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PARISH NEWS

SEASCALE

By the time you read this we will be well into Spring. The daffodils at the entrance to Seascale once again gave us a welcome splash of colour. The Parish Council and Seascale Schoolchildren planted them a long time ago. It would be nice to have some more in other areas.

We are fortunate to have two new seats around the children's play area. One was paid for by the Neighbourhood Forum. We have had to replace the railings around the toilets as the old ones had collapsed; we were lucky to get a grant again from Neighbourhood Forum that covered the cost of the ones around the disabled toilet. The Parish Council paid for the other ones.

We are now hoping to get the recycling area tidied up. The cardboard bank needs to be alongside the other recycling banks; this means that we need a bigger base and when finished it will be screened off.

We are trying to identify the person who is allowing their dog to chew the swings on the beach play area. Any information would be welcome as replacement seats cost over £60 each.

The 'Together We Can' week was a success and proved we can pull together as a community. We had a good response with the questionnaires and when sorted I will put a copy of the results in the library. The most hated thing that came out in the results was the people who don't clean up after their animals and the best result was that 93% said they liked living here. Everyone said they liked the village magazine and the work done by the Parish Council was appreciated.

I would like some feedback on the fact that a lot of you would like to see more Neighbourhood Watches set up.



It was the Annual Parish Meeting on 6 April; LLWR gave a talk on their forward planning for the site and the young people of Shackles Off gave us a talk on what they are doing. The young people were very good. We had two members of the public there and we can only assume that the residents are happy with the Parish Council and what is happening in the village.

Please remember that the Parish Councillors are here to help all our parishioners – you just have to contact us. You can keep in touch with us on the website.

It's the time of the Parish Precept and just to keep you in touch on what it pays for – it covers the rent for the car park, the upkeep of the toilets, repairs to our play areas and seats, the grass cutting of our grassed areas and verges, the Clerk's salary, our Christmas celebrations and a small amount of £250 per quarter for the village magazine. This all averages £20 per household per year.

I so hope that the Community Day is a success and that the village proves that we can pull together as a community to support all our residents. This has been a very difficult and sad

twelve months for all of us and I am so proud of everyone in how they have supported each other through the sad time in June and the aftermath. You are a wonderful community and that is why I still live here and care about our quality of life.

Good luck to all our sporting clubs this year – we hope you have a winning season.

Eileen Eastwood

Chair (retiring) of Seascale Parish Council

THE FRIENDS OF SEASCALE SCHOOL

The Friends of Seascale School was first formed in 1984. It is a committee of parents of children who attend Seascale School, although anyone can be a member. Our aim is to organise fun events for children which will raise funds to help the School purchase additional equipment which would not otherwise be available through the normal budget. Fund raising events have included discos, bingo, bookfair, sponsored events, Christmas fair. Over the past couple of years this funding has enabled the School to purchase sewing machines, digital cameras, video cameras, garden furniture for the outdoor classroom and extensive classroom refurbishments. Forthcoming events include a sponsored walk, and a trail quest at the community day. On 15 July the School will be

holding its annual Let's Celebrate assembly and Garden Party. Entertainment is provided by the children for the visitors and guests and, if the day is fair, we will enjoy lunch outside. This year coincides with the School's 60th birthday and we are looking to produce a display of photos covering the history of the school. Anybody that could lend pictures, etc, please get in touch. Also, any former members of staff and pupils who would like to attend please contact the Headteacher Mrs Hartley.

As ever, as a voluntary organisation we are always looking for new members. Anyone who would like to help the Friends will be most welcome.

Contacts: Seascale School 28403

Friends Chairperson, Pauline Raywood, 28348

ELVIS STRUTTED TO PERFECTION



On Saturday 2 April Calder House Hotel opened its doors for an Elvis Presley charity night on behalf of the Brathay Trust. Penny Moreton, who is running 10 marathons in 10 consecutive days around Lake Windermere starting on the 13 May, was raising money for the Brathay Trust.

It was a vibrant, fun and brilliant evening. Sincere

thanks are extended to Steve Ainley and Andy Gainford for their fabulous warm hospitality and to everyone who supported the event – John 'Elvis' Halligan was superb.



A fantastic £456 was raised and this will enable disadvantaged young people from West Cumbria have a much better chance to fit into society.

Should anyone still wish to donate, the justgiving site is: www.justgiving.com/Penny-Moreton10in10 and Penny's journey on the 10 marathons can be found on her blog at www.brathaywindermemarathon.org.uk

AIM HIGH FOR FAIRTRADE

Seascale School is trying to become a Fairtrade School. Fairtrade guarantees that farmers and producers in developing countries receive a fair price for their products, which helps them to work their way out of poverty and towards sustainable livelihoods. Fairtrade is not just about other countries – it is also about supporting local farmers and producers too.

After attending the Fairtrade Conference at St Benedicts School (which recently achieved its Fairtrade Status) pupils from Seascale School were inspired to achieve the same. While there, they joined in with various activities such as planning for Fairtrade Fortnight, puzzles, cooking and understanding Fairtrade.

Seascale students who attended the event then put together a new Steering Group for this year. With help from the School Council, the Steering

SWEET MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

The West Cumberland Choral Society is holding a “concert with puddings” on Friday 3 June in St Cuthbert’s Church, Seascale at 7.30pm. with the sweet course afterwards in the Parish Rooms next to the church.

The concert is planned as a happy event, a part tribute to those who died so untimely last June, and part as celebration of happy memories we all have of friends and family members. The music is a mixture of classical choral and solo pieces, the solos all being performed by members of the choir who knew Jane Robinson well and have chosen their pieces with Jane in mind. The composers range from Mozart to Rodgers & Hammerstein, with some popular songs that you’re sure to recognise. There will also be a contribution by a clarsach ensemble from Harps North West – of the three players two particularly wished to play at this concert because they had been speaking with Spike only the day before he died.

Tickets are £10 (adults) and £5 (children & full-time students) and can be reserved in advance from Lyn Walby on 01946 23167

Group managed to put on a Fairtrade Frenzy for the teachers. This was to encourage teachers to put Fairtrade items in their staffroom.

Following on from the Fairtrade Frenzy, the Steering Group organised Tea, Coffee and yummy Fairtrade cakes to be served to the parents attending parents’ evening. This was to encourage not just the school but the whole community to buy Fairtrade products.

During Fairtrade Fortnight Key Stage 2 children were lucky to be invited to Gosforth Methodist Church to learn and acknowledge Fairtrade. They played a fun game making paper bags to realise how many hours people work for so little money in other countries. Also during this fortnight we had Fairtrade fruit available at the tuck shop, Fairtrade dessert and hot chocolate was served as part of school dinners and even our pancake cooking lessons were Fairtrade.

So next time you go to the shops think LOCAL and FAIRTRADE.

Jackie Edwards

Parish Councillors

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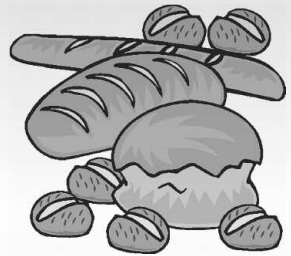
Other Useful Numbers

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THE CHURCHES' THINKING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST CUMBRIAN SHOOTINGS

The Clergy of Whitehaven, Egremont, Gosforth, Seascale and the surrounding areas have met a number of times since the West Cumbrian shootings – to support each other in offering support to those bereaved and wounded and the wider community, to share information and to reflect and pray together; we were assisted at one of our meetings by clergy from Hungerford and Dunblane.

Most recently we have turned our minds to the anniversary of the shootings. We are aware that some people will feel the need to mark the occasion; for others – perhaps those most closely affected – it will be a time of intense private grief. Then, too, we would want to make sure that the remembrances of those killed are not defined by the manner of their death – a danger if too much is made of the anniversary.

Our considered view is that our response should therefore be the following four things:

On Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June churches will, generally, be open for people to come in and pray privately; in many churches there will be someone available to talk to if desired.

Thursday 2 June is Ascension Day, when we remember how the risen Jesus returned to his Father – taking our wounded humanity into heaven. It is a very appropriate theme for the first anniversary and many churches will have Ascension Day services that evening or during the day.

We want to encourage people who do not wish to go to church to light a candle on the evening of 2 June in their homes and put it in a window – as a means of remembering those who died and so that those who mourn can see a quiet but deep-felt expression of solidarity.

Finally, many churches keep 1 November or 2 November (or the Sunday nearest) as All Saints Day and All Souls Day – when we remember (and have done so for the last 1400 years) before God

STEAM TO MANCHESTER

The steam train excursion from Carlisle to Manchester and back, running down our coastal line and returning via Settle, first mooted for last autumn, has suffered yet another setback. It was to be on Saturday 23 July, but because HF Railtours have primary access to two locomotives – Tornado and the Duke of Gloucester – and Tornado at time of going to press was still having its boiler repaired in Germany owing to leaks through stays plus two cracks, planned tours for this year have been thrown into chaos.

There is a very strong possibility of the Duke of Gloucester being moved to Carlisle sometime during the autumn, which will mean that this trip will then become feasible again.

If it happens it's most likely that our nearest boarding point will be Whitehaven, and that return from Carlisle will either be a coach to Seascale from Carlisle, or the last rail service from Carlisle to Whitehaven and a coach from there.

The next edition of this magazine is scheduled for appearance on Saturday, 6 August, when hopefully more information will be published.

In the meantime keep an eye open for announcements on the Seascale website: www.seascale.org.uk

all those who have died and in the hope of the resurrection commend them to His safe keeping. Already, last year, those who were killed in the shootings, together with all others who have died, were remembered in this way, and families and friends were invited – and this is the way in which we shall continue to celebrate their lives.

Richard Pratt

Archdeacon of West Cumberland – on behalf of the Christian clergy of all denominations

Lost a Penknife?

When bottle tops were being sorted for recycling, a bag with a penknife in it was found amongst them. If you think it might be yours phone 28542. Positive identification will be required of course.

SEASCALE BOWLING CLUB News 2011

This will be the 24th season for Seascale Bowling Club and it is hoped that, weather permitting, the Bowling Green will have opened on Saturday 16 April.

Last season proved to be very successful for three of the ladies: Maureen Eccles, Eileen Eastwood and Christine Southward, who won the Cumbria County Triples Championship and represented Cumbria at the National Championships at Leamington Spa. We look forward to further successes this year!

Stan Eccles, President of Seascale Bowling Club, and the Committee extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in taking up the sport. Information regarding opening arrangements will be displayed in the pavilion, or just keep a look out for people playing and call in and have a chat. It doesn't matter if you have never played before as the club has several sets of bowls available together with overshoes for anyone wishing to try the game without spending money on equipment. The only restriction is that shoes must be flat soled – trainers are ideal. Basic instructions will be given to beginners and after that it's just plenty of practice to improve.

For anyone thinking of trying bowls without any financial commitment the club is offering a month's free membership and instruction. Anyone wishing to join after the trial period will be offered membership for the remainder of the season at half price.

The annual membership fee is currently £30.00, plus a £5.00 joining fee for new members. For this, members can play free of charge. Non-members are charged £3.00 per two-hour session including the use of club bowls if required.

The club organises competitions throughout the season as well as friendly games against other local clubs and social events. For anyone not

wishing to enter competitions there are plenty of opportunities to join in and make new friends at casual bowling sessions on most days from 2.00pm until dark.

If you require further information please contact any club member, Parish Council member or ring the Club Secretary, Henry Stewart on 01946724652.

CAR WASH

A big thank you to all who supported the Seascale Firefighters by having their cars washed on 19 March. The event was a huge success and we were all surprised with the volume of cars. We raised a grand total of £483.50 towards the Fire Fighters charity. A special thank you to The Seascale Stompers who made a brilliant donation of £100.00. Refreshments were provided and everyone had a good natter whilst their cars were cleaned. Thanks also to Jackie Thomas and Caroline Moore for their help. Many people asked if the car wash was to be regular event. The car wash is a national event organised by the Firefighters Charity, carried out at Fire Stations all over the country on one day a year. But you never know we may do another soon. Watch this space!

Once again thank you all for your support.

Seascale Firefighters

OVER 55s LUNCHEON

Calder House Hotel have been hosting over-55's special fixed-price luncheons every Wednesday, but from now on this will only happen on the last Wednesday in each month.

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 CRICKET CLUB

As I write this article the season is almost upon us once again and the club is kicking into gear for what promises to be an exciting year.

Outdoor practices have already started for both seniors and juniors and there is anticipation of further success to build on our achievements of recent seasons. The senior players practice on Thursday evenings and the juniors on Tuesday evenings, both starting at 6pm.

The club will run three senior teams and two junior teams this season. The newly promoted weekend side will be playing in the 1st division of the North Lancashire & Cumbria Cricket League. There will also be two midweek teams, the senior team playing in Division 1 of the West Allerdale & Copeland Cricket association (WACCA); the other will play in Division 2 of the same league with a specific aim of developing the younger club members. There will be two junior teams this year of under 11 and under 13 age groups, both playing in the Cumbria Junior Cricket League.

The club boasts a new practice net facility thanks to a grant from the Lords Taverners cricketing charity and money raised through our sponsors and club events.

The club expresses very grateful thanks to all our sponsors without whom the club could not afford to develop at the current rate. The existing club sponsors, the Windscale Club and Canberra (UK) Ltd, are joined by a new sponsor, Solarwood Ltd who will be sponsoring the junior section specifically.

New players, both senior and junior, are always welcome at the club; for more information contact any of the club members below.

Andy Lee (Club Chairman) 019467 28292

Steve Brown (Club Captain) 019467 28352

Dave Stubbings (Junior Organiser) 01946 841641

POO BARE

*Whenever I stroll down a Seascale street
I'm very unsure where to put my feet,
As I watch for the goo,
And the doggie's big poos
That are sprinkled all over like some giant loo.
As I edge my way round
Some big pile on the ground
I wish the Dog Warden would take heed and sue!*

*And the more that I look and I'm sure you'll agree
There are mountains of turds and rivers of pee!
Deposited there by some cute canine chap
Who knows where I tread when he has a big crap!
And the air that's around me gets bluer and bluer
As the village is turned to an open-air sewer!
It's almost as if they all talk, dog to dog,
Disguised as dumb animals chasing a mog!
'That one's wearing trainers, with ridges below!
It's hell to clean off of their carpets, you know!'
For nothing more pleases a simple dog's wit
Than to hear the familiar cry of 'Oh, Shit!'*

So

*As you stroll down the street
And glare at poor Rover!
Remember to spare a cold glance for his owner!
It's him who's at fault
Not the guy with the tail,
It's he who won't pick up his mutt's canine trail!
With an on-the-spot fine of twenty-five pounds!
A substantial sum when the poo hits the ground.
And the point where it seriously hits the fan?
When they take you to court, it goes up to a grand!
Pick up after your dog as you stroll down the street,
It belongs in the bin – not under my feet!*

H.J. Davis

*(with apologies to Christopher Matthew
and A.A. Milne)*

SEASCALE'S RECORD-BREAKING SWIMMER

Since we ran an article in the last issue about Seascale swimming prodigy Ellinor Southward, she has been competing in the 2011 Cumbria Age Groups & County Championships, where in the first session she swam in the 9-year-old Girls' relay team for Copeland ASC and won two second places in the two events entered. Her real success however came over the two weekends of the Individual events where she managed to win all ten of her events and all in improved personal best times.

In the 100m Individual Medley she took almost two seconds off the 9-year-old girls' County age group record that had stood since 2004, to set a new record of 1:25.87.

In the 50m Freestyle, Ellie broke the 9-year-old girls' County age group record in the heats and then broke her own new record again in the Final of the event, setting a new record of 33:66; the 4th fastest time recorded for a 9-year-old girl in a licensed ASA event so far this year in the UK.

She missed taking the 50m backstroke record by 0.26 seconds, the 50m Breaststroke record by 0.78 seconds and the 50m Butterfly by 0.9 seconds.



She will have a further attempt to capture these records at the annual 'Griffin Gala' at Copeland Pool on Saturday 7 May.

Her impressive swimming won her the 9-year-old girls' 'British Age Groups Category (BAGCat) award for the Cumbria County event with a total of 1340 points, almost 600 points clear of the second place swimmer in the age group. Ellie is pictured with the BAGCat award at the final session of the Cumbria County Age Groups & Championships at Kendal Leisure Centre.

COPELAND PRIDE AWARDS 2011

Several local businesses were acknowledged as some of the best in their professions at a prestigious awards ceremony in Egremont Market Hall on Thursday, 14 April.

Finalist awards were given to Liz Porter, who manages the Bailey Ground Ice Cream Parlour, in the "Best Place to Shop" category.

Steven and Julie Shepherd of Shepherd's View holiday accommodation, and Steve Ainley and Andy Gainford of Calder House Hotel received finalist awards in the "Best Place to Stay" category. This follows a very successful year for Steve and Andy in which they were voted "Pub of the Season in the Autumn" by CAMRA Guide for Real Ale in West Cumbria.

Vicky Borrino

IS SEASCALE LIBRARY UNDER THREAT?

Cumbria County Council is undertaking a major review of Library Services. The public are being asked to contribute their own views and also to comment on the options that Cumbria County Council are considering. Seascale Library has copies of the consultation document to read and complete and a noticeboard for ideas.

Check the Seascale Village website regularly for up updated information.

Visit the site: <http://cumbriacc.ning.com/> for full details of the proposals and consultation procedure.



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Maria Morton

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Marion Finn



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cast from

Oliver

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7pm

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Calum Wynne

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- Beach Stores



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VOLUNTARY SOCIAL CAR SCHEME

The County Council supports a number of Voluntary Social Car Schemes across the county which provide transport for those living in rural communities who cannot travel by, or do not have access to, private or public transport.

These schemes require a local volunteer coordinator to take telephone calls from people needing transport, and volunteer drivers who use their own cars to take people to the shops, health appointments and social visits. Passengers pay 35p for each mile travelled and drivers are reimbursed at a rate of 40p per mile, with the County Council paying the difference between the passengers contribution and the driver's 40p/mile.

As well as administrative support, the County Council provides specific insurance for volunteer drivers to enable them to operate legally and safely and can also assist with promotion of the service.

The schemes are a more formal way of "being neighbourly" and as well as benefitting passengers, the scheme also benefits drivers with the running costs of their cars, particularly when they can combine a journey they would perhaps be doing anyway with a request from a member of the public.

If you would like to know more about how a voluntary social car scheme may be able to help with some of your parish transport needs or are interested in setting a scheme up, please contact:

Caroline Watson, Passenger Transport Officer
(Community Transport)
Cumbria County Council. 01228 226725
e-mail: caroline.watson@cumbriacc.gov.uk

BEWARE OF ADDERS

This is the time of year to watch out for adders. They don't strike unless disturbed. Be alert. Keep your eyes open for them on the beach, dunes, golf course and even in your garden.

BLACK COMBE COUNTRY FAIR 2011

**Bank Holiday Monday
29 August Noon start
Bootle Show Field**

Black Combe Country Fair will again be staged in Bootle with the event being opened by BBC Radio Cumbria's Richard Nankevell.

As ever the hound show takes centre-stage with more and larger rings this year to allow for the incredible growth in interest in the breed classes over the last few years.

"The Black Combe Country Fair has really taken off. We are listening to our audience and providing better facilities every year. We want everyone to have a great day out" said Graham Dicker, the Fair's Chairman.

There will be plenty of entertainment, with live music from Cleator Brass Band, Two Headed Sheep Morris Dancers, Cumberland Wrestling, a traffic jam of vintage vehicles and more besides. Plus children's sports, bouncy castles and a clay pigeon shoot.

We offer a really great day and we have frozen the price of admission to Adult £4.00, OAP £3.00 and Child £1 (5-15).

So come along for a truly great day out - we'll see you there!

Trade Stands & Stallholders: Pitches are all free of charge

Yet again the committee has decided to boost the local economy by offering free trade stand pitches. Pay a £20.00 deposit in advance to the Secretary and stallholders can claim it back again at 4pm on the day, at the secretary's tent.

Contact the BCB Fair secretary:
stephen.lowthian@sky.com
or ring 07593 582496 to book your space
or go to our website
www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk
for a trade stand form.

Clifford Jones, BCB Fair Manager

EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Seascale

Find updates at: www.seascale.org.uk

- 7 May – Saturday.** Nether Wasdale May Festival. 1.00pm – Band plays medley. 1.20pm – Judging of Garlands and Posies and Children's Fancy Dress. 1.30pm – March up the hill with the band. Followed by Maypole dancing. 2.30ish – Morris men (Band having their tea). 2.45pm – Teas in the hall and distribution of children's teas (signs up will give this time). 3.00pm – Raffle Draw and Children's Sports start. Held at the Village hall and surrounding areas - parking available at the Screes!
- 11 May – Wednesday.** Screes Inn Ladies' Lunch Club. Guest speaker Ken Mawson. 019467 26262.
- 12 May – Thursday.** Farm Walk. Changes and Challenges in Farming – How one farm has adapted to the changing environment. Greystone House is a cattle and sheep farm situated in the village of Stainton. 6.30pm. See page 16 for details.
- 13 May – Friday.** The Roosters performing at the Screes, Nether Wasdale.
- 13-15 May – Friday-Sunday.** The Strands Inn Beer Festival, Nether Wasdale. See page 27.
- 15 May – Sunday.** Open Mind Easy Walk from Nether Wasdale to Wasdale. Meet 10.00am Nether Wasdale church. No dogs. Contact J. MacIntosh 019467 25459.
- 18 May – Thursday.** Open Mind meeting "North Country Housewives 200 Years Ago" by Janet Nelson. 10.15am Gosforth Public Hall. £2.00 for non-members.
- 18 May – Thursday.** 2pm-4pm Local History Event: photographs of the railway in Seascale, past and present. Seascale library. Coffee and biscuits provided.
- 28-30 May – Saturday-Monday.** 18th Annual Eskdale Art Show featuring paintings, photos, sculptures, jewellery, woodwork, pottery and cards. St Bega's School, Eskdale. 10.00am-4:30pm. See page 44.
- 29 May – Sunday.** Judith Jones Band playing live at Gosforth Hall Inn. 5pm onwards.
- 30 May – Monday.** Farm Walk. Cheese and Conservation on a Family Farm. Enjoy a guided walk at Thornbank, Gosforth, a working dairy farm. 10.30am and 2pm (event running twice on same day). See page 16 for details.
- 1 June – Wednesday.** Open Mind History Group meeting "Thomas Mawson". 10.15am Drigg Village Hall. £2.00 for non-members. For a lift phone 019467 25794.
- 2 June – Thursday.** Elkie Brooks live at Forum 28, Barrow-in-Furness. 01229 820000.
- 3 June – Friday.** Sweet Music for a Summer Evening. The West Cumberland Choral Society is holding a "concert with puddings" in St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale at 7:30pm with the sweet course afterwards in the Parish Rooms next to the church. See Seascale Village Website page Choral Concert for details and pages 5 and 15.
- 4 June – Saturday.** Farm Walk. Farming in Wild Ennerdale. Hollins Farm. 2pm. See page 16 for details.
- 5 June – Sunday.** Seascale Community Day. See page 40 and Seascale Village Website for more information.

If you know of events after 5 August that would be of interest to Seascale folk please email to news@epic-gb.com for publication in our next magazine.

- 9 June – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting “Art Nouveau”. 10.45am St Joseph’s Church Hall, Seascale. £2.00 for non-members.
- 9-12 June – Thursday-Sunday.** Boot Beer Festival. Brook House, Boot Inn and Woolpack.
- 12 June – Sunday.** Farm Walk. Sheep, Butterflies and Birds. Meet at Bowness Knott. Join us for a guided walk around Mireside farm, North-west Ennerdale Lake. 2pm. See page 16 for details.
- 15 June – Wednesday.** Gosforth Ten Mile Road Race, and very popular 2 kilometre Fun Run (on a safe off-road course). Road race starts at 7pm, Fun Run at 7.15pm. For details or to enter contact Mel Gould 019467 25693.
- 15 June – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group Walk from Sandwith to St Bees Head, led by Rosemary Hutt. 7pm. Details: 01946 841313. See page 44.
- 16 June – Thursday.** Open Mind meeting “Aspects of Venice” by Douglas Cook. 10.15am Gosforth Public Hall. £2.00 for non-members.
- 17-19 June – Friday to Sunday.** The Whitehaven Festival.
www.thewhitehavenfestival.co.uk
- 17-19 June – Friday to Sunday.** Easy train ride to Brewer’s Weekend at Prince of Wales, Foxfield. 01229 716238.
- 25 June – Saturday.** No Fixed Abode (Una and Tony) playing live at The Vagabond, Whitehaven.
- 25 June – Saturday.** Balmoral excursion from Whitehaven to Douglas, IoM. 08.15 out. 20.15 return.
www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk
- 26 June – Sunday.** Farm Walk. An insight into Hill Farming at Turner Hall Farm, Seathwaite. 10.30am. See page 16 for details.
- 26 June – Sunday.** No Fixed Abode (Una and Tony) playing live at Gosforth Hall Inn. Do not miss. Sensational duo. 5pm.
- 28 June – Tuesday.** Balmoral excursion from Whitehaven to Douglas, IoM. 10.00 out. 21.15 return.
www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk
- 17-19 June – Friday to Sunday.** Easy train ride to Brewer’s Weekend at Prince of Wales, Foxfield. 01229 716238.
- 6 July – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group Walk. Clints Quarry Nature Reserve walk, led by Rosemary Hutt. 7pm. Details: 01946 841313. See page 44.
- 8-10 July – Friday to Sunday.** Easy train ride to Cider and Perry weekend at Prince of Wales, Foxfield. 01229 716238.
- 11-13 July – Monday to Wednesday.** Seascale School celebrates 60 years with a small exhibition of photos and historical memorabilia. Pupils and staff, past and present, are welcome to browse between 9.30am and 3pm.
- 14 July – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting “Scottish Art – The Scottish Colourists & Others”. 10.45am St Joseph’s Church Hall, Seascale. £2.00 for non-members.
- 15 July – Friday.** Seascale School’s annual “Let’s Celebrate” assembly and Garden Party. See page 4.
- 23 July – Saturday.** Alas another postponement for the projected steam excursion from Carlisle to Manchester and back owing to Tornado’s current boiler rebuild disrupting many tours this year. There’s a strong possibility of an autumn one. Details will be posted on the Seascale website when firm information is available. See page 7.
- 11 August – Thursday.** Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting “An Artist’s View of London”. 10.45am St Joseph’s Church Hall, Seascale. £2.00 for non-members.

12 August – Friday. Balmoral excursion from Whitehaven to Douglas, IoM. 10:00 out. 21.45 return.
www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk

13 August – Saturday. Balmoral excursion from Whitehaven to Douglas, IoM. 10:00 out. 21.45 return.
www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk

20 August – Saturday. Gosforth Agricultural Show.

29 August – Monday. Black Combe Country Fair, Bootle. Sports & pet show. Foxhound, Beagle, Terrier, Lurcher Classes.
www.blackcombecountryfair.co.uk
See page 12.

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. £2.00 for non-members.

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FARM VISITS

Changes and Challenges in Farming – How one farm has adapted to the changing environment – Thursday 12 May, 6.30pm

Greystone House is a cattle and sheep farm situated in the village of Stainton on the edge of the Lake District. The Dawson Family has farmed there since 1752. It is currently run by John and Marjorie Dawson who, after the loss of their livestock to foot and mouth disease, converted to an organic farming system, opened their award-winning farm shop and tearoom and entered into the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. This farm walk will be a chance to see the farm as it is today and also how it used to be. Dogs welcome on lead but they will have to wait outside the tearoom during refreshments at the end. Grid reference: NY485284.

Cheese and Conservation on a Family Farm – Monday 30 May, 10.30am and 2pm (event running twice on same day)

Enjoy a guided walk at Thornbank, Gosforth, a working dairy farm producing milk used to make Lake District Cheese. Visitors can taste this and view displays showing how the farm's produce gets to their plates. The farm has free-range poultry as well as incubators in action and hopefully chicks to see. Find out how Poll Dorset Sheep help with conservation and are compatible with the dairy herd. Learn about work done to enhance the environment to attract birds and wildlife. Something for everyone – displays undercover if you want to spend more time here. An opportunity to photograph a great landscape. Dogs are welcome on leads by pre-arrangement. Grid reference: SD074025. Booking required: Contact the farm on 019467 25207 or Friends of the Lake District on 01539 720788

Farming in Wild Ennerdale – Saturday 4 June, 2pm

Hollins Farm has been lived in and worked by The Rawlings family since the 16th century. The family hopes you will enjoy hearing about life on their working farm. There will be plenty of lambs to see and perhaps a newborn calf. There are also a number of bird species that nest on the farm and

Will can explain the farming year and its links with nature's cycle. Today the farm is an upland beef and sheep unit, involved in an Environmentally Sensitive Area scheme. Only part of the farm falls within the Lake District National Park as Crossdale Beck running through it is the boundary to the Park. Find out more about this and learn about the hefted flocks of Herdwick sheep as you share the experiences of a fell farmer on this leisurely afternoon walk. Dogs welcome on leads.

Sheep, Butterflies and Birds – Sunday 12 June 2pm. Meet at Bowness Knott

A guided walk around Mireside farm, with the farmer and conservation experts. Mireside is a National Trust farm on the north-west end of Ennerdale Lake, tenanted by Judith Weston. The farm dates from the 1700s and is a typical Lake District fell farm, with around 800 sheep including Herdwicks, Swaledales, Cheviots. "Herdus" fell overlooking the farm is the first of the big Ennerdale fells heading up the valley from the coast. The farm also has grazing on "The Side" which is a former deer park and contains ancient oak woodland. Mireside has a Lake District Environmentally Sensitive Area agreement in place. Last year the Marsh Fritillary butterfly was reintroduced near the farm and an RSPB survey found over 60 species on the farm. Sorry, no dogs.

An insight into Hill Farming at Turner Hall Farm, Seathwaite – Sunday 26 June, 10.30am

Turner Hall is a typical Lakeland hill farm with over 1100 acres of land most of which is rough grazing. It also has use of additional grazing on the fell common. The farm keeps 1200 breeding ewes, mainly Herdwicks and some Swaledales. Three are 50 suckler cows. The farm has a campsite, popular with fell walkers. Take this walk around the farm with a view of the surrounding landscape, a close up look at the sheep will be shepherded by the sheep dog, see the cattle and bull, and hear about the farming year. Sorry, no dogs.

FOR ALL EVENTS

Walks can be challenging due to terrain so please check before arriving if have wheelchairs or push chairs. For all walks it is advisable to bring waterproofs, walking boots or Wellingtons.

For further details contact Penny Ozanne on 01539 720788 or e-mail penny.ozanne@fld.org.uk

FROM A DISTANCE

Having spent more than 65% of my adult life in Australia, it is always good to return to the UK to visit family and friends from time to time. I was last here in the summer of 2009 and took the opportunity to catch up with an old work colleague who now lives in Seascale. He and I go back more than 30 years when we worked together in Reading. You will know him better as Councillor Clive Willoughby, who moved to Seascale almost 6 years ago and has happily settled into the local community with his wife Kim.

I caught up with them again in March, not only to renew old friendships and talk about old times, but also to catch up on what has been happening in their lives and their aspirations for the future. Having only previously visited Seascale and the surrounding area in summer I got a completely different perspective of the region during the colder months.

The Lake District is obviously a Mecca for tourists during the summer season, when the more popular venues are overrun with visitors from around the world and accommodation is at a premium. However, the area also has a great deal to offer the tourist visiting out of season, during the more inclement months and attractions abound from St Bees in the north to Ravenglass in the south. Situated on the West Cumbrian Coast, Seascale is usually missed by the normal tourists who visit this corner of North West England. Abutting the Irish Sea; from the beach on a clear day you can see the Isle of Man and Scotland.

What could be better than a brisk walk on one of the many walking tracks that abound in and around Seascale? You will not only get some exercise whilst keeping warm, but also come across beautiful views at every turn. This could be followed up by a visit to one of the many and varied country pubs and inns offering good, honest, wholesome fare made more welcoming by the presence of an open fire.

If it's more exercise that the visitor craves, 18 holes

at the well-appointed local golf course could turn out to be a challenge, depending on the prevailing wind. For the less active the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway (La'al Ratty) holds a particular fascination. This narrow gauge steam railway runs from Ravenglass to Dalegarth, at the foot of England's highest mountains, offering some of the finest scenery in the Lakes and many consider the seven-mile line as the most beautiful train journey in England.

A visit to Seascale would not be complete without a visit to Muncaster Castle. This historic haunted castle has been owned by the Pennington family since 1208 and is set in 77 acres of woodland and stunning gardens and runs a myriad of special events throughout the year.

As you can see, the Seascale area is a hive of activity, even in the cooler months, offering something for everyone – even someone, like me, who is used to warmer climes.

Seascale: A hidden gem waiting to be discovered.



March in Cumbria

The winter snows are retreating
A weak sun above the cloud shines through
The rivers run full of melting snow
The landscape takes on a different hue

The ground awakes from its slumber
With the crocuses starting to bloom
Encouraged by the pre-spring showers
Their colour banishing the gloom

New life is everywhere to be seen
As fledgling birds start to twitter
And new-born lambs begin to gambol
Near lakes that shine and glitter

There is still a chill in the air
As each villager greets the day
Cumbria still has a lot to offer the tourist
Even on a leaden skied Seascale day.

John Burnham, Brisbane

TOGETHER WE CAN WEEK IN SEASCALE: 14-19 MARCH

It started with a public meeting in Seascale on 24 November last year. Marilyn Pritchard and Suzanne Cooper from the Cumbria County Council Community Unit explained what Together We Can aims to do and asked the residents at the meeting to say what improvements they wanted to see made in the village. A very impressive Wish List was drawn up at that meeting which many of you will remember. All the agencies that make things happen in the county were involved. Cumbria County Council, Copeland Borough Council, Seascale Parish Council, the Police, the Fire and Rescue service and many voluntary groups then went through the list in immense detail and held two meetings to report on what could be achieved and what the timescales might be.

The week itself was planned to run from Monday 14 to Friday 18 March; in fact an extra half day was added so that the Beach Clean could be held on the morning of Saturday 19 March. One of the most high profile events was the Area Walk on the first day, which was carried out in glorious weather and in which a team from the county, district and parish councils delivered a questionnaire and talked to residents. This was aimed to find out what Seascale people think of their village, what they like and dislike about it and what improvements they would like to see made. There was an opportunity to request more recycling boxes and lids and there was a question to find out who would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Questionnaires were also made available in the library and to download from the website. At the time of writing 110 completed forms have been returned. The Community Unit is analysing the answers and there will be further discussions resulting from this. Seascale Parish Council will also use the questionnaire results to add to data already collected for the Parish Plan.

The Drop-in session on Tuesday 15 March was the largest event. The agencies took over the ballroom at the Windscale Club from 12.30 to

6pm, set up stands and displays and talked about their work to Seascale residents and, sometimes, to each other. An amazing range of delicious food and an unending supply of tea and coffee and soft drinks were provided by the Bailey Ground Hotel. It was an appallingly wet day until the last hour or so of the event and the number of people who came was probably influenced by the weather. But those who did commented on the number of different agencies and the diversity of the services and opportunities that were presented. The agencies completed feedback sheets after the event and certainly they thought it had been well run and worthwhile. Many of them commented on what a good opportunity it was to build up contacts with Seascale residents and with the other agencies.

Wednesday was Parish Footpaths day. In the morning pupils at Seascale School were instructed by Countryside Ranger Bob Muscat how to "adopt" a path and maintain it with the support of the Parish Paths Initiative. In the afternoon there was a Parish Paths Initiative workshop and as a result of this we hope to build up teams of people who will adopt and maintain all the village footpaths.

On Thursday Seascale Library hosted two morning events. There was a Storysack storytime session for children under four and their parents or minders which was very popular and lively and proved the perfect opportunity for the Whitehaven News to take photographs and report on the week. There was also a somewhat quieter session on learning to search the internet and setting up an email account. Later that morning the Health Walk participants gathered at the Library and set out on their three mile trek. In the evening Shackles Off hosted the Youth Forum where young people from the area discussed with representatives from the agencies the issues that concern them in Seascale. They made the point that more evening transport is needed, for example so that they can take part in Youth Forum meetings which are held all over



Copeland. This is an issue that has now been taken up by County Councillor Sue Brown.

Friday saw a meeting at Seascale School where Jamie Reed MP met the schools councils from Seascale, Thornhill, Gosforth and Frizington primary schools. There was also a presentation and display at the Community Development Centre by Turbine Services, who provided the wind turbine at the School, about domestic wind turbines. In the evening there was an archery session at the Sports Hall organised by Copeland's Sports Development team. Thirty young people and 15 of their parents enjoyed trying out the sport.

The final event was on 19 March. On a beautiful sunny Saturday morning the Beach Clean attracted more than 30 people to clean up and improve the beach area. Shackles Off provided refreshments.

Marilyn Pritchard and Suzanne Cooper, who have run a number of these weeks around Copeland, were very pleased with the success of the Seascale event and have been kind enough to thank the Parish Council for their input and their support. The Parish Council in their turn has thanked Marilyn and Suzanne for their hard work and for helping to provide an enjoyable and very useful series of events.

A number of projects were actually carried out during the week. Much needed road repairs were done and more were scheduled; almost everyone who requested recycling boxes or lids received them during the week; there is a promise of "Harrington humps" for Seascale station platforms in the not too distant future and a promise that the cardboard recycling skip will be moved from



its much too prominent position in the middle of the car park during June.

In the next issue of the magazine in August there will be further news of what has been done and what is on-track. Apart from the completed questionnaires it would be good to have feedback on how people feel the week went, whether they enjoyed it and whether they thought it was useful. If you'd like to comment on the week's events please let the Parish Council have your views by contacting the Parish Clerk or the website editor.

There was a report in the Whitehaven News which can still be seen online at:

<http://www.whitehavennews.co.uk/news/seascale-people-prove-that-together-we-can-1.820795?referrerPath=home>

and the Seascale Village Website has two pages of pictures of the events at www.seascale.org.uk Together We Did and More Together We Did.

Helena Pateman





FROM A TINY SEED...

Nestled in a secluded corner of the Western Lakes lies Lamberlea Pond and Garden Centre

This Nethertown-based family run business was started in the late 1960s by Barry and Margaret Alderson as a hobby, growing strawberries and potatoes. As the business grew Barry gave up his job at Sellafield and Margaret stopped teaching, which allowed them to start growing shrubs for sale in the nursery.

Their son John joined them when he left school and has played a big part in the direction the business has taken. Lamberlea has moved from a plant-based approach to providing everything

you might need for your own water garden. Glassfibre ponds of all shapes and sizes stand tall while fountains provide rippling background music for those choosing from an extensive range of fish and pond plants. John says customers from as far away as Manchester have made the journey, enticed by what they have seen on the website.

The shop provides a colourful display of all the food your fish could possibly eat. John and Shaun are on hand to advise on your choice of pond pump or filter system having built up their





extensive knowledge over a number of years. They recently decided to add a tropical fish area for which Shaun has responsibility. A warm haven filled with wall-to-wall tanks, full of darting, brightly coloured fish has brought in a new customer base. New to the display is a range of discus now on offer. Shaun says that, contrary to common belief, the discus are really easy to look after owing to the soft water conditions in this area.

While Lamberlea sells traditional gardening equipment such as tools, compost and seeds, one end of the shop is devoted to Chinese garden statues. John thought long and hard before investing in these figures but the result is a very atmospheric display which reflects the high standard of other smaller displays throughout the garden centre.

As customers walk through landscaped grounds and extensive selections of glazed pots, towards the array of gravels and stone, Barry and Margaret can be seen working in the greenhouses even though they now leave son John to run the business. Margaret continues to nurture tomatoes from seed and Barry grows a variety of alpine plants to create stunning rockeries.

Although some shrubs and trees are now bought in they are set out in neat, well tended areas which encourage customers to choose the right ones for their gardens. Margaret and Shaun have an extensive knowledge of shrubs and trees as John is happy to admit – this is not his area of expertise!

John's favourite parts of Lamberlea are the canopy sales area and the large ornamental koi pond he developed and landscaped nine years ago.

The canopy houses all the tanks for selling pond fish and Koi Carp, along with a beautiful array of flowering pond plants and waterlilies and a vast selection of special acers (Japanese Maples).

As many of you will already know, the display pond is home to many goldfish and Koi Carp. Imagine John's distress when half-eaten fish came to the surface or simply disappeared completely. Installation of CCTV cameras eventually revealed the culprit was a visiting otter, travelling from the river up to two miles away. Having become the best fed otter for miles around, as well as making headline news in the local press, the otter seemed to have moved on. Five years have passed but, in the last month he appears to have returned but rather more aggressively this time. The otter has chewed through a chicken wire fence, vaulted over an electric fence installed around the pond after his last visit, and cleared all the koi out of the pond. John says he will restock the pond this year but at the same time will have to think of further reinforcements for this particular otter!





John explained, "Otters and herons are becoming an increasing problem for pond owners in West Cumbria. Some herons now seem quite at home visiting built-up areas. We have even heard from customers how they sit on house roofs waiting until there's no-one in the garden! Both otters and herons will continue to return to your pond until there are no fish left, so it's important to put deterrents in place as soon as possible. Last year we had well over 60 customers reporting visits by herons and probably about 15 reports of otter problems, with a couple of customers having visits from mink too. Quite often customers are not sure what is taking their fish, however having had first-hand experience of all three, we can usually work out who the culprit is and advise them on a solution. We now stock quite a range of deterrents!"

If you are having problems with your pond, John and Shaun are happy to give advice.

Lamberlea has enjoyed its location and success for over 30 years. I hope this article has given you a flavour of the business and its roots. If you haven't yet discovered it try to make the time – you could be pleasantly surprised!

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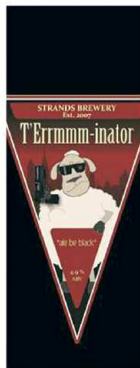
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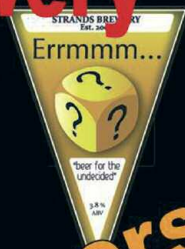
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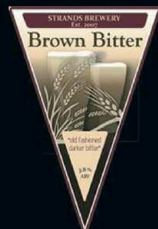
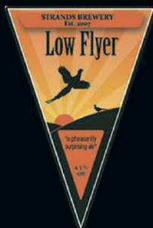
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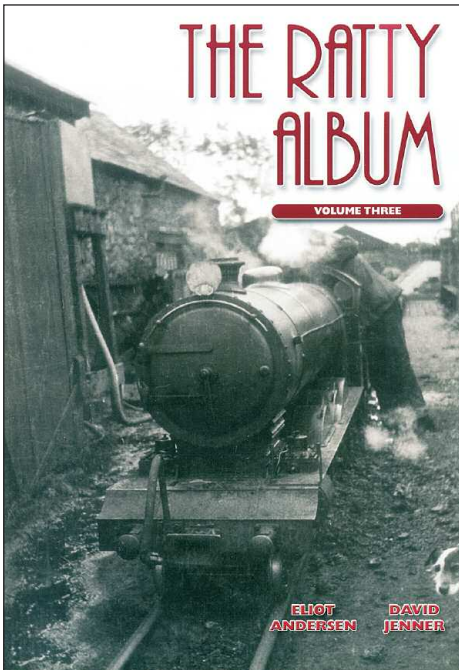
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On Saturday 23 April a special double-headed train ran from Ravenglass to Dalegarth to mark the publication of *The Ratty Album Volume 3*. This commemorates the 50th anniversary of the current operating company. It is profusely illustrated, in colour and black and white, with many scenes from the past. The original railway, serving the iron ore mine at Boot, opened on 24 March 1875, using a 3-foot gauge, but this closed in 1913. Many changes occurred after that period, with possible threat to the railway, but the 15" and standard gauge replacements to serve stone quarrying saved it. Authors Eliot Andersen and David Jenner held a presentation after the journey, in the new Ravenglass "Turntable Cafe".



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Who would have thought that after 9 years we would still be here?

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Thank you from me, Jane, and my colleagues at Haven Beauty.

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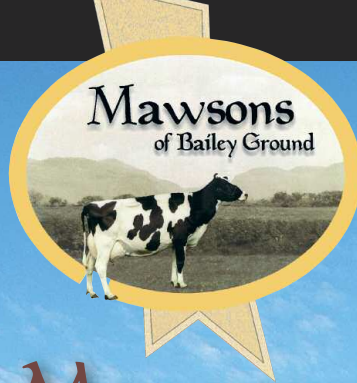
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PETS AND PICTURES

In Gosforth's Hobby and Pet Shop

Many readers of the Seascale Newsletter will remember when Sue and Ken Dakin ran the Hobby Shop in Gosforth. They took over the premises in 1985, it having previously been a bakery and mission rooms.

Over the years Sue and Ken carried out alterations to the shop to create the layout it is today. Most importantly they moved the entrance, which opened directly onto Denton Hill, to the side of the shop, making it much safer for customers to come and go.

Sue and Ken ran a very successful business selling needlecraft and art materials. Sue designed long stitch patterns of local scenes in response to requests from customers. The kits were printed and put together on the premises. These, and other designs Sue produced, were later sold

nationally through a commercial needlecraft company. Some of her designs are still available and remain beautiful records of the Lake District.

A little over ten years ago the Pet Shop in Gosforth was closing and the owner Margaret Cox asked Sue and Ken if they could begin selling a selection of pet supplies. No doubt it was a great relief to all the animal owners of the village and beyond when it became The Hobby and Pet Shop!



When Sue and Ken decided to retire about four years ago the shop was taken over by Caroline Jackson (now Ashall). Caroline expanded the pet supplies section to include a wide range of products for animals big and small.

In difficult economic times businesses need as many opportunities to succeed and grow. Caroline had the foresight to begin a picture framing service, which was a good way to expand and support the art and craft side of the business.

Almost six months ago, when Caroline began running The Screens in Nether Wasdale, I was thrilled to be able to take over the shop. It's a





curious mix – visitors are often bemused by the odd combination of pets, pictures and crafts. It never fails to be a talking point!

Picture framing is a very satisfying and rewarding job in itself. If you have never considered having a picture specially framed you might be surprised the difference a hand-made mount and frame can make. The right choice of complementary colours and textures can make a good picture look even better! I am always happy to help if needed.

Some pictures and art works may be valuable or delicate so I only use materials that are specially designed for framing. Having worked in a museum with decorative arts and textiles for many years I am used to handling objects with care.

The shop will always have sewing essentials like scissors, needles, thread etc and embroidery silks and cross stitch kits. I hope to introduce new products over the next few months, especially craft kits, so that both children and adults can try their hand at something new.

The trend for recycling and reusing seems to have led to a resurgence of interest in crafts of all types. Things that look like they're homemade are everywhere, from household decoration to fashion. If you've been thinking of trying something let me know – if there is enough interest I would like to start some "crafting" days.

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A QUEST FOR CRESTED CHINA

With the open-fire season coming to an end now is the traditional time to start spring-cleaning the house. But even if the thought fills you with dread it's worth sorting through those long-sealed boxes in your attic or cellar. You may well come across a small piece of white china marked with a coat-of-arms and perhaps a cheery greeting from a seaside resort. It could even bear the name 'Seascale'. This is 'crested china' – a form of commemorative pottery that first appeared in the 1880s and enjoyed enormous popularity before waning and disappearing from sale after the First World War. It's now enjoying something of a revival among collectors and with such a wide range of shapes, styles and sizes there's something for almost every collector's budget.

The lives of ordinary working people were transformed during the course of the nineteenth century. Following the Bank Holiday Act of 1871 workers escaped to seaside towns such as Blackpool, Southend – and Seascale. These new holiday-makers didn't just want to send one of the new standard-sized picture postcards – they were interested in taking a less ephemeral souvenir home with them. This is where the crested china craze began.

Holiday-makers wanted a souvenir that was individual to the place in which they had stayed and seaside towns and villages were among the most popular destinations. A miniature ceramic decorated with the local crest or coat-of-arms was a desirable and collectable souvenir. It's relatively easy to find crested china pieces from the large

resorts such as Blackpool, Ramsgate or Southsea; they were popular and well-served by the railway network. Less easy to reach places, such as the Scottish Highlands, received fewer visitors and subsequently less china was purchased, making it a rarer find today.

The leading manufacturer of crested china, W.H. Goss, was quickly joined by numerous other firms producing similar crested porcelain miniatures. Each model was made in at least two moulds and after firing the casts were joined together. These

basic models were left for about a week and then fired. Once checked for defects, and sanded if necessary, the models were glazed and fired again. The next stage was to transfer print the crest in outline, followed by another firing. Referring to a framed sample crest skilled paintresses infilled the outline using coloured enamels to emulate the original (for items requiring a gilded finish a steady hand was required) and then the piece would be fired for the final time.



Goss piece for Seascale.
(Helen Pateman)

Different Manufacturers

Goss produced the largest range of objects including jugs, urns, shells, water bottles, figures and miniature tea-sets. Arcadian produced an extensive range of animals (including a Manx cat) but its most popular range was 'Home Nostalgic' which included everyday items such as fireplaces, coal buckets and a basket of gold-top milk bottles. Its charabanc, produced between c.1903-33, acknowledged an alternative to the railways as holiday-makers' transport. Carlton even produced pieces with working parts, such as its



Group of Goss pieces. (Private collection)

windmill. Many later Carlton pieces (from the mid-1920s) are finished with a variety of lustre finishes. **Shelley** paid great attention to detail: its upright piano featured sheet music, pedals and an open, painted keyboard. Shelley also produced complicated pieces such as a roll-top desk, a swing mirror on a stand and a longcase clock.

Willow Art crested ware included a pillar box marked with the monogram of George V, the

'River Thames Pleasure Punt' (whose painted cushions matched the colours of the Windsor crest which decorated it) and humorous pieces such 'Fat lady on scales', with the crest transferred on the back of the figure.

Popular Themes

There were several themes to crested china wares, many more than can be introduced here. The **seaside** offered plenty of scope to ceramic designers resulting in models of some familiar sights such as the Blackpool wheel, the Gynn Inn (also at Blackpool), the clock tower at Margate, the lighthouse at Portland or the Laxey Wheel from the Isle of Man. Generic seaside motifs also proliferated such as whelk or limpet shells, bandstands, or even Carlton's stick of pink-and-white Clacton rock! **Famous buildings** also proved a popular theme; Tower Bridge, London Bridge and the Forth Bridge were all reproduced in crested ware. Willow Art produced an unusual model of the Harrogate Pump House as well as the west front of Lincoln Cathedral. **Animals** were a perennial favourite. They included domestic pets and farm animals as well as wild birds and exotic animals. In the Edwardian era pigs were considered to be lucky. Crested china versions were sometimes adorned with mottoes. Carlton's informed the purchaser that 'You can push / You can shuv / But I'll be hanged / If I'll be druv'. Shelley, whose animals are particularly collectable, even produced a penguin holding a folded newspaper underneath one wing. **Sport and leisure** provided yet more inspiration with tennis, golf, cricket, billiards, horse-racing and chess all represented by the major firms.



Two Nautilus pieces. (Private collection)



Goss piece. (Kim Willoughby)



Examples of the German rival souvenir china. (Private collection)

Transport and other new technologies also tempted the ceramic manufacturers whether inspired by the home or outside it, hence Arcadian produced a box camera and Carlton a horn gramophone. Both Arcadian and Carlton produced models of a two-seater sports car and coastal destinations such as Jersey or Great Yarmouth sold crested miniature yachts and lifeboats.

Impact of the First World War

For inventive ceramic manufacturers the First World War presented an unrivalled opportunity to produce a whole new series of crested miniatures. It was unrivalled in more ways than one; not only were there new figures, uniforms, armaments, vehicles and memorials to be replicated, but the war also removed German competition from the British crested war market. After the war German manufacturers attempted to re-establish themselves by stamping wares 'made in Austria', 'made in Czechoslovakia' or 'foreign'. The representation of **figures** ranged from formal busts of Lords Kitchener and Jellicoe and General Joffre, to images of ordinary soldiers and sailors. There was much evident pride at the role of ordinary men and women as well as that of national commanders. Willow Art produced a soldier standing to attention inscribed with the words 'Our Brave Defender'. A number of 'action' postures were used – Arcadian produced 'A model of Tommy and his machine gun' while Grafton's soldier was modelled, grenade in hand, as 'The Bomb Thrower'. Grafton also produced a steel-helmeted soldier, rifle in hand, crouching on a sandbagged parapet with the inscription 'Over



Detail of German piece. (Private collection)

the Top'. Arcadian manufactured a bust of 'Tommy Atkins' which on the back bore the verse, 'It's the Soldiers of the King / My Lads / Who fight for England's Glory / Lads / And when we say we've always / Won / And they ask us how / it's done / We'll proudly point to every / one of / England's soldiers of the King'. The role of women was not overlooked. Arcadian produced a model of a nurse tending a wounded soldier and a female munitions worker was depicted by Carlton holding one of her artillery shells with the inscription 'Shells and more Shells. Doing her Bit'.

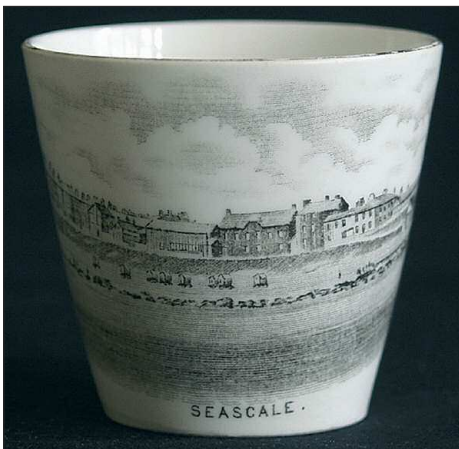
There was a greater fascination with the **technology and armaments** of the war. The Army, Navy and Royal Flying Corps (renamed the Royal Air Force in 1918) were all represented: tanks, battleships, submarines and aircraft were all produced by the major manufacturers. Carlton acknowledged the role of British minesweepers by noting on the model's starboard side the



Black and white pictorial souvenir ware – no manufacturer. (Private collection)



Detail of black and white saucer. On the far left the old lifeboat station can be seen. (Private Collection)



Detail of black and white beaker. Note the bathing huts on the beach! (Private collection)

'splendid work [which] will live / for ever in the annals of / British history'. Machine guns, clips of bullets, Mills bombs and artillery shells were all produced as crested china.

Perhaps it was no surprise that some of the memorials to the dead of the First World War were also reproduced as ceramic miniatures. The London memorial to Edith Cavell was quickly reproduced as a crested china miniature, and the Whitehall Cenotaph was also particularly copied. Regional memorials were also copied, including the Cumberland and Westmorland memorial in Carlisle.

After the war the production of crested china continued but the craze was waning. Public taste was changing, and the economic and social uncertainties of the 1920s put paid to the vogue for purchasing china miniatures. However, nothing remains uninteresting to collectors forever! Crested china is robust and easy to store and display and the search through antique centres and, increasingly, internet auction sites, remains an integral part of a collector's enjoyment. Happy hunting!

Sonia Batten

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SEASCALE COMMUNITY DAY SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2011

On Sunday 5 June 2011 a village Community Day is to be held in Seascale, which will be the nearest weekend to the first anniversary of the tragic events that hit West Cumbria in 2010.

The day has been organised to bring together the whole community with a variety of events throughout the day that will hopefully appeal to all ages and tastes.

This day will be an opportunity for Seascale to show itself off with everything good the village has to offer. The main emphasis will be on the young people of the village with many attractions and competitions free of charge.

The day's events have been in the planning since last autumn when a small organising committee was established comprising Clive Willoughby (Chairman), Vicky Borrino (Treasurer), Kate Smith (Secretary), Eileen Eastwood and David Moore.

The Organising Committee has obtained funding for the event and would like to thank Cumbria Community Foundation, Bootle & Seascale Neighbourhood Forum (Cumbria County Council and Copeland Borough Council), Nuclear Management Partners (Sellafield), Calder House Hotel, Bailey Ground Hotel, Beach Stores and Seascale Parish Council for their help and generous support.

The first organised activities will start at 10.00am with a Sand Modelling Competition on the beach. To enter, just register on the morning at the Bailey Ground Hotel's Coffee and Ice Cream Parlour. Judging by The Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland will take place at 12.00 noon and prizes awarded.

If you need a bucket and spade these are available for purchase at Beach Stores!

Also at 10.00am a Car Boot Sale will be held on the Beach Front Car Park. Sellers should arrive by 9.30am to secure a place. A charge of just £5 per

car will be made with proceeds going to the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance.

The main events of the day will take place on or near the Sports Field and Sports Hall from 1.00pm, where all village groups have been invited to take part. Their participation is key to this event being a success and the wide variety of displays, games and skills is eagerly anticipated.

In addition there will be a chance for everyone to see the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance up close as (subject to operational requirements) it will be present for the afternoon.

Also present will be Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and the Coast Guard. Thanks also to the British Red Cross who are providing first aid cover for the day.

Although the day will very much be looking forward, the events of last year will not be forgotten and everyone is invited to join together for a short service on the beach front near the castle in the early evening. This will begin at approximately 6.00pm and will be conducted by the village's church leaders.

The final part of the day will see the focus of activities move to the Calder House Hotel, where you are invited to a free concert in the garden. Local acts have very kindly given their time to perform for you and this will be a perfect way to round off the day's events.

Entry to the concert will be by ticket only. These are free and can be collected from either Calder House Hotel or Beach Stores on a first come, first served basis (subject to availability and a maximum of 4 tickets per person) from Saturday 14 May 2011.

Enclosed within this edition of the Village Magazine is a Programme for the day, for you to keep separately and refer to on the day.

OUR LOCAL RAILWAY HISTORY

When you have finished with it, please enter your details in the final section, place in one of the collection boxes located near the Sports Hall and you will be entered into a free draw to win a DAB Digital Radio.

Please show your support by coming along to any part of the day that takes your interest.

Stewards are required to provide assistance on the day and to make sure the event goes smoothly and safely. A number of people have volunteered already but more are needed. If you would like to be a steward for the day or part of it please contact the event organiser, Clive Willoughby, on 019467 21026 (evenings and weekends), 07741 007495 or via email at seascalepc@hotmail.co.uk

The village is expected to be very busy on the day so if you can, please leave your car at home and walk to the site as parking nearby will be very limited at the beach front car park.

Disabled parking will be available at the Station Car Park.

Participants please note that unloading at the site will be allowed in the Sports Hall area up until 12 noon. After that time no vehicles will be permitted in the Sports Hall area (except emergency vehicles) and NO vehicles are to drive on to or across the cricket field.

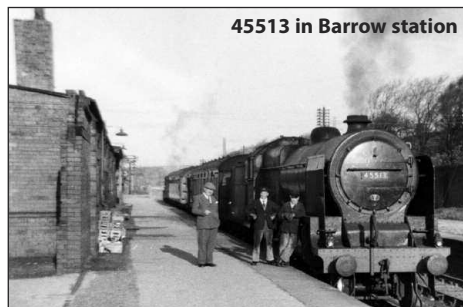
In the August edition of the Village Magazine we will be printing a report covering the day's events.

If you take pictures of the event and would like them considered for inclusion please email them to seascalepc@hotmail.co.uk. We would also like to hear your comments on the day and, again, please email to the same address.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe day.

Looking back fifty years can itself seem like a study of history but that is the length of time an author spent assembling a historical account of the railway that first linked Furness and the Cumberland coast to the rest of England. Later this year it is proposed to publish the *"History of the Furness Railway"* by Dr Michael Andrews. Dr Andrews began his researches when he enrolled on a part-time course at London University in 1954 and continued his study over the following 50 years while pursuing a professional career as the Chief Medical Officer with British Railways. Sadly Dr Andrews died suddenly last year before his book could be published. Now a group of his friends in Barrow-in-Furness have teamed up with Trevor Preece to help his family fulfil their ambition to give his work a permanent form. The story is a complex one and tells how a short and isolated railway built to carry Kirkby slate and Lindal haematite to a simple pier for shipping away eventually became one of the most profitable of Victorian enterprises. Not only did the Furness Railway spawn the iron smelting and shipbuilding industries of Barrow but it also paved the way for Lake District tourism and had ambitions to develop Seascale as a select residential and holiday destination. Along the way we encounter many of the 'greats' of the railway era – George Stephenson, John and Alexander Brogden, James Brunlees – and are shown how the dynastic aspirations of the rival Lowther and Cavendish families influenced the industrial evolution of Furness and West Cumberland. Watch for more news on this fascinating history.

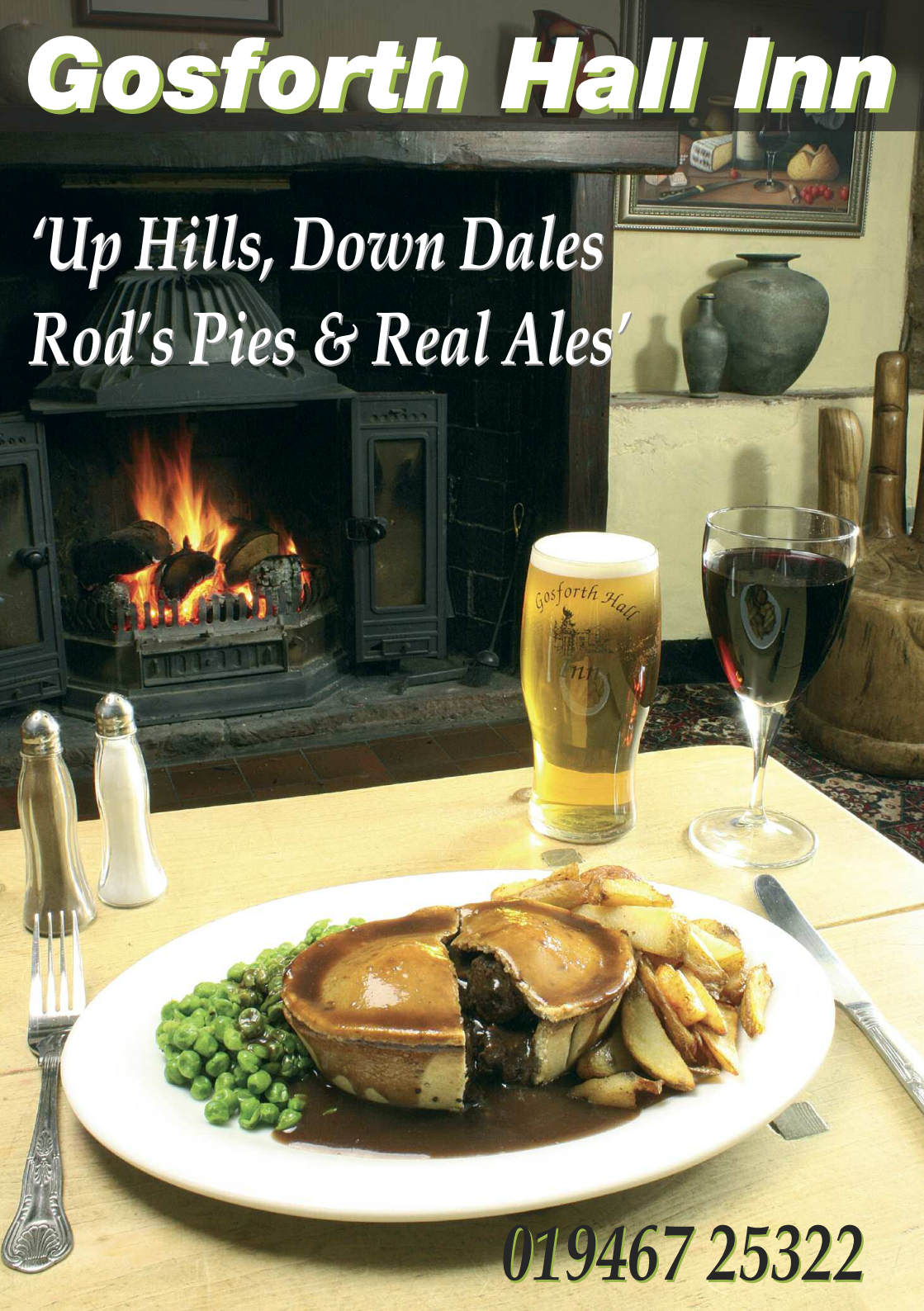
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GIRLGUIDING – GUIDES AND RANGERS

Both Guide and the Ranger units have had another busy term. On a number of occasions the units have worked alongside each other, the Rangers supporting the Guides with different aspects of the programme.

The term's highlights have been:

A visit to Gosforth Panto. A number of the Guides and Rangers were in the cast too.

Visiting speakers from Marine Rescue.

A couple of parties organised by the Patrols, one of which was a surprise birthday party for one of our Leaders.

A residential leadership training session at Buttermere Youth Hostel for the Patrol Leaders.

The opportunity to model clothes in a Fashion Show organised by the local Fairtrade Association.

A Fashion Show organised by two of the older Guides. Everyone took part and we raised £150.00 in aid of Hospice at Home.

An evening at Drigg Beach – hide and seek, an Easter Egg Hunt and of course, melted marshmallows!

As mentioned previously, the Rangers have helped out on a number of occasions with the Guide meetings. Additionally, they have enjoyed an evening of cooking with a local catering professional, an informative session on sexual health led by one of the members and a meeting with two members of the Parish Council to learn a little about local government. Following a residential team-building session the girls have now elected a committee which is gradually taking over the running of the unit.

We are now busy planning for the year ahead – hopefully spending as much time out of doors as possible during the summer. We have residentialists to look forward to and are hoping to be lucky with our application for tickets to the BIG GIG, an all-Guide pop concert (the modern day

equivalent to a jamboree) which will be taking place in Wembley Arena in October. The Rangers will soon be taking part in a 'try it' snorkelling session and they are also planning the activities that they are organising for the village Community Day.

Sue Smith, 28625

2ND SEASCALE METHODIST BROWNIES

We are now planning our annual pack holiday. This year it will be a pleasant trip to Ennerdale. We have planned various activities including crafts and outside games. We have now been to Caldertwaite and Inzievar, singing some songs that we had rehearsed and the residents joined in and were very welcoming. On behalf of the brownies and the other leaders I would just like to say thank you to Caldertwaite and Inzievar for having us and I hope that we can come back and see you again soon.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Gaynor for coming to do crafts with the brownies – this was well appreciated by both girls and leaders; we hope to see you again too. We are moving forward with our badges and are currently working on the tall ships badge. For this we need to complete a number of clauses. Last November we held a pirate party which went down a storm. We hope to move forward with this badge whilst on pack holiday.

By the time this reaches you we will have also been to visit the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team HQ. We decided to have a double visit and attend with the rainbows at the same time, which allows the girls to understand what the role of the mountain rescue is and how they help people.

In the next issue I will hopefully be able to tell you about our adventurous pack holiday. Thank you to the rest of the leaders – I know a pack holiday takes up a lot of planning and time and it wouldn't be the same without any of you.

Sarah Huddleston



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SEASCALE PARISH FOOTPATHS

One of the days of the Together We Can week was devoted to the footpaths in the parish. The School adopted a path and were trained in how to maintain it. There was also a Parish Paths Initiative workshop organised by Bob Muscat and Andrea Bonacker of Cumbria County Council's Countryside Access Team. They gave an excellent presentation which outlined the various types of pathways for which they have responsibility and the help they can give to parishes in maintaining them. This includes advice, materials, loans of equipment and even direct labour, on occasion.

Some of Seascale's paths have become very overgrown. A proper survey should be carried out

to see what needs to be done in the way of clearance of vegetation, surfacing, signposting and repair or replacement of gates and stiles.

Several people have already said that they would be interested in getting involved. With better weather and longer evenings now is a good time to get started and the more people we have the quicker we shall be able to make a visible and practical difference to our paths.

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ST BEES HEAD

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SCOUTING

Following a lot of hard work by St Cuthbert's people, we are back in our regular haunt again. Many thanks to the Methodist Chapel, the Sports Hall and Beckermets Scout group for putting us up while the repairs were completed.

The District camp will be on us shortly – some 47 of our members will be there, Cubs and Scouts under canvas and Beavers in the hall, along with members from the other groups in the District. Never mind Wills and Kate, this is the event to be at, with all sorts of activities being organised.

The Beaver Scouts have been making a dragon of their very own for the Chinese new year – unfortunately the stormy weather prevented them from parading it around the village. They have also been learning about how to deal with emergencies and have achieved their Emergency Aid level 1 badge. Most recently, they have been preparing for the District Camp, with Derika their leader preparing the shopping list – it includes 35 loaves and 77 litres of milk! 47 youngsters plus leaders for three days take some feeding.

The Cubs have had a busy time recently participating in a variety of activities which has led to everyone achieving their Emergency Aid level 2 badges, Creative Challenge badge and most have completed their Promise Challenge. We have four cubs moving up into Scouts after the Easter break and they are busy completing the final challenges they need to achieve their Silver Chief Scouts Award badge – this is the highest award available in the Cub Scout Section. Sixteen of our cubs are about to take part in the District Camp at Ennerdale which will enable many of the cubs to achieve their Campers badge and go towards their Outdoor and Outdoor Plus challenge badges. All we hope for now is good weather!

The Scouts (age 10½ - 14½) have continued with their expedition training this term. This has meant further honing their skills on stoves, tent pitching and navigation. We also had a trip to the climbing wall at West Lakes Academy, where everyone had a chance to scale the wall, and belay their fellow scouts.

Leadership will be a challenge next term (see

below) but we hope to continue to provide an exciting and adventurous programme for our troop. With the head-count currently in the mid-twenties, we will be reliant on the help of parents to support our activities. Next term we look forward to supporting the Seascale Village Day, and the final build-up to the expedition.

Our bi-annual bag2school (in our case bag2scout) collections continue, and we raised over £150 at our recent collection. Our next collection is planned for 12 October to allow you to clear out your wardrobes for your winter collections. We can also take old mobile phones and used inkjet cartridges and laser printer toner cartridges, but please bag them separately. You can directly help a local charity by given your old clothing to us rather than in the various charity bags that drop through your letterbox at intervals. Unfortunately, we can no longer take duvets and eiderdowns.

May we as leaders take this opportunity to say a special 'thank you' to all those who continue to support both sections, we could not run the colony or pack without you. Sadly, we have to say a partial farewell to Terry who has been invaluable to the troop and group over the last few years. Family commitments mean that he can no longer be with us regularly on a Thursday, and will be sadly missed. We do still hope to see him on occasions. However, it means that both Cubs and Scouts are now running with a single leader. 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 or phone Seascale 28296.

Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader

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SEASCALE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

Seascale Scottish Country dancers will take part in the Seascale Community Day on 5 June 2011. We will be dancing in the Sports Hall at some point in the afternoon. This is not only so that we make our contribution to the day, but also perhaps to arouse an interest within the local community in our type of dancing. There has been a Scottish Country Dance group in Seascale now for 50 years. Members have come not only from Seascale, but also from Gosforth, Calder Bridge, Beckermet, Egremont, St Bees and other surrounding villages. We would very much like our presence to be more widely known and to encourage others to join us. Please come and watch. You will see that we dance for fun and our own enjoyment. We are far from expert!

If you feel that you too would like to have a go, we hope you will make yourself known to one of

the dancers on the day. The new season starts on Wednesday 7 September 2011 at the earlier time of 7.30pm. Happily there has been a slight increase in our membership this year but we are still badly in need of new members. It is not necessary to have a partner or previous experience of Scottish Dancing. Newcomers are given lots of help and encouragement. The only requirement is that you wear low heeled footwear.

We give our best wishes to the organisers of the Community Day and hope it is a big success.

Contacts: Brenda Rhodes: 28269. Jimmy Young: 28155. David McCrindle: 24006.



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FLASHBACK TO THE FIRST SEASCALE NEWSLETTER 20 YEARS AGO

Seascale Newsletter



April 1991

It has been some years now since Seascale had a village newsletter and it has been suggested by several people that it would be good to have one again. The idea of a newsletter in the community certainly seems right and hopefully will be something of value in a variety of ways. At this stage a quarterly issue is proposed.

All views and comments on the idea are welcome, as well as contributions or notice of coming events, etc. It is intended that in the next issue a list of village organisations and clubs will be included. Please could organizers and others with contributions contact any of the following before the end of July to ensure inclusion in the next issue:

Ken Mawson (Seascale 28278)

Jean Charles (Seascale 28764)

Paul Grimwood (Seascale 28687)

Netta Addison (Seascale 28625)

Dorothy James (Seascale 28976)

Eileen Eastwood

IDEAS FOR A NAME (AND LOGO) FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE ALSO WANTED, WITH A PRIZE FOR THE BEST SUGGESTION. JUST RETURN THE SLIP OVERPAGE TO SEASCALE LIBRARY BY 1 JULY PLEASE.

Thanks to Netta Addison, Paul Grimwood and all who helped produce and distribute this first one.

Ken Mawson

SEASCALE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

Seascale Parish Council holds its AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24 April in the Methodist Schoolroom. ALL PARISHIONERS OF SEASCALE ARE WELCOME. This gives villagers the opportunity to ask questions of their councillors on events over the last year and to receive the financial report. Come along and see what's happening in your Parish.

 * I SUGGEST THE NAME OF THE NEW SEASCALE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE: *
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 * From..... Tel..... *

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN, 27 & 28 APRIL

'Think Green' and help the environment by cleaning the village as part of National Spring Clean Week. Meet on the Foreshore Car Park Saturday 27 April 2 to 5pm and Sunday 28 April 10am to 1pm. Gloves and bags provided. EVERYONE WELCOME, PLEASE COME!

SEASCALE FUN DAY, 6 MAY

In 1983 BNFL accidentally discharged a radioactive slick into the sea off Seascale. Reeling from the media invasion and adverse publicity, Seascale was delighted when Gosforth by Scawfell Round Table decided to run a Fun Day on the May Day Bank Holiday. It was a great success and the Amenities Society then took over with the help of Round Tablers Chris Steele and Barrie Walker who stayed on until we could form a proper Fun Day Committee. When I retired 3 years ago as chairman, Tony Holman took over and this year it looks as though it could be the best Fun Day yet, with more attractions than ever.

The Committee cannot manage without volunteers on the day. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH with a member of the Committee. Tony also has the idea of starting a scrapbook of the Fun Days, so any photos or press cuttings would be welcome.

Eileen Eastwood

SEASCALE YOUTH CLUB

For a mere 10p entrance fee Seascale Youth Club opens its doors on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and gives local teenagers the opportunity to escape their parents' clutches for two hours, surely the best all round bargain the village has to offer.

A year or two ago this article would have been written to encourage new members but for the last year over 40 young people between the ages of 11 and 21 come each evening. We have comfortable premises in the Community Wing of Seascale School, the atmosphere is relaxed, there is the opportunity to play pool, table tennis, or darts to the latest background pop music, or to relax in the coffee bar, watch television, play board games or do art and craft work.

Seascale Youth Club is also affiliated to the Cumbria Association of Boys Clubs and throughout the summer we use their facilities to send members on adventure weekends to Isthmus Cottage at Keswick, on the 100 mile canoe race, and enter teams in various other Boys Club events. The club has been run for the last 13 years by the same small group of voluntary helpers, led by John McElroy, and by the same committee. We are all 13 years older and wiser and WOULD WELCOME SOME NEW HELPERS AND IDEAS, either on a regular basis, or just to make coffee or help with special projects, the latest being a float for Fun Day. Anyone who is interested in getting involved is welcome to come and look around on any Wednesday or Thursday between 7 and 9pm.

Jean Charles

SCOUTING IN SEASCALE 1990's STYLE

The largest youth organization in the world is still attracting new members in Seascale. The aims of the movement in simple terms are to help equip the youngsters of today to meet the challenges of tomorrow and scouting does this by using structural training programmes which are both fun and informative and give all the members a chance to participate in all kinds of indoor and outdoor activities from stamp collecting to canoeing, first aid and camping.

Scouting in Seascale is run by ex Seascale Scout Paul Noble, ably assisted by Paul Woodhouse, a Scout Leader and newly appointed Assistant District Commissioner for the Preston area. In fact this summer our scouts are joining his scouts on a camp in the Channel Isles.

The Seascale Cub pack is also flourishing once again thanks to the efforts of John and Lorraine Ellis from Gosforth and the newly recruited team led by George Nicholson. Due to lack of leaders we still have no Beaver Colony.

The meeting place of the Scouts is the 'Scout Hut/Workshop' on the Windscale Club Car Park, but we are desperately looking for more suitable premises in the village. Scouts meet on a Thursday evening. The cubs meet downstairs in St. Guthberts Church Hall on a Wednesday evening and occasionally in the Sports Hall.

Pete Simcock

For further information contact:

Scouts: Paul Noble, 60 Gosforth Road. Seascale 27157

Cubs: George Nicholson, 1 Santon Way. Seascale 28860

or John Ellis, The Moors, Tarnhow, Gosforth. Gosforth 210

SEASCALE AMENITIES SOCIETY

We have been in existence now for 8 years and we would like to thank you for your support in helping to raise the money that renovated the Engine Shed into a Sports Hall and helped to build the Cricket/Bowls Pavilion and pay for some equipment on the playing field.

The winners of the last 12 months Lottery Prizes were:

Mrs L Fulker	Mr L Todhunter	Mr F Hey	Mrs V Hoyle
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The total raised over the 8 years is £29,312 with £10,118 paid out in prizes (and expenses) and £12,825 paid to Seascale Parish Council (with approx. £6000 in balance).

Thank you all on behalf of the Seascale Amenities Society.

Eileen Eastwood (Chairman)

SEASCALE & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Seascale & District Horticultural Society is an old established society which has given service to the residents of Seascale for many years.

Membership, which costs only £1 per year, gives access to the 'Fertilizer Hut' which sells fertilizers, peat and sundries at very reasonable prices as well as to the Society's growing collection of equipment available for hire. The hut is situated by the garages adjacent to the green area in the centre of Santon Way and is now open every Wednesday between 6.30 and 8.00pm up until 11 September.

In addition to this, the Society also organises an Annual Flower Show which this year will be on Saturday 3 August in the school. Everyone is welcome to enter and the classes include flowers, vegetables, cookery, handicrafts and flower arranging, with separate art & craft classes for children.

For further details of the Society's activities please contact Tom Porter on Seascale 28056 (Fertilizer Hut), Alex Johnstone on Seascale 28530 (Equipment for hire), Lois Holman on Seascale 28941 (Annual Flower Show) or any other committee member.

Lois Holman

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In real life Professor Boffin is Terry Harvey-Chadwick, a science teacher at West Lakes Academy in Egremont, who lives in Seascale with his wife, Catherine, and five children.

"I've always loved Science and I think, apart from basic literacy and numeracy, it's the most important subject there is; our entire civilisation depends on it, as well as the employment prospects of thousands of people in this part of the country. Children

nowadays think science is something done at school or in places like Sellafield. I want to show them that Science is something they can do for themselves at home, and how much fun it is."

As well as being a mad professor Terry has another persona – Bjarni Jorkellson, a Viking warrior and trader. With over 20 years Viking re-enactment experience, from September Terry will also be visiting schools as Bjarni, giving children the experience of meeting a real Viking and handling items from the Viking age, including tools, goods, weapons and armour. Professor Boffin will be visiting schools as well to give spectacular science shows.

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