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The Christmas Lights and Fireworks were a great success. It was a record turnout and the weather was kind to us. Egremont Town Band entertained us in the Sports Hall where we were all very warm thanks to the new heating.

Father Christmas arrived with goodies for all the children. Tony Holman had to go away on works business and so we thank all the people who turned up and helped to put up all the lights and the Christmas Tree. Thanks to Chris Burgess for the excellent firework display and to all the ladies who took care of the refreshments.

By the time you read this newsletter the sewage works will be finished. If you want to look round the improved site please look on the notice boards round the village for further information.

Our new seats have been installed and the one on the new road was donated by the family of the late Tom Davis.

Concern has been raised over the condition of the cinder track. I have been assured that some remedial work will be undertaken to stop further deterioration.

The Marine Litter Group run by Rachael Yanik has worked with Haverigg prisoners on a beach cleaning programme on the north west coast. It has been a great improvement to the beach over this winter.

Eileen Eastwood

Parish/District Election 1st May 2003

Copeland Council is having a postal vote only this year.

This means that you will be able to vote without leaving the comfort of your home. You have 12 votes for Parish Council and 2 votes for Copeland Council. You just have to tick your choices and return the form in the envelope provided by the appropriate date.

The Dell and Foreshore Project

At long last the Parish Council has successfully acquired funding to provide five more Victorian lights on the Foreshore and to refurbish the Dell, including renewing the steps and replacing the bollards and rails surrounding the Dell and, last but not least, relining the stream.

Barbara Ramsden, Chairman of Amenities

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**9th April at 7.30 pm in the
Methodist School Room**

Our speakers for the evening are Michael Bauer from the Community Law Centre and Anna Scammans from Voluntary Action Cumbria. They will talk on the liability and responsibility of groups running halls, play areas and sports facilities.

Seascale Parish Council

Parish Plan Survey

In 1995 we had a village questionnaire asking you what you would like to see done, improved or provided in the village.

It's time we sought your views again. We need to do this to pull down funding to improve the facilities in the village. Posters around the village will inform you when forms and collecting boxes are installed in various outlets.

This is your opportunity to tell us your views on Seascale. Please take the time to fill in a form.

Seascale Parish Council

Seascale Station Car Park

A letter has been written to First North Western Trains regarding the availability of the car park to the public during the construction of the new houses.

They assure me everything possible will be done to keep it free for train users. If you should have concern or find obstructions, please contact me on 28126 and I will see what can be done.

Barbara Ramsden

Seascale NSPCC

Seascale NSPCC raised £1332.03 during 2002 and we are hoping to do even better this coming year! Every penny will go to the Wedgewood Centre in Whitehaven, so helping children in our own area. The Committee and myself would like to thank the people of Seascale and District for all their help and support over many years.

Joyce Roberts (Chairman)

Do you have green fingers?

Did you take cuttings last year? And did they all take? Or have you too many shrubs? The Amenities Society has decided to try and plant the ground at the side of Arch Hill with flowering shrubs to add a bit of colour. Do you have Buddleia, Forsythia, Flowering Currant, Escallonia, Hebes, Hydrangea, Broom, Bamboo etc? Most of all Holly. If you can help, please contact Barbara Ramsden on 28126 or Les Tuley on 28100.

Save Energy – Save Money – Save Environment

Did you know that by making your home more energy efficient you could be saving up to £250 off your fuel bills? Last year Carlisle & County Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, working with Copeland Borough Council, provided energy efficiency advice to thousands of householders in Cumbria. Hundreds of energy efficiency measures were installed as a result of advice given about grants and discounts available in Cumbria.

These measures included loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, free cylinder jackets and energy saving light bulbs.

Grants and discounts are available to many different people, not just those in receipt of benefits. To find out how you can make your home more comfortable at the same time as saving money and doing your bit for the environment, telephone the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre free on 0800 512 012 during office hours.

SEASCALE FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

In the last Newsletter I reported how disappointing the turnout had been at our first meeting of the Seascale branch; however, the following meeting yielded better response with fifteen new members turning up to find out more about the training sessions etc, and the next meeting (which was our first training session with the Paramedics from the Cumbria Ambulance Service) had a grand total of 24 keen members.

We have been meeting every Tuesday night in the Windscale Club for our First Response Training. The training involved deals with life-threatening situations – for example cardiac arrest, learning resuscitation, CPR, and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), along with other vital first aid treatments. Three of the sessions had to be with the Paramedics before we could all take our final assessment exam, after which we have continued training sessions with Nick Speed-Andrews. These have included setting up several simulated scenarios with the help of Nick Speed-Andrews, David Robinson and Phillippa Warburton from the Gosforth First Response Team.

At a meeting of the Seascale First Responders in January we formed our committee, of which the following are members:

Chairman: Rod Kimber (tel 28723)
Secretary: Vicky Borrino (tel 29023)
Assistant Secretary: Sandra Weatherston (tel 28326)
Treasurer: John Flowers (tel 28495)
Committee members: Stuart Mellor, Eleanor Coleman, Mark Neate, Janet Fleet, Brian Goulding and Vicky Huddart

The next step after we had all passed our assessment exams was to think about the equipment we needed so our team could go 'Live' and how much it would cost. We had to think of some serious fund raising ideas and we have also approached various groups for donations as the cost for equipment per member is quite high as you can see:

Defibrillator	£1,756.00 each
Pages (minimum contract)	£60.00 each
Storage Box	£300.00 each
High Visibility Jackets	£29.50 each
Jacket ID	£13.00 each
Bum Bags	£9.00 each
Dressings, gloves scissors etc	£4.00 each one
Masks	£8.50 each
Torches	£5.00 each

All members received their jackets, paggers and equipment at the beginning of March. Seascale First Response Team went 'Live' on Wednesday 12th March.

Until we have raised enough money to cover the costs of setting up the Seascale Branch of First Responders we have to borrow money from the Gosforth group and then pay them back when we can afford to. This is why we desperately need your help as a village community in supporting us to help raise funds or by giving a donation – however big or small it will be gratefully received. If you feel you could help (as an individual or a group) with any fundraising events or ideas, or would be kind enough to give a donation, please contact one of the committee members on the above telephone numbers.

Sandra Weatherston

SEASCALE AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Quite a number of people in Seascale are unaware of the existence of the Horticultural Society.

The society was first formed in the 1890s with aims to encourage gardening, to increase general knowledge of garden plants and to organise a summer flower show. This it did and continued up to and after World War I.

In 1951, following the influx of new people coming to live in Seascale, to work at the Windscale Site, the Horticultural Society was re-formed. The society put on the first flower show of the post World War 2 era in the summer of 1952. There has been an annual show in Seascale ever since!

If we are to continue in this tradition, new members, enthusiasts and willing hands are required to help maintain the standards that have been built up during the past 50 years. So come along and join us – you will find us

a very friendly lot; you don't have to be a gardening expert, just a willing hand. I should know, I've been a member of the society for 50 years! The membership fee is a very modest £2.

To help members in their endeavours, the society has a small hut where we sell (to members only) fertilisers, potting composts and other sundries in quantities you require, at very reasonable prices. The hut is situated in the large nest of garages about halfway around Santon Way, behind the large grassed area.

You can join the society at the hut or through any committee member. The hut is open every Sunday in March from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon; thereafter in April and onwards, every Wednesday from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm.

Come and join us! HAPPY GARDENING!

G.A.Holburt

Manse on the Move

The Whitehaven Circuit of the Methodist Church has two ministers and eleven churches. As many of you will know the Methodist minister living in Seascale has pastoral care of four churches: Seascale, Gosforth, Egremont and Frizington.

A lot of his time is spent driving between those churches, to Distington (crematorium) and the West Cumberland Hospital. There are more baptisms, weddings and funerals in Egremont than in the other three churches and so many journeys are made to Egremont and back. The equivalent of one working day per month is spent driving in the car – which

is a considerable waste of valuable time.

When one minister is on leave the other one has to cover the whole circuit – as far north as Parton and Lowca – a much easier task from a base in Egremont. Add to this the problems for a family who can only afford to run one car, where the minister only has one day off a week and is on call virtually twenty four hours a day and the children want to attend swimming lessons or the music centre. They need to be within walking distance of these amenities.

So reluctantly the circuit has decided to move the manse to Egremont.

Mary Snape

SEASCALE SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

On Saturday 16th November an inter-school 6-a-side football competition for pupils up to year 6 was held in the Lakes College West Cumbria, Workington. Because of the number of teams participating, the schools were arranged in four leagues.

The Seascale team of 9 players, all of whom played at some stage, were successful in qualifying for the quarter-finals – a knockout stage.

Although beaten by the St. Pius "A" team, the Seascale players gave a very good account of themselves and came very close to scoring on a number of occasions.

Another 6-a-side inter-school competition was held recently at Harecroft School under the auspices of the Blackburn Rovers Football Club. Although failing to qualify the Seascale team results were:

Lost 1 match
Drew 2 matches
Won 2 matches

The Seascale School girls' netball team are also having a successful season.

At a recent inter-school netball competition, the Seascale girls were joint winners of the Jimmy Leadley Memorial trophy with the Jericho school.

J. Watson

Contact for contributions to the next Seascale Newsletter is the Editor, Lois Holman, 019467 28941.

SPORTS HALL

Seascale Sports Hall has been open for 16 years and our prices have been the same since 1989. Unfortunately electricity, rates, water rates and maintenance costs have not stayed the same.

The new heating has been a great success but is more expensive to run.

As of 31st March the prices will change as follows:

Old Price	New Price	
£3.00	£4.00	up to 4 people
£4.00	£6.00	4 and over
£10.00	£12.00	Children's parties
£15.00	£18.00	Children's parties including soft play
£30.00	£32.00	Children's parties, soft play and bouncy castle

Please still support your Sports Hall – it's a wonderful asset to a small village like this.

We are looking for new Committee members. If you think you could take an active part in running the Hall please contact a Committee member.

The Sports Hall Committee contact telephone numbers are 28201, 28653 and 28591.



Seascale Village Fun Day!

SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2003

12.00PM TO 4.30PM

Following the success of last year's Golden Jubilee Fun Day, Calder House Hotel will once more host the event and bring the community together.

With the main theme of last year's Fun Day being the Jubilee, funding was more readily available and people were made more aware of the event as it was part of the whole celebration. This year's event has been started from scratch by a newly-formed group of volunteers who are working hard to ensure the day's success. To date we are at the 'applying for funding' stage and have held several smaller fundraising events in the last six months or so – a children's disco at Calder House, regular Car Boot and Table Top sales and raffles at other events. We are always grateful for more support and even if you cannot help through the year but would 'mind a stall' on the day, even for an hour or two, please contact us on the number below. As it stands at the moment we are hoping to have a children's magician, the Jazz Band, a popular musical duo that will run a karaoke event, together with several games, rides and stalls. As ever we shall support the Hospice at Home and they will have their usual stalls on the day. It will be a chance to meet your First Responders team, who will be giving demonstrations and will be our first-aiders for the day. Even if you don't have the time to spare to help out, please come along on the day and bring friends and family and help make it a day to remember. We would like to make this an annual event if possible, depending on support. May we thank you in advance for putting the date in your diary! We hope you have a great day!

Telephone Steve Ainley on 28538 at Calder House Hotel, The Banks, Seascale.

SEASCALE PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUTH COUNCIL

Seascale School Youth Council will be busy and active in the Village again. They will be involved with the 'Beach Beat' survey. The National Aquatic Litter Group develops the survey. The aim of the survey is to report on and improve the visual quality of beaches across England and Wales. **This is a visual survey only, so does not involve collecting litter.**

Groups of volunteers aged 8 upwards can go out and survey beaches, which presents a great opportunity for local school pupils to get involved.

The Surveys are planned to start this April at four sites:

- Parton
- Whitehaven
- St. Bees
- Seascale

The South of the Borough, Ravenglass-Haverigg, are being covered in a similar survey.

The survey is carried out over a standard sampling unit on the beach consisting of a 100 metre wide transect of the beach along the highest water strandline and the area between this line and the current high water strandline (up to a maximum width of 50 metres). Basically it is a box marked out on the beach.

The litter observed is recorded on a checklist, and

the whole survey will be completed within an hour.

The frequency of sampling will be every two weeks from April to September, during the official bathing season.

Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale

We will be organising a Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale. Look out for further details around the village.

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Seascale Rural Safety Group

The Rural Safety Group is a new project which hopefully, if successful, will be adopted by many areas throughout the country. Seascale is one of the areas chosen because of the active community spirit present and is therefore in the forefront of this launch. The basic idea will be to develop our village by tackling local nuisance problems, thereby increasing the quality of life and reducing the fear of crime.

One of the ways we will deal with this is to place "mailboxes" in strategic areas, where people can anonymously post their written complaints. The Rural Safety Team (of which there are ten members) will meet on a regular basis to analyse the contents of these boxes and prioritise the main ones. It will then be decided by the group how to go about solving and eliminating the problems which could possibly mean enlisting the help and knowledge of stakeholders such as Police, Parish Council or other professional organisations.

The "mailboxes" will be placed in the library, chemist and hopefully in a South Parade site, and should be in place by the end of March 2003. Attached to the side of the box will be copies of incident report sheets which people can take to use as a guide to reporting a complaint.

What happens to the information you record on the report sheet? Each of the incidents on which data is collected will be plotted on a map of the parish to identify specific areas where incidents occur. Efforts

can then be made to identify solutions to the **underlying causes** of problems. A report will be placed in each Seascale Newsletter to enable the residents of the village to be fully conversant with the scheme.

There are a variety of starting points and the following list is by no means exhaustive, but issues for consideration might include:

- Road Safety
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Graffiti
- Vandalism
- Litter and Fly Tipping
- Rural Crime

Plotting incidents over a period of time on a plan of Seascale may reveal a cluster of incidents in one area. Questioning why this is happening could form the basis for remedial action. The Rural Safety group would welcome any suggestion from any villager, both young and old, for this scheme to be a success.

If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me on 019467 29023 or e-mail victoria@borrino.co.uk

Vicky Borrino

ADVERTISE?

Would you like to advertise your wares or services in future Seascale Newsletters?

We can accept advertisements from a small panel to a full page display. Contact Lois Holman on 019467 28941 for details of rates and formats.

FARMING CRACK

BOVINE T.B. THREAT TO CUMBRIA

Cumbrian farmers are now threatened with another possible disaster. Before the dust has had time to settle from the recent foot and mouth outbreak, bovine T.B. has appeared in this county. In the old days T.B. in cattle used to be fairly widespread, but in recent years it has practically been eradicated in this country.

Recently there has been a flare up in several parts of the country, mainly in the southern counties, Wales and Ireland. Farmers who restocked after their stock was slaughtered during the foot and mouth crisis, bought replacements from all over the country and some inadvertently brought back animals that had T.B. Many of these farmers wanted stock tested before they were brought into a clear area but DEFRA claimed not to have the resources to do it. To date around 200 animals have given a positive skin test causing about 70 farms to be placed under restriction, even though only four of the slaughtered animals had actual lesions. Badgers have been suspected of spreading the disease; foxes, deer and rats may also be implicated. There has been a lot of

controversy in some areas where badgers have been culled, although some were found to have it. A local vet carried out post mortems on badgers found dead by the road side in this area, including some found dead on the Seascale-Gosforth road. These were found to be clear of T.B., which is indeed good news. The saying amongst farmers is that if you have badgers that are clear on your land, treat them with respect and look after them as they will stop any others moving into their territory that may be carrying the disease. Badgers can be a nuisance on farmland; they can root up large areas looking for roots and grubs, their main diet. The resulting holes have caused cattle to break their legs and tractors to overturn as well as cause damage to growing crops.



MUNCASTER OWL CENTRE COMES TO THE RESCUE

Whenever anything happens to wildlife, farmers are usually the first to get blamed, whereas they do a considerable amount to help preserve wildlife and their habitats. The other week we found a tawny owl cowering in the corner of the cow shed. It was covered in slurry and near to death. After a phone call I took it to the owl centre at Muncaster where amongst other things they have a

hospital especially for owls and other birds. We received a call this week to say our owl had made a full recovery and would be shortly released into the wild. The owl is a beautiful bird and they are fairly scarce in this area. I assume this one had dropped on a mouse and accidentally got covered in slurry. It is interesting to know that injured birds can be treated at Muncaster.



AS IT USED TO BE

Also in the last newsletter the picture on the back showed some beach huts on the banking near the cinder track. In the old days there used to be over 60 of these stretching from the boat pound towards Sellafield.

People used to store their beach gear, cooking utensils and much more in them.

They would come at weekends, holidays and any days off they could get, to spend their time enjoying the beach. Some were removed and the rest of them, one by one, over the years were destroyed by the wind, the sea or vandals. You can still see the foundations where most of them stood. I do not think they would have remained undamaged long if they had been put there now. Planning would also be a problem now.

POST MORTEM

In the last newsletter, the story about the two mysterious posts on the beach created some interest. Several people have said they were off the old jetty. The location of the posts was halfway between the jetty and the rock pool in front of the boat club so this ruled out that theory.

Harry Twentyman reasoned that when the new sewer pipe was being pulled out into a trench on the beach it went over a sharp angle and became holed so they had to build a platform so they could lift the pipe back out to weld. These posts were roughly in that area. You may have noticed that the sea has now buried them in sand again.

Ken Mawson



Watch your Step...

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!

Anon

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