THE CUMBRIA ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

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Several local artists will be represented in this new venture. It's the first time that the concept has spread county-wide, and five individuals from the Art in Irton group have decided to liaise and exhibit in the Village Hall at Santon Bridge.

Jill Davis and Madeleine Warren, both from Santon Bridge, Inigo Ford from Nether Wasdale, and Gareth Harrison, of Seascale, will be showing a diverse selection of artworks, joined by furniture maker and sculptor in wood, Ralf Bidder, from Holmrook. The exhibition will be open all Saturdays and Sundays during the period 17 September to 2 October. There is plenty of parking and admission is free.

Inigo Ford and his brothers Adam, Dominic and Piers, alongside sister Anna Ford, also have a forthcoming exhibition of their artwork, entitled Five Return to Cumberland, at Lowes Court Gallery, Egremont, opening Saturday 13 August.



**King and Queen by Inigo Ford.**

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## MARY, MARY QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

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Well even if your name isn't Mary, you still have time to exhibit your vegetables and flowers at Seascale Horticultural Show. This year the show will be open to the public on Saturday, 6 August 2011 at 2pm at Seascale's Primary School. Have a look to see what garden produce and flowers you can exhibit and help make this a bumper year for entries.

If gardening is not your thing, there are also handicraft categories for both children and adults. Pick up a show schedule now from Seascale Library, Seascale Pharmacy, Seascale Post Office or Beach Stores. Entries for the show will be accepted on the evening of Friday 5 August, from 6.30pm to 8pm and on the day of the show, from 8am to 10am.

If you really don't think you have anything you can enter in the show, come along and lend us your support on the day. There will be afternoon teas served and an opportunity to buy those prize-winning exhibits in the auction at the end of the show. You may even be inspired to enter next year.



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# TOGETHER WE CAN, WE DID AND WE ARE DOING...

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In March the village was involved in a Together We Can Week when many organisations that provide services in the community – Cumbria County Council, Copeland Borough Council, Seascale Parish Council, Cumbria Constabulary, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service and community and voluntary organisations – all came together to make a difference in Seascale.

During the week all properties in the target area were visited with a doorstep questionnaire. From the **110 responses received, 91% of residents indicated they liked living in Seascale** and were generally satisfied with the local area and local services. Main issues ranged from a better bus service especially on Sundays and a later service, dog mess on the beach and pavements, litter and the untidy area near the Pharmacy/Fire Station, speeding throughout the village, access under Arch Hill, parking around the school and on pavements, to requests for a swimming pool, local dentist, and better mobile phone signal. Generally residents felt they can have their say on things that affect Seascale or know who to contact and six residents were interested in finding out more about becoming a parish councillor. Some residents are already involved in a Neighbourhood Watch group and there was significant interest from others in forming new groups although the majority of residents said they already look out for each other! Residents were also keen to see an increased police presence on the streets during the daytime and at night.

Throughout the week **Cumbria Highways** filled approximately **55 potholes** on Gosforth Road, Hallsenna Road, Sellafield Road and Whitriggs Bridge; in addition relayed 2m<sup>2</sup> of flags and renewed two gully gratings on Whole House Road; various patches were programmed for future repairs on Gosforth Road and Whitriggs

Bridge; Sellafield Road was surface dressed and a letter sent to the Industrial Estate to cut back hedges; and on Scawfell Crescent uneven flags were made safe.

**Recycling officers** from **Cumbria County Council** and **Shanks** delivered **18 black recycling boxes and 61 “hats”** as they were requested during the week.

**Ten officers from Seascale Fire Station, Workington locality and two Fire Service Volunteers** carried out **30 Home Service Visits, fitted free smoke alarms and gave Home Safety Advice to approximately 20 households in Seascale**. A Charity Car Wash took place at the Fire Station on the Saturday; David Moore felt this had benefited by being at the end of the week; it raised £600.00.

Other events taking place that week included a Wii session with Seascale Evergreens Club; a Storysack storytime session and Learn to Search the Internet at the Library; a one-hour Health Walk around Seascale; a free archery workshop and coaching session at Seascale Sports Hall and there was a MP's Question Time where Jamie Reed met with the School Councils from Seascale, Thornhill and Gosforth Schools. Seascale Primary School was very involved with activities being held every day that week.

**You Said – Make a wide range of service information available to local people.**

**We Did –** A Drop In and Find Out Event was held where 20 different organisations set up stalls in the Windscale Club and provided information and advice to over 50 people. In addition there was free dog micro-chipping, health checks, an opportunity to meet with County, District and Parish Councillors, and a demonstration from a Seascale First Responder.



**You Said – Public footpaths to be brought up to a walkable standard.**

**We Did –** Bob Muscat, and Andrea Bonacker Countryside Rangers:

- walked Seascale Parish footpaths, listed work to be done and funding needed.
- took 16-year five pupils from Seascale School on the Cringley Well circular walk which the school would like to use for their studies; minor clearance work to be undertaken.
- Led a Public Rights of Way Workshop and are advising and supporting the newly formed Footpath Group.

**We Are Doing –**

- The Seascale Footpath Working Party has been established with plans to arrange a practical task day in the near future.
- Design and costings have been drawn up to improve the path on Drigg Road to the beach – the infamous concrete steps. The project is to be fully funded by CCC Countryside Access Team. A contractor has been appointed who

will be making a visit and starting the work this year. The path will have to be closed for the duration of the works to include surfacing, drainage, re-grading the concrete steps and replacing the old handrails.

- Designs, costings and landowner consent are underway for the Cringley Well footpath near the school with funding being sort from the Copeland Community fund and other sources. The improvements to be undertaken include surfacing and clearance work with the possibility of changing the stiles for kissing gates.

**You Said – Reduce and eliminate the amount of dog mess on pavements and public areas; prosecute irresponsible dog owners; dog warden to visit regularly.**

**We Did –** Copeland Borough Council Enforcement Team micro-chipped 17 dogs and spoke to their owners at the Drop In; afterwards the team looked around the village and removed any dog mess.

**We Are Doing –** As part of a pilot scheme a



new **Environmental Warden** is operating in Seascale; as well as carrying out tasks like beach cleaning and emptying waste bins. Mr Richardson is also helping to tackle issues like dog fouling, vandalism and fly tipping. Four **Fixed Penalty Notices** have been issued since the pilot began and there has been a noticeable reduction in the amount of dog fouling in the area. A further review of the pilot is due in three months but so far it has been well received by residents and the parish council and has seen a difference in the general public approaching the wardens to have a chat and tell them of their concerns.

With the introduction of **Dog Control Orders** in September dogs will be excluded from all play areas and will have to be kept on a lead on the beach car park and foreshore. On the beach, dogs will still be allowed to run free but it is an offence for them to foul on the beach and owners must clear up after them, as now.

**You Said – A greater police presence on our streets, more foot and night patrols and contact with local young people.**

**We Are Doing – Police Surgeries** are due to start in Seascale giving the opportunity for members of the public to speak to the police face-to-face about whatever concerns they may have. These surgeries will be advertised on the Parish Council website when times, dates, and locations are confirmed.

**And –** The police will be working in partnership with Shackles Off Youth Project in setting up a **“Nite Watch” scheme**. Nite Watch will be a new initiative to keep people safe and help reduce crime. It is hoped that this will be up and running by autumn.

**You Said – More youth provision and facilities and young people to be involved in group meetings and decision making.**

**We Did –** 10 young people attended the **first Mid Copeland Youth Forum** at Shackles Off and took part in a discussion about what is important to young people in Seascale and the issues they have, these have been prioritised and are being tackled:

- Lack of transport to and from Seascale at

times to allow the young people to engage in social activities independently, get to appointments, increase options for evening/weekend jobs outside the village.

- Concerns about charges being introduced for school transport.
- Breaking barriers between generations.
- Homelessness as there is nowhere for young people to live locally.

Young people from this Youth Forum attended the inaugural **Cumbria Youth Council** in June which was held at Brathay Trust’s headquarters in Ambleside. The group established the aims and objectives of the CYC, discussed how individuals could represent their particular constituencies and how collectively, they could influence both Cumbria County Council and local councils.

**You Said – Public spaces to be kept tidy and maintained.**

**We Did –** Copeland Borough Council’s Cleansing Team and Sweeper carried out street cleans; a **Community Beach Clean** supported by young children, parents, teenagers and adults **collected 30 bags of litter**, common items included plastic bottle lids, fishing net, balloons, tyres, a cone and even a wooden door.

**In May, Seascale beach was awarded a Quality Coast Award for the second year.**

**We Are Doing – A Copeland Coastal Design Guide** has been prepared by Copeland Borough Council to help inform of public realm improvements at Copeland’s beaches. The guide is for use by local groups and public bodies to guide the choice of design and use of materials, for example seating. The guide is to help beaches like Seascale retain their Quality Coast Award which focuses on raising standards.

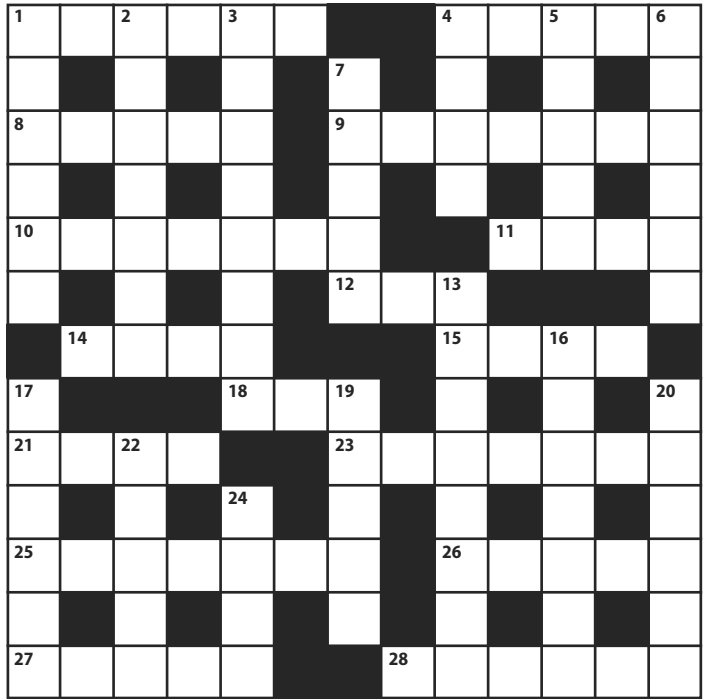
**Thank you** again to everyone who was involved in the Together We Can Week and please do continue to support all the work that is going on in Seascale to create an even better environment and quality of life for all.

*Suzanne Cooper, Area Engagement Officer, Copeland Area Support Team, Cumbria County Council*

# SEASCALE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

There's a prize of £10-worth of produce from A. Williams, the butchers, for the first correct entry drawn on Friday 19 August.

Pop the top part of this page into the box in the Post Office or Library, with your name and phone number below:



*John Gray*

## ACROSS

- 1 & 3 down** This councillor has an inclination towards the Orient we hear (6,8).
- 4** The last letter and the sound of a river create vigorous exercise in Seascale (5).
- 8** Underground movements (5).
- 9** Fifty and a conclusion make temporary provision (e.g. of money) (7).
- 10** Sort out awry ado to make a thoroughfare (7).
- 11** Venerated insects (4).
- 12** Reverse public transport to get a membership fee (3).
- 14** This novice could become a Conservative (4).
- 15** It's enough to make one swear (4).
- 18** Initially it relates to genetic information (3).
- 21** 'Wellies' are recommended for such walks and visits (4).
- 23** Would-be rail excursionists have been thwarted by this troubled whirlwind (7).
- 25** Something a footballer would rather not possess (3,4).
- 26 & 27** A wetter row can be made from this Seascale monument (and once was for 'The Banks') (5,5).
- 28** Glad or edified, within that is to be loved (6).

## DOWN

- 1** National Trust in Ireland is complete (6)
- 2** It does volumes of business (7).
- 3** See 1 across (8).
- 4** Almost a place for wild animals provides half an area (4).
- 5** I am in a puzzle to produce cereal (5).
- 6** An exalted month for Balmoral excursions (6).
- 7** Produce an egg in a written afterthought; could be staged (5).
- 13** The product of 9 across is this (8).
- 16** A pamphlet on gold makes a useful vehicle (7).
- 17** The exertion of energy is found in a chef for training (6).
- 19** This ring-shaped reef could also be a tax (5).
- 20** A speedy instrument for an angler? (3,3).
- 22** One can do this at 2 down (5).
- 24** Down or up, outside or in, it's an area (4).

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# SEASCALE COMMUNITY DAY

## 5 JUNE 2011

On Sunday 5 June 2011, Seascale held a Community Day to bring everyone in the village together after a traumatic year and to show the community spirit that exists within the village.

The aim of the day was to have something for everyone and the day was packed with events that ran from before 10am until almost midnight.

The morning saw a large number of family groups register at The Bailey Ground Hotel for entry into the Sand Modelling competition.

It was then off to the beach where the designs on paper were put into practice and the amount of work and detail included was phenomenal.

Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland, Councillor John Jackson and Mrs Linda Jackson, had the unenviable task of judging the entries and said they were very impressed with the standard, which made their decision very difficult.

The result of the Sandmodelling Competition was:

- 1st: Lisa and Richard Wilford**  
**2nd: The Moore family**  
**3rd: Andy & Gill Williams**

Prizes for the first three places were vouchers kindly donated by The Bailey Ground Coffee Shop and Ice Cream Parlour.

To support the beach activities, the Coastguard were in attendance with their 4x4 vehicle and provided safety information.

Also taking place from 10am was the Car Boot Sale on the Beach Front Car Park. There was a brisk trade amongst the 10 sellers, with a variety of items including plants, books and various household items. A small charge was made for this event and an amount of £50 was raised for the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance.

From late morning, the Sports Hall and Cricket Field areas were transformed into a buzzing hub for the afternoon's events.

The many groups from the village put on an extensive range of displays and competitions for which they should all be congratulated.

The displays provided by the Vintage Cars, Seascale Art Club and Scottish Country Dancers were all very well received. To keep the young people entertained, the three inflatables, five-a-side football cage, climbing wall and BMX exhibition riding and competitions proved very popular.

It was also very pleasing, that thanks to generous donations, grants and the volunteers, all these events for the youngsters were free of charge.

The Community Day was very well supported by the local emergency services with Cumbria Police, Cumbria Fire & Rescue, Wasdale Mountain Rescue, the Coastguard, Sellafield Ambulance all bringing vehicles for everyone to look over.

Star of the show had to be the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance that made a spectacular entrance that I'm sure everyone who witnessed it will remember for a long time.

The helicopter arrived slightly later than planned owing to having an emergency to deal with before flying in to Seascale. It was unfortunate that it was called away so quickly after arriving to answer another emergency call, but this only goes to demonstrate what a vital asset it is to this area.

Everyone attending the day's events was invited to enter a free draw by completing the slip on the bottom of the programme that was delivered with the last issue of the Village Magazine.

The winner of the draw and already in receipt of a DAB Digital Radio was **Mrs M. Whittaker of Cross Lanes, Seascale.**

Although the evening had turned somewhat chilly, there was a large gathering of local people for the Open Air Community Service near the Castle at 6pm. Led by the Rev. John Woolcock and Father Peter Sayer the community was joined by



**1st**

The Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland, The High Sheriff of Cumbria, Jamie Reed MP and the Chief Constable.

During a moving service, Father Peter said "It's appropriate that we are here on the seafront. The sand



**2nd**



**3rd**

is an easy place to draw a line, but it is also an easy place for the tide to come in and wash that line away. We should never forget why it was there but it is time to move on not forgetting those who lost their lives but holding their memories in a very special way."

Thanks to Keith and Jill Hudson for providing the music that accompanied the service.

The final element of the day was a free Community Concert held inside a marquee in the grounds of the Calder House Hotel.

Comper for the evening was Charles Maudling, who introduced in the first half, a selection of songs from West End shows performed by the extremely talented cast from The Rose Hill Youth



Theatre. The Victory V's also performed a selection of 1940's favourites.

After a short intermission, the tempo changed and the audience was treated to a series of numbers from the Judith Jones Band, before the senior members of The Rose Hill Theatre performed further 'Songs from the Shows'.

A return of the Victory V's saw their songs brought up-to-date and nobody there will forget their 'RyanAir' number!

The evening was rounded off by John Halligan's unique tribute to Elvis that had the audience dancing in the aisles and the specially invited guests joining him on stage.

A collection was made during the evening raising a total of £420 which has been divided equally between the Seascale Surgery and the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance.

Finally there are a number of "Thankyou's" that need to be mentioned.

The Community Day had been





planned since the early autumn 2010 and would not have been possible without the support and generosity of the following:

Cumbria Community Foundation

Bootle and Seascale  
Neighbourhood Forum

Nuclear Management Partners  
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Low Level Waste Repository, Drigg

Thanks to all the groups, clubs and societies who took part during the day and the volunteer stewards for their help.



A special thanks for the concert must go to Andy, Steve and staff at the Calder House Hotel and Brian Goulding for arranging the entertainment. The artistes also gave their time for free, so thanks to them.

Thanks to The Community Day Committee who worked with me: Vicky Borrino, Eileen Eastwood, David Moore and Kate Smith.

And thanks to everyone in Seascale for making Community Day 2011 a success.

*Clive Willoughby, Chairman,  
Community Day Committee*



# HANG GLIDING IN WEST CUMBRIA

WITH COLIN DE GASPERI



**I have two gliders – an Australian designed Malibu which is an easy light one if I have to carry up the hill or the fields are small, and a British designed Avian Evo (in this picture) which is a competition glider, this one is too heavy to carry far, very fast and needs a lot of space to land but amazing to fly.**

**M**any years ago I used to hang glide every minute I could, but gave it up owing to pressures of business. I took up again here in Cumbria at 52, after nearly 20 years with my feet firmly on the ground.

I thought it would be just as easy, but quickly realised I would have to learn all over again. The modern gliders have advanced so much in 20 years that when I could land in almost any field before, I now need one almost as long as a runway to land.

In my younger, braver and distant past, I flew in the British team a number of times and have flown all over the world in countries like, Canada, Spain, France, Italy etc – in fact anywhere where they have hills and mountains. But now, mostly, I just do it for the fun here in Cumbria. And what fun it is!

During my rest spell from hang gliding, I did quite a lot of conventional gliding and was long since solo when I stopped. People often ask me which is better, hang gliding or conventional gliding?

My view is that they are two different sports that

enjoy the same sort of experience in the air to a greater or lesser degree.

Conventional gliding is much more efficient, flying longer distances, higher climbs, faster glides and incredible aerobatics if you are experienced enough or lucky enough to be a passenger on an aerobatic flight. Conventional gliding is just fantastic in its own way.

Hang gliding is scaled down but just as thrilling and exciting, maybe even slightly more so because you are closer to the elements with the absence of a cockpit.

The performance of the aircraft, or lack of it with a hang glider, is not relative to the sense of achievement and enjoyment as a whoop of joy would pop out after a 50-mile straight line flight on a hang glider whilst, in the right hands, a conventional glider could have completed a 200-mile out and return flight in the same conditions and time.

The real attraction to hang gliding vs. conventional gliding is that hang gliding is much more convenient. Ground crew are not needed –



we can fly locally and it is a lot, lot cheaper.

That statement of course brings me directly to hang gliding which is again more convenient than hang gliding, much easier to transport, lighter to carry, much quicker to rig, much easier to land in a small field and probably less expensive than a hang glider. Thus it is now, by far, the most popular of the three sports.

In 1976 when I started hang gliding, conventional gliding was the biggest sport. By 1986 hang gliding was as big as conventional gliding and growing faster. Paragliding was just developing at that time.

To give you an idea of how that has again changed over the years, we have just six hang glider pilots and probably 250+ paraglider pilots in the Cumbria Club. However from reports that I have read recently hang gliding is making a come back.

The governing body for Hang Gliding and Paragliding is the "BHPA", British Hang & Paragliding Association. Through membership to this entity we are given third party liability

insurance and a network of local clubs and schools.

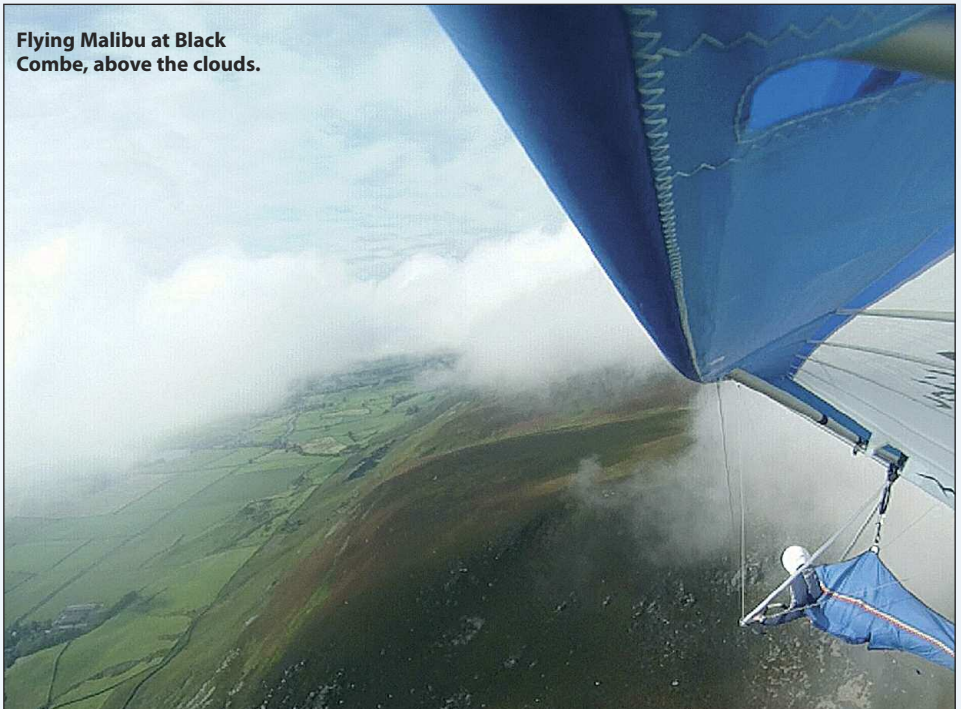
The Civil Aviation Authority rules of the air apply to all types of gliders, in the same way that it does for light and commercial aircraft. The BHPA ensure that all its members have access to the information that they need to fly safely and provide a series of examined qualifications that make the sport safe for us to mix with other aviators.

The more advanced examined qualifications require as much, if not more, knowledge as a Private Pilot's licence would require.

There is a paragliding school in Cumbria but not a hang gliding school. There are, however, several elsewhere in the UK, the closest to us being in Derbyshire. All the UK, and a few European hang gliding and paragliding schools are listed at [www.bhpa.co.uk](http://www.bhpa.co.uk).

I believe that the best and probably cheapest way to properly learn any of the three sports is to go on a week-long intensive course and make a

**Flying Malibu at Black Combe, above the clouds.**



## Launching the Avian Evo.



holiday of it. I learned conventional gliding over a week at the Midland Gliding Club in Shropshire, for less than £300 including accommodation then. I had previously flown a few hours under instruction at my local club prior to going, and my hang gliding experience was obviously a benefit as I was solo within four days and completed a flight of over five hours flying around parts of Wales and Shropshire on the last day of the course.

For any of the sports, you can go in the UK or abroad with all inclusive packages to places like Cornwall, Spain, France or Turkey to name but a few. You can of course be more certain of the weather abroad.

If you are interested, the best place to start is the website mentioned above.

Now think on this...

Imagine that the lawn needs mowing, the house needs painting, the car needs washing and, horror of horrors, the wife needs help with the housework! Arghhhhhh – get the hang glider out – quickly!

The experience is like no other I can describe. Flying with the birds in the same thermal is like being one of them. They usually lead the way and I follow, but sometimes they see me having some success and follow me. They seem to see me as a big bird, rather than a human with hook on wings!

Talking about the wing, you may have seen me around the place, with my glider on the car. It looks like a very (very) long tube when it is folded up and is only just within the law to carry on a small car. The structure is formed mainly from three very long, very strong aluminium poles, all joined together at the front of the wing. The main central one is called the keel and the other two on each side are known as the leading edges. The 'sail' is stretched over these with a lot of other reinforcement and retaining wires. It all seems very tenuous, but I feel very confident in it. I check it every time I fly which has likely saved my life more than once!

Once rigged I can fly off almost anything, but must always bear in mind where I am 'allowed' to fly. For instance over Sellafield or even too close to



it, would be illegal. I can fly high enough to get into air lanes, so they are 'to be avoided' too.

When I fly, I feel like I am in control of my own destiny. There is no noise, so I can hear my own thoughts. I am constantly watching out for dangers such as other aircraft but we all obey air-law so as a rule it is quite safe.

There are risks, of course, and some of my friends have been unlucky, but the pay-back is well worth the risks.

I always take a mobile phone in case I need help, but I certainly could not hear it in flight, so I can really say that I am alone, in every sense of the word.

Locally I fly the sand dunes at Drigg, which is great fun as the sand can be only a few feet away. This is known as dune-gooning' and is just for low-level thrills. I also fly from Black Combe, Corney Fell, St Bees,

Lowca and the bigger mountains around Blencathra near Keswick where much more height is involved.

So those of you sun-bathing in your back gardens however, watch out for me – I can pass over you silently! Got to go, looks like it might be flyable now...



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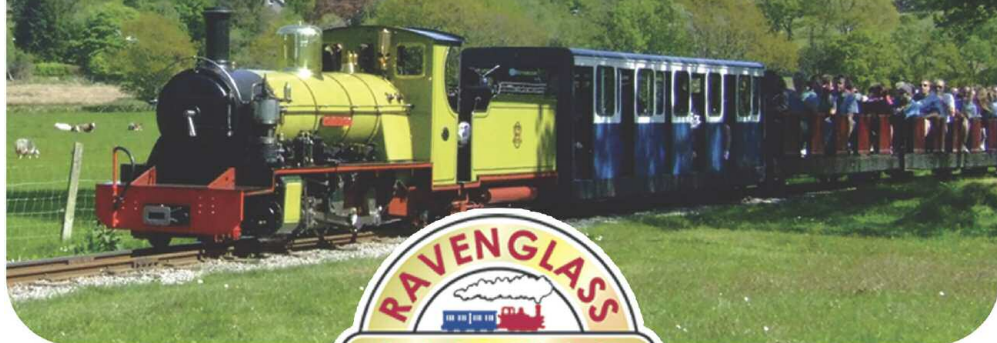
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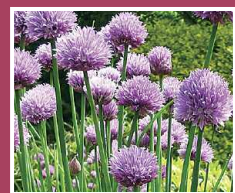
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Open Mind is a group for members of the 50+ retired population living in Seascale, Gosforth and the surrounding area. It offers a monthly meeting based in Gosforth as well as a number of Special Interest groups and activities based in Seascale, Gosforth and Drigg. The annual subscription is £5.00pa and there is a small additional charge for most activities. Prospective members may attend one or two meetings before deciding whether to join but for the smaller groups it is advisable to contact the named person to check whether there is room for more members. Transport may be possible.

## Summer-Autumn 2011 Programme

**Main Meetings.** Gosforth Public Hall. 10.15-10.30am for coffee, 11.00am talk until 12.00.

- 18 August **Summer Luncheon.** Drigg Village Hall, 12.00 noon. £10.00 per head.  
15 September **'A Life in Music'** by David Shirt.  
12 October **'The Inca Trail and Peruvian Highlights'** by Norman Godfrey.  
17 November **AGM.** 10.15am, followed at 11am by **'Northern Greenland and its National Parks'** by Dr Rob. David.

Contact person for further information: Xandra Brassington 019467 25794.

**History Group.** Drigg Village Hall, 10.15-10.30am for coffee. 11.00am talk.

- 8 September **'People, Places & Events of the 1900s'** by Ralph Lewthwaite.  
5 October **'Behind the Scenes at the National Trust'** by Sonia Batten  
2 November **Christmas Lunch and Carols** at Calder House Hotel, Seascale.

Contact person: Xandra Brassington 019467 25794.

**Art Appreciation Group.** Usually St Joseph's R.C. Church Hall, Seascale but may change, so check with contact person).

- 11 August **'An Artist's View of London'**. Seascale Methodist Church.  
8 September **'Another Look at Modern Sculpture'** by John & Judy Hall.  
13 October **'Japanese Art – Hokusai, The Wave'**.  
10 November **'Some Victorian Artists'**.

Contact person: Jean Taylor 019467 28713.

**Discovery Group.** St Mary's Church Room, Gosforth. 10.15am for 10.45am start.

- 21 September **'Jordan, a Scientist's Perspective'** by Warren Baxter.  
26 October TBA.  
23 November **'The Rise and Fall of Marchon'** by Gordon Atkinson and John Kennedy.

Contact person: Graham Hutson 019467 25477.

**Singing for Fun.** Seascale Methodist Church Meeting Room. 2.30-4.00pm.

Usually meets on the Second Tuesday of each month. It's an enjoyable, informal group for people who like singing – it's not a choir. Check with contact person, Xandra Brassington, to see if further places are available. 019467 25794.

**Bird Watching.** Outings arranged to various venues. Contact person: Fred Johnson 01946 812061.

**Discussion Group** Third Tuesday of each month at 7 Denton Park, Gosforth. Contact person: Graham Brassington 019467 25794.

**Mah Jong.** Meets at 7 Denton Park, Gosforth on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. This group is almost full. Contact person: Xandra Brassington 019467 25794.

**Reading Group.** Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 Meadowfield, Gosforth. Almost full. Contact Jean Taylor, 019467 28713, for details.

In addition to the above two new groups have recently been set up: a monthly Easy Walking Group. Contact person Joan McIntosh, 019467 25459 and a Theatre Group offering occasional theatre visits. Contact person, Maisie Smith, 01229 718649. Further details about joining Open Mind can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, George Taylor, on 019467 28713.



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# DR BARRIE WALKER RETIRES

On 2 July, Seascale's Health Centre staff had a fabulous day, blessed with good weather, giving Dr Barrie Walker a fine send off into retirement following a week of events. His last day at the practice was Friday, 1 July. Thanks go to all of the patients who contributed to Barrie's collection. He chose a fine antique clock, two local landscape watercolours from Mark Pearce at Ravenglass and has a couple of very smart hotel vouchers for Barrie and his wife Kathryn to enjoy in the Lake District. His retirement coincided with the staff summer party at Sellapark so we took advantage of the weather, and true to form, Barrie joined in the festivities and raced around the rounder's pitch. We were joined by many staff, old and new and it was lovely to catch up with everyone. All of Barrie's family attended and his grandson seemed to enjoy the day. Two retirement cakes were prepared, one by a family friend of 'Dr Barrie' and one provided by Carolyn from our dispensary, depicting Barrie and Kathryn's narrow boat, Mallard.

There are many pictures in the surgery for patients to view.

*Lisa Drake*

Barrie Walker was born in the old Whitehaven Hospital (the Castle) in 1947, the family then living in Hensingham. They moved to Gosforth in 1950, where they lived on the farm at Haverigg Moorside, and his dad worked on that farm and Broom Farm. Barrie went to Gosforth School and then Whitehaven Grammar School. He went on to study medicine at St. John's College Cambridge and the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London. He moved back to Cumbria in July 1979, and became a partner in Seascale. He was recruited to replace Dr John Loudon (who originally practised in the house that is now the Westlakes Hotel).

Once he became established he took the practice into being a

training practice for future GPs – trainees as they were known then. Seascale took its first trainee in 1980 and has been a training practice ever since. He then became the Scheme Organiser for the West Cumbria Vocational Training Scheme for General Practice.

In the Community he has been heavily involved in the local Round Table and introduced the first Seascale Fun Day with raft races, Ravenglass fairs and raft races, the Gosforth donkey derby's and much more.

Barrie also was a governor at Seascale School and has been medical officer at Gosforth show for many years and this year is President. As a keen fundraiser, he went round Britain in a 2CV in a w/e for charity. He has always been deeply concerned, sometimes controversially, about the health of his local communities.

He helped in the development of and taught on the first Practice Nurse Courses at Carlisle College (and helped train many Practice Nurses throughout Cumbria and indeed the North East). He was also involved in the development of training in asthma for Practice Nurses in Cumbria.

Barrie returned to full-time General Practice, taking over as the main "Bootle Doctor". However he could not resist helping in the development of Locality Commissioning in Copeland and eventually became the deputy lead GP to David Rogers.

Barrie has been married to Kathy, who retired from full time Health Visiting at Beech House last year, for forty years this year and they have three children, Jenny, Alison and Simon.

A keen gardener('s assistant!) and dog owner – his retirement will be filled in any event, not withstanding their love of and relationship with Africa, Tanzania in particular, and their share of a canal boat and love of the canals.



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# HAVE A CRACK WITH ANDY AND HIS TEAM...

Seascale's butchers was first established in 1910, and many readers of the Seascale newsletter will remember the past and present shop that has had the pleasure of providing fresh and locally sourced meat, cooked meats, fish, sauces, fats, pate, chutneys and various other food stuffs. As some of you may be aware on 15 November 2010 Seascale butchers changed ownership from A & D Dickinson to A. Williams & Son (which Mia our daughter was not happy about, as she asked "What about Son and Daughter Daddy?" However Jordan was made up with the name above the shop and fires Jonny several times a week).

Our aim is to continue to provide all of that quality produce and improve on the good platform we purchased. Being new to the butchery trade and taking training from the well-seasoned butcher, Tony, I feel this has put us in good stead for the continued quality of produce.

We feel very privileged to have our business in Seascale and very lucky to have Alan and Jonathan working with us. Already, the staff and I have experienced the community spirit and your continued support that enables the moments we share from conversation, comical scenes of Gill not being able to reach low down in the cabinet or the heights of the cooked meat slicer and the occasional disaster cooked turkey cuts from Andy and Jonathan! (Damn bird we love to cut, it's Saturday morning entertainment when the shop's full, especially for the "Rob family of ladies and Rob of course").

I must say to the ladies, even though I feel very flattered and how beautiful you look, there really is no need to visit Emma (New Image) or Jane



(Haven Beauty) to have your hair or nails done before coming to the butchers as we will have a crack and serve you with a smile no matter how windswept you are (I know some of you reckon you're doing 2 birds with one stone). When elderly customers give you their purse or handful of money to take the right amount for payment it is endearing and makes you realise in a village where we all live together we have the trust of each other and it's a nice feeling.

The faces on people coming in after 4:30pm when the cabinets are bare, and wondering if they are going to get anything for tea, reminds me of an occasion when I trusted my big brother to point me in the direction of a butchers in Tyldesley where we once lived. I ran inside and saw the counters empty and the guy had a cleaning cloth in his hand, but even so I asked "you couldn't do me a pound of mince could you mate?" He replied "I'm sorry mate, no," to which I responded, "Oh, have you cleaned everything up?" He said "No sorry, it's not that, it's just I'm a fish monger!" I looked up out of my rush and lo and behold the wall behind him was covered in fishing net with plastic crabs and fish ornaments. Funny really, especially now I'm both a butchers and a fish monger on Thursday and Friday.

To help us in our strive for improvement, I would like to give you this opportunity to open the

counter to suggestions. If you are looking for something different and you can't see what you need on the counter, please ask and we will do our best to make up in the shop for you, especially this time of the year with such diverse weather conditions. Also, with the summer in mind and the school holidays upon us, if you are travelling and want a taste of home ask us to Vac Pack your sausage or whatever you require to enable freshness when you get there. Our sausage has travelled as far as Dubai and welcomed holiday makers in Spain to a home-made English breakfast and a taste of Cumbria.

For any of our present customers or newcomers to the shop we have a varied range of sausage including Cumberland thick and thin, along with minty lamb and black pudding blend, pork and apple, sweet chilli, tomato, beef and soon to come a pork and stilton sausage. We also have the means to create coeliac-friendly sausages which we produced to order for the Seascale scout camp. We have a wide range of MRC Flavourings in which we can encase your chicken or belly strips or even ribs; we flavour minty lamb leg steaks for you or even pork leg steaks in garlic and butter flavour. Or try our sensational spicy BBQ or the taste of the Oriental salt-n-pepper to spice up your chicken drums, thighs and wings. For the heat freaks there is the Piri Piri. Kids go for the sweetness of the sticky maple or the Chinese.

Of course we would not be here if it were not for the people of Seascale and the surrounding villages, so my family, staff, me and Bob outside (butcher dummy) with his smile as long as South Parade (the smile extends inside) await your custom and crack and would like to thank all our old, new and future customers for your continued support and loyalty which is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

*Andy Williams*



**The Williams family won 3rd prize in the sand modelling competition with 'Bob' on Community Day.**



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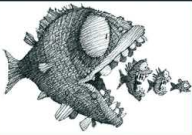
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# GOSFORTH & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

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prizes of substantial value which attracts many people.



**Old Town.**

The Society holds a weekly meeting in Gosforth Village School from 7 to 9pm each Monday, generally around 40 weeks of the year. Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Jakki Barratt on 019467 25838.

At present the Society is producing a wall mural for Gosforth School which incorporates the Life of Christ. There will be seven boards depicting various stories in the Bible as requested by the children. The first two paintings for this long mural are *The Last Supper* by Jo Froggatt from Seascale and *Christ on the Cross* by Rose Bradbury, also from Seascale. There are artists from Frizington, Cleator, Millom, Bootle and Gosforth working on the others.

We invite members of the public to come to our Exhibition on August Bank Holiday to see artists at work, the wonderful paintings from all over Cumbria which are all completely originals. Experience our homemade cakes and other goodies all baked freshly for the three days.

*Jakki Barratt*

**Christ on the Cross.**



**The Last Supper.**



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# SCOUTING

## MOUTHS TO FEED

Almost 50 girls and boys from our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined others from the Western Lakes District at Ennerdale for a 3-night camp over the May bank holiday weekend. Like Will and Kate, we enjoyed the brilliant weather. Activities included canoeing, coracle building, and medieval battles. Cooking for over 100 mouths is a challenge at the best of times; doing it on gas stoves out of a tent deserves respect.

We were also delighted to take part in the village Community Day. We ran a mine field game and got people really annoyed with our 'frustration' pulley game.

### Beavers open 'Buzzy Bug' Hotel

The Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 years) this term have been very busy designing and collecting materials for a bug hotel. They constructed their hotel at the Holmrook Reading Room as part of the Biodiversity project. The hotel has many rooms for many different types of insects/animals. They created Face logs and bamboo pipes – for solitary bees, added loose bark, straw and pine



cones for the beetles, centipedes, and woodlice. They created areas for frogs and toads by placing stones/slates and upturned plants pots around the hotel.

Beaver Scouts took part in a sponsored 'Find District Camp' Walk at Ennerdale Lake. They had a wonderful walk and arrived at District Camp in time for their tasty dinner and lots of fun activities. They raised an incredible £259 for the Holmrook Reading Room Project, which they presented when they went to construct their hotel.

The Beaver Scouts are looking forward to returning in the future to see how many visitors have 'checked in' to their 'Buzzy Bug' Hotel.



## Beaver Scouts 25th Anniversary Celebrations

The sun shone on the Beavers from around the County at Great Tower near Windermere for a wonderful day of adventurous activities. 2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts had an amazing day, some of them climbing rock faces and abseiling, while other braved the heights of the trees. Beavers were able to achieve their Adventure Activity Badge and their Outdoor Challenge badge owing to the many activities they were able to do. They all tried new activities that they had never done before including Grass Sledging, lassoing buffaloes and assault courses.

The day ended in true scouting tradition with a few songs around the campfire (but unfortunately no marshmallows!).

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the dedication of the volunteer Leaders that organised these events. We had a great time and without their time and dedication our county would not have been able to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Beaver Scouting in such a spectacular way. Many Thanks to all of them.

## Cubs Challenge

The cubs all had a great time on District Camp, especially sleeping in the large patrol tents, but most of the tents had been put up by some willing volunteer scouts the night before camp. So the cubs have spent a number of weeks practising their tent pitching skills. This culminated in a competition, and I must say I would have been happy to sleep in any of them.

To complete their challenge we went to the beach to light camp fires and cook toffee apples and camp fire twists—lots of sticky cubs went home that night!

## Beach Cooking

Most of the requirements for the Camper's Activity Badge were achieved on camp except – At Camp, to help prepare, cook, serve and clear away a simple meal, if possible out-of-doors. With this in mind the Maverick Explorers came down one evening to help the cubs cook spaghetti bolognese followed by either cinnamon apples or chocolate bananas on an open fire. Luckily for us the Beavers had been on the beach before us and lit the fire so we just had to cook!

## Fires and Axes

The Scouts (age 10½ - 14½) have been lighting fires on the beach using petroleum jelly and cotton wool. They then cooked tortilla wraps on hot stones. Give a young person an axe and they are happy. Teaching them how to use such tools safely is extremely important.

We took a one-way trip on La'al Ratty and walked back over Muncaster Fell. Our first attempt at geocaching was less than successful as we only found 1 of 3 caches. I'm sure they were missing. We also completed a mountain bike ride of about 20km around our local bridleways.

## Expedition

The scouts have reached a good level of skill in readiness for their expedition planned for later in the year.

## Volunteers

We are very grateful to the parent helpers who have helped out with all the sections. We have only one leader in each of the cub and scout sections, so we cannot run without outside help. This puts a lot of pressure on that leader and means that if they are unwell, we may have to close for that evening. If you would be at all interested in working with any of our age groups, or doing 'back room' helping with equipment, admin etc., please do contact me, we really do need you.

The Scout Movement is the largest volunteer youth movement in the world. In the UK there are 400,000 members, consisting boys and girls from age 6 to 25 and adult leaders and supporters.

Seascale Scout Group meets on Thursday and caters for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and has links with the local Explorer Scout unit. To find out more, please contact: [Info@SeascaleScouts.org.uk](mailto:Info@SeascaleScouts.org.uk) or phone Seascale 28296.

*Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader*

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25 November 2011	The Sterling Trio (flute, clarinet and piano)	Music by Bach, Gershwin, Saint Saëns and Mendelssohn
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# GUIDES AND RANGERS

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The members of both the Guide and the Ranger units have had a hectic, but enjoyable summer.

## Guides

At the beginning of term, each Guide Patrol was asked to plan and organise one of our meetings. As a result of this we have spent a fair amount of time on or near the beach either at Drigg or Seascale. A unique Disney-themed evening took place at Seascale Castle; a 'making music from natural objects' evening at Drigg and of course we enjoyed our annual BBQ – or rather we tried to although the wind defeated us at times! Additionally we have appreciated an evening of challenges, a session playing co-operative games, and spent time picture making (organised by one of the Rangers) using objects found out and about.

As the end of term approaches we have welcomed a visit by girls from the local Brownie packs who joined us for an art-based meeting. Needless to say, this was quite a messy occasion, but the results were spectacular.

Next week we are off on our Guide Holiday to Thwaites. The older Guides have been in charge of the planning and the Leaders are looking forward to a relaxed few days away! More news of this event in the next newsletter, when we shall also tell you about our planned trip to London in October.

Members of the Unit have taken part in the Gosforth Fun Run and also at the Seascale Community Day when we provided a number of active games for everyone to participate in.

## Rangers

The Rangers have had an interesting term as several guests have joined them to share their professional experiences and help them prepare for adulthood. They have discussed female health issues with emphasis on choices that can be made, money management and rights and responsibilities.

Cooking has again featured on the programme and wonderful smells have emanated from the kitchen – the sticky toffee pudding and sauce was just unbelievable. . . . On another evening the girls attempted a BBQ. This took a while to get going partly as the initial challenge was to locate some

matches! A 'make a picture' session was much enjoyed by all.

A highlight of the term was an introductory session of snorkelling at West Lakes Academy Pool. Eight of the girls enjoyed a well organised session run by divers and instructors from the West Cumbrian branch of the British Sub Aqua club.

In June, the Rangers took part in two community events, the Seascale Community Day and the Gosforth Fun Run. In the latter they dressed as girls from St Trinians and press ganged the onlookers into donating to British Divers Marine Life Rescue.

*Sue Smith*

## 2ND SEASCALE METHODIST BROWNIES

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Hi all, well what can I say, we have had meetings that have been filled with yoga, chats and hot chocolates and most of all fun. This term seems to have gone very fast indeed. We had a fabulous yoga night that had us all stretching and finding our inner flexibility and I must say the leaders enjoyed it too. It has been a very sad end of term as one of our young leaders has left. Jane has moved away and therefore had to leave our brownie unit, but we send her all the luck and we hope to be seeing her again soon. Our pack holiday was a blast; we had loads of fun at Ennerdale scout camp. We had the woods to roam in and the lake to walk around; we didn't quite manage all the way around but overall was a fantastic pack holiday. There were a few hiccups though with the weather, the roof was tin, and it poured down and of course we had thunder and lightning. I forgot how frightening it can get when you're 7. One highlight has to be all the puddle jumping we did, and because it had rained there were lots of them. Hopefully we can now start planning a pack holiday for next year. We have quite a few brownies leaving us this term to venture out to guides, which is the next big step again we wish them luck and hope that they like it. Good luck girls.

*Sarah Huddleston*

# **ART EXHIBITION**

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## **ARTISTS AT WORK – FREE DEMONSTRATIONS**

Our group was formed over 27 years ago and has been meeting throughout that time; some of the original people are still with us today. We have learners to very accomplished artists. Many different mediums are used, oil, watercolour, pastel, graphite and acrylic paints. Some of us paint in more than one medium and help and coach each other as and when needed.

As our group is locally quite well known we have the privilege of exhibiting all year round at Muncaster Castle as well as Art Exhibitions throughout Cumbria. Funds are used to further our group, towards weekly meeting venue, equipment and professional tuition for our members.

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## *Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group*

### **AUTUMN 2011**

Wednesday 14 September 7.30pm at Gosforth Methodist Room

#### **“Living Seas North West”**

Cheryl Nicholson, Marine Officer for Cumbria Wildlife Trust, will give an illustrated talk encompassing marine conservation zones in the Irish Sea including local marine mammals in general and basking sharks in the Solway.

Wednesday 5 October 7.30pm at Gosforth Methodist Room

#### **“The Wild Ennerdale Partnership”**

Gareth Browning, Area Forester for the North West Forestry Commission will give an illustrated talk on the progress of this exciting partnership.

Saturday 22 October – 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**

Train times and further information from Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway 01229 717171

Wednesday 16 November 7.30pm at Gosforth Methodist Room

#### **“Turks and Caicos Wildlife – keeping the jungle at bay”**

An illustrated talk by Dr. Duncan Hutt from Northumberland Wildlife Trust after his three months sabbatical working in the Islands.

ALL WELCOME

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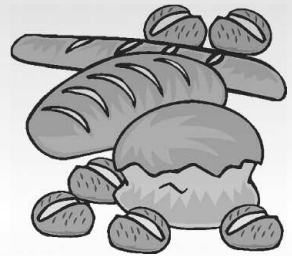
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# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING



Dancing takes place in the Main Hall of the Windscale Club from September to April each year. The next season will start on Wednesday, September 7th 2011 at 7.30.p.m.

Once again we invite everyone who is interested to come along. There is no need to have a partner or to have any previous experience of this type of dancing. All that is necessary is some enthusiasm and a willingness to learn (and to wear low heeled shoes or trainers). Those of us who dance regularly enjoy the music, the physical activity and of course the company. The group is sociable and new people have no difficulty in joining in and making friends.

Scottish Dancing in Seascale is an inexpensive activity - just £1 membership fee and £1 per attendance. In addition the first night is FREE!

We look forward to seeing some new faces this autumn and of course a return of all the regular members.

Make a note of the date - Wednesday 7 September 2011, look out some appropriate footwear and come to the Windscale Club for 7.30 pm. Scottish Country Dancing might be just the

thing for you for the winter evenings. Why not give it a try this year?

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## OUR QUALITY COAST AWARD

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We are proud to have won the Quality Coast Award again this year and we want to ensure that we win it next year too. See the picture of the flag-raising on page 3. Over the winter we are hoping to bring the plumbing in the toilets up to modern standards and to replace the 11 year-old notice board on the "Wishing Well" with a more weatherproof UPVC one. But to be able to keep the area in excellent condition we need the support of all of you in the village. Please clear up after your dogs (bagged dog waste can be discarded in any bin, not only those designated as dog bins). Please do not let your dogs chew the swing seats or the public seats. Please report any offenders to the Environmental Warden on 07793177563 and let any Parish Councillor know if you spot something that is out of order or needs repairing.

*Helen Pateman*

# SEASCALE FITNESS CENTRE



While Seascale seems to lack less than its smaller counterparts in the area, one thing missing from its proud list of village services is a gym. Not for much longer. Under the fundraising coordination of Dawn Dennett and Rachael Graham, a grassroots community project at the Windscale Club is well underway. The planned Seascale Community Fitness Centre, which will accommodate the latest fitness equipment, changing facilities and a part-time fitness instructor, will cost £184,000 for renovation and purchase of equipment. So far, the fitness centre project has raised £115,000 with the generous help of:

- The Copeland Community Fund
- Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust
- SASRA
- Europa Cleaning
- Forepoint
- Community Donations

£65,000 is still needed to complete the needed cost, so while more funding applications continue until the end of the year, further donations are sought.

For those devoted to their fitness, regular (monthly or weekly) payments will be available.

And for those perhaps less committed to workouts, but who still intend to use the new local facility, a 'pay as you use' system is planned. Seascale Community Fitness Centre will be run by the non-profit SASRA organisation, which currently run a number of sport and leisure clubs throughout West Cumbria. You can find out more about the fitness centre project on the SASRA website ([www.sasra.com](http://www.sasra.com)), or by emailing [windscaleclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:windscaleclub@hotmail.co.uk)

As a truly communitarian and cooperative venture, where fees will be based on running costs and so kept at a minimum and any surplus profit reinvested, there are a number of ways you can get involved. Donations and fundraising events are a great way to add extra funding to the project. People are also able to volunteer to help complete funding applications with the committee to contribute to the workload. Importantly, the more interest there is in the fitness centre the more confident the sponsors will in funding it, so feel free to show your interest in the project by getting in touch.

If the funding is achieved by the end of 2011, work should begin in January 2012 with an official opening next spring. Just in time to work off the Christmas meals!

*Tim Lewthwaite*





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# FLASHBACK TO THE SECOND SEASCALE NEWSLETTER 20 YEARS AGO

## Seascale Newsletter



Issue no 2

September 1991

Following the request for ideas for a name for the newsletter, the majority of suggestions were to retain it as the "Seascale Newsletter". There was however a disappointing response from local organizations to publicize their existence or their coming events. The next issue of the newsletter will be at the beginning of December, so please let us know about your Christmas plans.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Grass cutting in the village has been causing problems. The County Council, who are responsible for roadside verges, will now only cut them twice yearly. Villagate, who took over BNFL's estates, after a very late start are now cutting their areas regularly. Copeland Council are responsible for the foreshore area which has not been a problem. The Parish Council looks after Town End playing field, the Dell and the Goods Yard all of which have been cut by the County Council at a cost of almost £1000 per year. The bushes under the arch hill are also being trimmed by the Parish Council until the rightful owner can be traced.

Seascale was commended in the "Cumbria in Bloom" competition held in the early summer. The Parish Council also ran a best front garden competition, judged in August this year. Overall winner was Mr & Mrs Bradley of 30 Wasdale Park.

Plans are going ahead for an adventure playground in the Goods Yard amenity area and to replace the children's swings in the Town End playing field.

A public meeting is being arranged with BNFL/NIREX to enable villagers to find out the facts concerning the proposed waste repository. No date has yet been fixed but look out for notices.

British Rail have drastically cut the service on the West Coast line. Six trains per day have been axed, despite numerous letters and pleas from the Parish Council. Now the Cumberland Bus Company have reduced the bus service to Seascale to only 4 buses per day, with none on Saturdays.

Parish Council meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Ken Mawson (Chairman)

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X STOP PRESS BNFL/NIREX meeting now fixed for TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER X  
X at 7.00pm at Seascale School. YOUR opportunity to find out more X  
X and ask any questions. X  
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### THE BNFL/NIREX WASTE REPOSITORY

It is unfortunate that at the time of going to print Seascale Parish Council has been unable to extract a date from BNFL/NIREX for a public meeting in Seascale to allow us to hear at first hand their proposals for a nuclear dump on our doorstep. There is no doubt that whatever is planned will be more disruptive to life in Seascale than to life in the surrounding villages of Gosforth or Calderbridge which have already voiced strong objections.

It has been said that the excavation will be on the same scale as the channel tunnel, and you have only to look at the devastation of the Kent countryside to realise what is about to happen in this area while mining and construction work goes on. The small area of farmland between the villages is not big enough to cope with the large scale mining operation that will be needed to excavate the dump. West Cumbrians are well aware of the impact of mining operations on the environment. The pit-head and spoil heaps will be an eyesore for miles around, including from within the National Park. The construction work for the massive road improvements that will be necessary will cause chaos to motoring in and out of Seascale for years to come. Is all this to be tolerated in this still pleasant and rural residential area? We know that geologically suitable caverns have been identified in other parts of Britain and were abandoned for political reasons, despite the fact that no mining would have been needed.

I hope that it will be possible for the Parish Council to secure an early date for a public meeting to allow BNFL/NIREX to present a true picture of what life holds for us in the immediate and long term future so that residents can decide whether they are prepared to accept the inevitable disruption to their lives.

A concerned Seascale resident.

### SEASCALE FUN DAY

This year's Fun Day was a huge success, myself and my committee having received nothing but praise from the public. Although at times during the day our organization seemed to break down, this was due to too few people doing too many duties. I am therefore appealing to you for help, not necessarily as an active committee member but as a helper on the day. If you would like to become involved please contact me.

The Fun Day aims are to hold a day of entertainment without charging the public to enter. We raise money only to cover our costs. Over the years we have made small profits and we have now invested these in a Bouncy Castle which we hope will bring in revenue to cover next year's Fun Day. The castle is 15 ft by 15ft and has a detachable rain cover for all weather bouncing. The hire charge is £15 per day and it is ideal for parties in your own garden or to raise money for your club etc. It can be used in the sports hall, especially for parties during winter months. We look to this as yet another amenity for the village. To hire the castle, please phone me on Seascale 28941.

Tony Holman (Chairman)

### ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PRIEST RETIRES

Fr. H. O. Fitzsimons, of St. Joseph's Church Seascale, is to retire this month. He arrived in the village to take up this post 16 years ago, and he seemed comfortable among us from the start. Perhaps he had a feeling of having come home, being born in Whitehaven and already fairly well-known locally.

Ordained on the 19th of May 1940, he celebrated his Golden Jubilee here last year. This was a memorable occasion when Fr. Fitzsimons concelebrated mass with the Bishop of Lancaster, fellow priests of the Deanery and priests who had served St. Joseph's previously.

We shall all miss the familiar sight of him sitting on his mowing machine, keeping the church surrounds neat and tidy. His friends in the village of all denominations will also miss his friendly and amiable disposition; his ready smile never failed.

Father, of course, takes with him his sister Pat who sold her house in Whitehaven and came to live with him and keep house after the sudden, tragic death of his former housekeeper Margaret Lynch. The Parish owes a great debt of gratitude to Pat's generosity and the time she has devoted to music and teaching children.

They will not be far away since their retirement home is a bungalow, Stella Maris, at Middletown, near Egremont. We wish them both good health and a happy retirement.

We also take this opportunity to welcome Fr. Fitzsimon's successor, another Cumbrian, Fr. Daniel Darragon.

### TESTIMONIAL FUND

Dr J.W. Jago is retiring from General Practice on 30th September this year. He has been a doctor in Seascale for 25 years. If anyone would like to make a contribution to the fund, donations can be made to the Midland Bank in Seascale or Gosforth.

### THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

The West Cumbria Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild began in 1980 and has the advantage for Seascale members of usually meeting here, in the Methodist Hall. We meet on the third Monday of each month for a talk or demonstration on some aspect of embroidery. Occasionally the meeting is held on a Friday followed by a Workshop on the Saturday. We also have weekend courses to learn old and new techniques.

Interest in embroidery has reawakened in recent years and our standard of work has been improving with all this practice. Visitors and new members are very welcome at any meeting. Our programme is in the Library.

Kay Warnock (Chairman)

#### WINDSCALE CLUB SHORT MAT BOWLING SECTION

Club evening is Sunday at 7.15pm, with leagues held on Mondays in the winter and spring and a competition each winter. All ages from 10 upwards are welcome (children accompanied by an adult). The only equipment needed is a pair of flat shoes or slippers.

Sheila Ross (Secretary)

#### SEASCALE AMENITIES SOCIETY

Winners since the last Newsletter have been Mrs Barron, Mrs Robson, Mrs McClellan and Mrs Smith.

It is with regret that it has been decided after 9 years to give up the Lottery, with the collection in September being the last. Without your support over the years the village would not have gained all the amenities it has on the old Goods Yard site. In the next Newsletter we will publish a balance sheet showing the sum total of all funds raised.

Thank you all again, with special thanks to the committee.

Eileen Eastwood (Chairman)

Bookings for the sports hall for the autumn session are now being taken. Please phone Eileen on Seascale 28653.

#### SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE

Coffee or tea and biscuits are being served every Saturday in the Seascale Methodist Hall, as a service to the community, from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and chat over a cup of coffee or tea. Proceeds in aid of charities.

#### SEASCALE ART GROUP

The Art Group meet at the Windscale Club, 10 to 12.30 on alternate Mondays and Wednesdays. Dates for the remainder of September are Wed 18th and Mon 23rd. For further details contact Celia Lockley on Seascale 28624.

#### WHAT'S ON SECRETARY

It has become increasingly apparent that co-ordination is needed to avoid village events clashing, such as Coffee Mornings and Jumble Sales. Mrs Barbara Ramsden, 64 Santon Way, telephone Seascale 28126, has kindly offered to be the "What's On" Secretary for Seascale. Any organizations wishing to hold a clash-free function in the village will benefit by contacting Mrs Ramsden. Gosforth and other surrounding villages have a successful "What's On" service and it is time that Seascale enjoyed this also.

FOR DATES AND TIMES YOU NEED TO FIX: RING BARBARA ON 28126.



# GOSFORTH SHOW



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# SELLAFIELD STORIES ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

On Thursday 14 July Sellafield Stories Oral History Project was launched at Egremont Market Hall in the presence of a number of the interested parties – especially those who gave interviews! The exhibition, which will be available in different places over the next few months, not only has boards with pictures and quotations from the interviews, but also has the opportunity to see more photographs on dedicated screens, and listen to lots of audio tasters from the recordings on state of the art equipment!

Obviously this will be of interest to quite a few Seascale residents, and I hope that you will be along to see the exhibition when it is near you, but although there are a number of interesting photos to see - supplied by local residents as well as those from Sellafield Sites - it's the information tucked away in the interviews that is fascinating. The full recordings are only available to listen to in the Local Studies Library at Cumbria Archive & Local Studies Centre in Whitehaven, and the full transcriptions are here too, for people to read.



Some material will be available via the website, [www.sellafieldestories.org.uk](http://www.sellafieldestories.org.uk) by early August, but to have the great pleasure of listening to someone telling you their story in person you'll need to make a trip to Whitehaven.

And this is where the real treasure lies – in hearing people talk about the changes and challenges in their work, describing the busy social life of the “new” Seascale, talking about old ways of farming as well as the impact on the farming community and the existing village when first the Royal Ordnance Factory, then Windscale, and then Calder were all built. Tales of Greengarth life, schooldays, travel to work, and opposition to the “Factory” are all to be found in our archive. It's not just Seascale either, as there is much about the wider West Cumbria too. So give yourself a treat and spend a peaceful hour or two hearing Sellafield's stories told to you by the people who experienced them – you know you're worth it!

*Jenni Lister*

*Pictures of the first presentation are by Liquid Design*





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