



Village Newsletter

SEASCALE



BMX track is GO!
Official Opening 5 July

SUMMER 2009





PARISH NEWS

Our Spring Newsletter in colour has been praised by very many of our residents.

The Annual Parish Meeting was very disappointing - only one member of the public turned up. We can only assume that we are doing everything right!

It was decided at our AGM that we would not be judging front gardens this year – it takes a lot of arranging and no-one turns up at the Horticultural Show to receive cups or certificates so a councillor has to go round distributing them.

If you won a trophy last year, could you please return it to a member of the Parish Council?

Congratulations to the group who organised the Beach Clean – it was very successful.

Dog owners – please do not let your dogs foul the beach and leisure areas. When the Quality Coast Award flag is flown, it will be against the law to exercise your dog on the beach area between the promenade and the Boat Club.

Those who can remember what the area where the Sports Hall, Bowling Green and new BMX track used to look like can only be delighted to see an area fully developed with sporting facilities to cover all ages and skills. The BMX site has finished off a sporting area we can all be proud of. Congratulations to all involved in keeping it up to its excellent standards.

Eileen Eastwood, Chair of Parish Council

SUNDAY TRAINS IN SEPTEMBER

As we closed for press we learned that Northern Rail plan to run a limited passenger train service between Barrow-in-Furness and Carlisle on Sunday, 27 September, as part of the Community Rail Festival, which takes place in Carlisle this year.

RECYCLE YOUR PLANT POTS

Boonwood Garden Centre, Gosforth, is happy to accept used plant pots and seeds trays – both plastic and polystyrene – for recycling.

B FEST 2009

Out of respect for local feeling it has been decided not to hold the B Festival at the Bower House this year, but potentially to look at organising a 'Last Night of the Proms' in 2010.

SPONSORSHIP FOR HOSPICE AT HOME

Margaret Finlay is going to Peru, to do an Inca trek, in the summer. It's a high altitude walk, ending up at Machu Picchu. She is hoping to raise money for Hospice At Home West Cumbria in memory of her late husband John. If you wish to sponsor Margaret, she has a web page to make donations, at www.justgiving.com/margaretfenlay.

Sponsor forms are also in Seascale village shops.

SPORTS AREA CAR PARKING

Please be aware that there is now high usage of sports field, sports hall, bowling green and BMX bike track area, with lots of children and bikes about. There is a problem with some parking not optimising the space available. Please give consideration to all users of the area. A 5mph sign is to be erected as soon as possible.

SEASCALE SPORTS HALL

Copeland Borough Council will be running the Summer School every Friday, starting on 24 July from 11am to 12:30 in the Sports Hall or SRA field. Further information contact Mrs J. McClemmens. 28201

Seascale BMX Track



The Background

In 2006, a group of Seascale's young people built a make-shift track of 'bumps and jumps' by hand using dirt, sand and bits of wood on a piece of development land on the old 'Scawfell Hotel' site adjacent to the railway station in the village.

Our local Police Officer, Rachel McKee, was concerned for the individuals' safety and also knew that this area was to be cleared, resulting in the home-made play area being levelled and the youngsters with no facility to play on.

Rachel encouraged the children and their parents to approach the Parish Council to see if there was a suitable area that could be put aside for such an activity.

From this initial meeting, volunteers (including the young people themselves) started the organisation which is now known as Seascale Groundforce.

To begin with, an area of land was sought where the activity could carry on. It soon became apparent that such a location would be unsafe if not set up correctly.

Seascale Groundforce, with help from the Parish Council and Copeland Borough Council, applied for a 'Big Lottery' Grant and after many long hours

of application, were successful in receiving the full grant of £50,000.

In order to complete the application, a lot of hard work has gone into completing a Constitution, Child Protection Policy, Soil Sampling, Planning Applications and Approvals from both Copeland Borough Council and the Highways Agency, Lease Agreements and above all, obtaining quotes and detailed plans that fulfil the Big Lottery Grant rules.

Funding

Seascale Groundforce has been very successful in raising funds too and are extremely grateful to the following for their support:

Big Lottery	£50,000
VT Nuclear Services	£10,000
Cumbria Constabulary	£1,000
Cumbria Foundation	£1,100
Seascale Stompers	£500
Sellafield Ltd	£500
Neighbourhood Forum	£400

We are also extremely grateful to Seascale Parish Council for the funding of, and expertise in obtaining the Soil Sampling, Planning Permission and Lease for the land, and for their ongoing support.



The Location

An odd shaped piece of waste land was identified between the Cumbrian Coastal Railway Line, United Utilities Water Treatment Facility and the Cricket Field and was subsequently secured.

The general area also boasts the village Bowling Green, Sports Hall, Basketball Hoop and Children's Play Area.

The BMX track is visible from Gosforth Road, but situated a safe distance away from it.

The Builder

The preferred contractor was 'Dragon Downhill' from South Wales, led by Jason Carpenter who has built many such tracks of National Standard throughout the UK. The nearest track to Seascale is in Manchester.

Two tracks have been built, one a smaller 'Pump Track' for those riders just starting out and the other, a 'Senior' more challenging track, for the more proficient.

The Build

Construction began on 6 April 2009 and thanks to some excellent weather and dedicated hard work from Dragon Downhill, progressed well.

Amongst the many tons of material, lorry-loads of

rubble from the former Sekers site at Hensingham was recycled to form a good base.

The final touches, which included a safe and secure fencing with a special gate that only allows push bikes to gain access, were put in place on 13 May. Picnic tables and seating will also be added outside the secure area in due course.

Thanks must go to the people of the village for their co-operation during the build phase that saw an increase in the number of lorry movements, and to the youngsters who waited eagerly to start riding their new track.

Our cricketing neighbours have also been patient, and together with the Parish Council and SGF have purchased sight screens to aid the batsman, an addition which also enhances the village's facilities.

Now the track is completed, it is the intention of the Parish Council to make the BMX track and surrounding sports area a dog-free zone (with the exception of the Dog Agility Club), a decision Seascale Groundforce fully endorse.

The Committee

We have come a long way since the first meeting in January 2009. The original Committee included Peter Emmerson, who sadly had to leave Seascale for a new job in Scotland. His knowledge and



help was invaluable throughout his role as the first Chairman of Seascale Groundforce. We hope that someday soon he will return to see for himself the results of his early efforts.

If anyone has contact details for him, please let us know as we would like to invite him back to see the finished project.

The current Seascale Groundforce committee consists of three Parish Councillors (Vicky Borrino, Keith Dowber and Clive Willoughby) and four residents of the village (Janet Hardy, Phil Robinson, Phil Taylor and Lyn Edwards) all of whom will be pleased to receive any questions or comments you may have regarding the track.



Track Users

It's fantastic to see so many young people of all ages and abilities using the BMX track.

Remember that it is your track and will last a very long time if it is looked after, so please keep the area clean by using the bins provided.

The track has been professionally built to a high standard and cannot be adjusted or built on in any way except by the authorised builders. Any unauthorised work would invalidate our Safety Certificate from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and result in the closure of the track.

The Seascale Groundforce committee wants everyone using the track to do so safely, so please remember to wear safety equipment (especially your helmet) and be considerate to other riders.



The Official Opening

The next milestone will be the 'Official' Opening on Sunday 5 July. Although the track has been in use since mid May, we are having it 'Officially' Opened on 5 July by local MP Jamie Reed. A number of other dignitaries will also be attending, but the most important guests will be you, the villagers of Seascale.

Opening Day will commence at 12 noon and run until 4pm. The formal Opening ceremony is planned to take place at 1pm.

Apart from the formal part of the day, there will also be other attractions including a Bar-B-Q, Jazz Band, Trade Stands, Raffle, an Exhibition, Ice Cream and a BMX Riding Display.

Please note: to prepare for the official opening the track will be closed from mid-day on Saturday 4 July.

Wild at Heart...



How often do you hear people comment “When I was younger we always used to see owls over the fields, now we don’t see any.” Ok, so this may not be a phrase you commonly hear in your everyday lives but in my line of work unfortunately it is something I hear all too often.

This, as we all know, has been a common theme over the last couple of decades, right across the board for wildlife. The widespread decline may have been due to climate change, farming practices, urbanisation and population growth. If you look at the decline of the Barn Owl for instance, it would appear that the underlying factor affecting the success of the species is habitat loss. This is something that can be attributed to all of the above and more.

The Common Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*, always manages to have an effect on even the most nonchalant of wildlife observers. With its ghostly white presence, seen quartering silently across the field at dusk, it truly is a much loved bird. The main prey of the Barn Owl in Britain is the field vole. Found in rough grassland, populations of this small mammal rise and fall naturally over a three-year cycle. These natural changes in prey

availability have a great effect on Barn Owl numbers. This control, added to even more pressing of threats, paints a dull future for the Barn Owl in Britain.

The spread of major roads has, on one hand, actually created miles of roadside verge, often made up of rough grassland – perfect Barn Owl and Kestrel hunting habitat. However with the lack of this habitat elsewhere, traditionally found in hay meadows and field margins of agricultural land, this has caused not only greater competition for such thin strips of habitat, but also inevitably higher road mortality.

Farmers, I’m sure, are sick of hearing that they are



single-handedly responsible for the death of wildlife in the British countryside. While farming methods have changed considerably and not always in favour of wildlife, the tide has turned with many farmers now involved in the agri-environmental schemes which encourage areas for wildlife to thrive. According to recent figures on ELS (Entry Level Stewardship), the creation of buffer strips on cultivated land has had an uptake of 15,000ha (37,000 acres) nationally, with 65,900km (40,948 miles) of hedgerow entered into the scheme to be managed in a wildlife friendly way. We have recently worked with several farmers in the local area who have taken steps to create much needed margins and hedgerows. They have also added nest boxes and wildlife friendly features to their land and been happy to do so.

One of the major problems with this is that, just like the rest of us, farmers are at the mercy of government policy, especially EU policy. A field margin, nest boxes and habitat creation is wonderful for wildlife, but also a false hope for conservation if not connected in any way – ‘an oasis cut off by a desert’. This is where non-government organisations such as the World Owl Trust can help. Like many conservation charities the Trust is a membership organisation and like other organisations, relies on members to be able to put a large enough voice forward on lobbying government to change things like the EU CAP (Common Agricultural Policy).

Many know the World Owl Trust from the Owl Centre based at Muncaster Castle. However, more than just a collection, the main aim of the centre is to maintain a viable captive population of owls, many of which are displayed to the public for educational purposes. The Trust is a conservation charity, dedicated to the protection, research and conservation of owls around the world. Running many projects both here and abroad we have been successful in providing captive bred stock for release in wild reintroductions, after the near extinction of species such as the Eagle Owl in countries throughout continental Europe. Our most current British campaign, ‘Save an Owl for £1’, is working to raise money through donations, funding not only our own, but partner projects around the country, creating suitable habitat and safe nest box sites for many species including the barn owl.

The second national study of the Barn Owl in Britain, written by Shawyer in 1987, showed that there were just over 4000 pairs left in England, Wales and Scotland. That was a 69% decline since the first survey carried out in 1932. This 1987 study did a lot to highlight the decline of the Barn Owl as a conservation concern. Since that study, more than 20 years ago, a considerable amount of work has gone into creating habitat and providing nest sites right across the country. The overall aim of a national body, the ‘BOCN’ (Barn Owl Conservation Network), which was formed by interested parties working for the good of this



species, has been working to halt the decline of the Barn Owl. 2,500km (1,553 miles) of habitat has been linked with 2000 boxes erected nationally and recent evidence suggests that Barn Owl numbers, although still vulnerable have not declined overall in the last 20 years.

The Trust has monitored Barn Owl numbers in the South West of Cumbria for many years, with this year being no exception. So far, early predictions for 2009 are said to be poor. The combination of a naturally low ebb in vole numbers and clues from the apparent struggle of Tawny Owls to breed this year, would indicate that the Barn Owl breeding season may well be a poor one. The Tawny Owl breeds earlier in the year than the Barn Owl and when findings show few numbers of breeding pairs, it usually indicates insufficient prey and a bad year for other species such as Barn Owls.

However, with conservation efforts nationally and numbers apparently stabilised for now, it is with high hopes that SAOF£1 can work toward heightening the success of this amazing bird in Cumbria. I will never get tired of seeing those most charismatic of owls out in the wild. Until the day comes when places like the World Owl Centre are no longer needed to protect such species, I will feel privileged to be able to see them both in captivity and out there ... where life is wild at heart.

*by Hilary Lange, UK Conservation Officer.
Pictures of Barn Owls and chick courtesy Ian McGuire.
Picture of barn box courtesy Iain Yoxall.*



**For more information about the Trust go to
www.owls.org**

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

LAZY MUSIC SUNDAY

Gosforth Hall Inn has a live music afternoon on the last Sunday of every month – on the patio when weather permits.

019467 25322 Admission free

SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

June the 6th saw the School's Summer Fair. The morning arrived with grey clouds, spots of rain and a doom-laden forecast. However, against all the odds the day brightened enough to enjoy a Hartley's ice cream, and welcome an incredible number of visitors to see attractions old and new. With Maypole dancing and battling Vikings there was certainly a mixed spectacle to greet people. Nearly forty people tested their fitness and navigation skills on the mountainbike trailquest, with the youngest rider only 2½ years old! Indoors, among tombolas, face painting and food the school children put on entertainment including gymnastics, song and dance. The whole event received terrific support from local businesses and organisations. The Friends of Seascale School would particularly like to thank Wasdale MRT, CNC Police and Seascale Fire Brigade. And a special thank you to all who generously gave to the raffle, especially Cumbrian Lodge Hotel. A large number of people gave a considerable amount of time to organise and run the event, so many thanks to everyone who helped, including the school staff. Lastly a big thank you to all who came along – with over £1500 raised for the school it was a great day.

*Fiona Pringle
Secretary to The Friends of Seascale School*

Seascale's Churches by Nev. Ramsden

SEASCALE METHODIST CHURCH

The Church Building

You must have people to have a real church. You can even have a church without a building provided the people have somewhere to meet – indeed this was the manner in which Seascale Methodist Church began.

The first Methodist service held in Seascale was on Easter Sunday, 1880, in Mr Whittington's house (1 Sea View), according to an old copy of *The Methodist Recorder*. Following this, one service each Sunday was held in the house in a room specially furnished by Mr W. Walker and Mr Hellon. But a church building was desirable and was obviously the aim of these early Methodists. *The Whitehaven News* records that it was required "owing to the increasing popularity of Seascale as a place of summer resort and the consequent increase in the population."

Finance was required. The site cost £100 and was donated by Mr Walker. Of the £1500-£1600 (according to *The Whitehaven News*) required for the church building – £600 was obtained from subscriptions, £150 from central Methodist funds and about £200 from a special bazaar held at Seascale in the New Assembly Room adjoining the Scawfell Hotel. The bazaar lasted for 30 hours. In his opening address the circuit minister, the Rev. C. Foster, said:

"Seascale was a rising place and had become very attractive as a watering place, and he thought it was necessary for something to be done about for the people who lived in it, and for those friends who might come from a distance for the sake of their health, who wished to worship in other than the Church of the Establishment." Mrs Foster opened the bazaar.

The foundation stone was laid on 17 September, 1886, by John Crone, Esq., and the ceremony raised a further £200 towards the cost. Present were the Rev. C. Foster of Whitehaven, Rev. R. Butterworth of Cleator Moor, and Rev. W.H. Smith of Egremont.

The reporter of *The Whitehaven News* gave details of the building itself – designed in the Gothic style of architecture, 33 feet by 56 feet, built of freestone with brick lining and roof of ordinary blue slates. In the front were to be three windows, a large tracery one in the centre and one small lancet style window on each side, and eight lancet windows were to be placed on each side. Seating accommodation for about 210 was to be provided. A schoolroom to hold about 200 was to be constructed below the church.

The contract to build was let to Mr Whittington, a Seascale builder. It is sad to think that this man in whose house the first services were held found himself in financial difficulties and within a year of completing the church building emigrated to Canada. The architect was a local man – Mr Arthur Huddart, FRIBA of Santon.

A dedication service was held on Wednesday, 11 July 1888, at 4pm in which the Rev. T.H. Mawson of Southport was the preacher.

Gas was installed in the building in 1896. The first mention in the records of electricity is in 1946. In 1911 there were complaints about the heating system and a new hot water system was installed in preference to gas radiators. Needless to say, this did not put an end to complaints about the heating system. One caretaker was so conscientious that on three occasions the fire bars were melted. On the third occasion the hot water found its way into the heart of the old 'pumped' organ and ruined it sufficiently to have it replaced by the present electric one. The heating system is now oil-fired.

A handrail was fitted to the steps leading to the church after one member had a nasty accident, having fallen down them. On another occasion the plastered ceiling in the church fell down, needing complete replacement.

The schoolroom, used in the Second World War for dancing, is now a real village amenity. Apart from its use as a Sunday school it is used for meetings of Women's Fellowship, Women's Outlook, Evergreen Club, Young Wives, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, Parish Council, Play Group etc.



Whilst on the subject of buildings, it is appropriate to mention the Manse. This was built in 1965 and enabled Seascale for the first time to have a married minister allotted to them with or without a family.

Local Preaching

A reference has been made to the difficulties of preachers getting to their appointments, but do you know why so many Methodist churches have – or had – a patch of grass at the side or back? This was for the preacher's horse during service time!

Probably that would be a familiar sight at Seascale a hundred years ago. At that time preachers for Seascale, Santon, Gosforth and Eskdale travelled in a circuit pony and trap and would preach at least two of the churches, probably having to walk from Seascale to Gosforth or Santon. Eventually buses, trains, and a circuit taxi provided by Riggs garage made travelling easier. For many years the morning service at Seascale was held at 11.15am to fit in with the time of the bus from Whitehaven. It continued to do so long after the Sunday bus service was withdrawn! By that time most preachers had private cars.

The earliest Seascale-based local preacher who can be traced was G.W. Fidler who came on full plan in 1923. No doubt there were others in those early years and in the lean years before the nuclear plant brought new people into the church.

Seascale Methodist Sunday School

The Sunday School was started around the time that the Church was dedicated, and in 1889 there were 28 children and four teachers. Meetings were held in the afternoon and by 1892 a library had been established and there were 30 pupils.

The school hall was in great demand from Sunday Schools from all round the circuit who came to Seascale for their annual outing and had tea in the hall. A fee was charged for this facility and 1894 it was decided to increase the charge because the money taken was not sufficient to pay for the damage done by the visiting children!

Only one preacher can be traced as 'born and bred' in Seascale but no doubt there have been others.

The People

The first sixty years, pre-nuclear phase, must have commenced with great enthusiasm and dedication. One imagines that the membership must have been between 30 and 40 or even more but there were many difficulties to be overcome. Two World Wars and a depression, which hit this area particularly hard, must have taken their toll of both the membership and the finances. By the late 1940s the members had dropped to between 20 and 30 and the congregation was normally only half of this. In addition, only those who knew Seascale in the late 1940s can appreciate just how isolated the village was. Cars were much less



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reliable (and preachers with cars did not necessarily arrive at their appointments), buses and trains much slower, with some rationing still in force.

Some occurrences are worthy of recording. In 1918 a Dr Hellon gave a communion set to the Church and it is still in regular use today.

In July 1923 a movement began to amalgamate the various branches of the Methodist church such that in the early 30s what had been the Seascale Wesleyan Chapel became the Methodist Church.

In 1949 to 1952 the post-nuclear age commenced. The population of Seascale was doubled in the space of those three years by the importation of managers and staff to run the nuclear plant at Windscale (now part of the Sellafield Works). Suddenly Seascale was prosperous (more so than now); suddenly it was flooded with people of relatively high academic standard and logical thought, with a large proportion of them highly technical scientists not reputed for their allegiance to Christianity. But there was a proportion of Christians among them, and there was now a large number of helpers instead of the previous dearths. Membership soared to approximately 100 by the end of the 1950s.

At this time there were a large number of people at the Windscale hostel, called Greengarth, many of whom had an affinity with Seascale. This resulted in an interdenominational group set up in 1957 which provided fellowship and friendship for those away from home, often for the first time. The large wooden cross on the wall of the pulpit alcove was donated to the church by the Group.

The co-operation with the other churches in Seascale came from this group and became a recognised practice. One of the most significant events which led up to these relationships was the People Next Door Campaign in 1967.

Although spasmodic joint events had been held with the Anglicans at St. Cuthbert's, People Next Door involved Christians from all three churches and led directly to the formation of the Seascale Christian Co-operation Committee, later to become the Seascale Council of Churches.

The most obvious manifestation of the Co-operative Committee was a quarterly Village magazine *Rapport* which was later succeeded by *Contact*.

This article on the Seascale Methodist Church was compiled largely from a history of the church, *The Seascale Methodist Church – 1888 to 1988*, prepared by the late Mr K.A. Swinburn of Seascale, who had been a member since the early 1950s.

Guides and Rangers

Since the publication of the last Seascale Village Newsletter we have enjoyed a varied programme of events. At the beginning of March we joined a large group of local people to 'Go Bananas' – an event organized to promote Fair Trade; in preparation for Mother's Day, we spent an evening making sweets and thanks go to Rose Bradbury and Bettina Tyson for enabling the girls to produce somewhere in the region of 300 sweets during the evening; at the end of term we invited the then Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland, Keith and Freda Hitchen to present a variety of awards to the girls, including some Duke of Edinburgh's Award Certificates to the Rangers. The Rangers kindly provided a musical interlude.

The summer term commenced with a session of Bingo when almost 100 girls, parents and visitors enjoyed a lively evening. This was organised as a fund raiser by a group of our Rangers and Young Leaders who are joining a County trip to Denmark in the summer. The girls will be part of a camp arranged by the Scout and Guide Associations of Denmark called Bla Sommer 2009 at which there will be around 20 thousand participants. They will also be spending some time in Copenhagen before returning home.

The girls working for the Baden-Powell Challenge Award have organised several of our meetings. We have enjoyed games evenings, a disability awareness evening and a flying visit to India. The girls concerned plan the evening and ensure that they have the correct equipment/items available. They then deliver their chosen activities to the rest of the unit, a challenge that many adults would shy away from. As leaders we have been really impressed with the confident manner in which the girls have undertaken this challenge. We currently have 14 girls working at different

stages of the Baden-Powell Award and a few weeks ago they all enjoyed an overnight camp at Shepherds Views Campsite at Stubble Green. We managed to find a 4-hour gap in the rain to walk from Seascale to the campsite, pitch the tents, cook a snack and catch up with the world before retiring for the night. We were not quite so lucky the following morning...

Hopefully the remainder of the summer term will go according to plan. Much of the programme is weather dependent with several activities due to take place on the beach and in the surrounding countryside. We shall be taking part in the Giant Sleepover in June – the money raised at this event going to 'Save the Children', and at the end of August will be having our annual Guide Holiday. Then of course, on 5 September most of us are travelling (along with our local Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers) to Keswick to join around 2,000 other Guiding members to celebrate the Launch of Girlguiding UK's Centenary.

Sue Smith - 28625

LINE DANCING

As we are fast approaching our target of £10,000 donations we are going to have a party in aid of the Air Ambulance – last time we raised £2,000 – so watch out for posters around the village for the date. All are welcome. In the meantime, if you would like to try line dancing, come along on Mondays 7.30pm to the Windscale Club. Also you can see us dancing on Sunday 5 July at the BMX Bike Track Opening Ceremony.

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

The expected rate is £10 for a black & white quarter-page, and pro-rata for larger advertisements.

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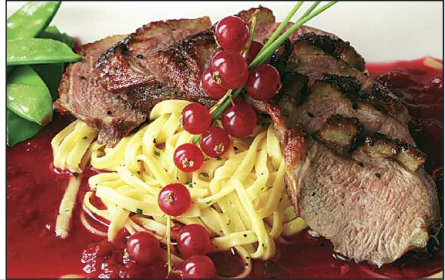
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Scottish Country Dancing in Seascale

In early May, the Seascale Scottish Country Dance Group held its end of season dance in the Windscale Club. Our picture shows club members and visitors in party mood, enjoying a pleasant evening's dancing and generally having a really good time.

The club is well established and has been meeting in Seascale for over 50 years, having been affiliated to the Windscale Club (SASRA) for most of that time. Our season starts in early September and meets in the Windscale Club on Wednesday evenings at 8pm.

The classes are very informal and combine a mixture of beginners and experienced dancers who are glad of an evening out away from the telly for a change. We are a happy bunch of people who are always ready to welcome new,

adult members whether or not they have any experience of dancing. The beauty of this kind of folk dancing is that one doesn't have to turn up with a partner to join in. We all mix in and usually dance eight or ten different dances during the evening, changing partners each time. Some dances are more difficult than others but we take time to walk them through before putting on the music and having a "GO". We use recorded music and have quite an extensive library of dances and dance bands from which to choose our programmes. There are five members on our committee who take turns to prepare a programme for the evening. In this way we get a more varied set of programmes.

So if there is anyone out there who would like to join us please do come and have a go. The aim of the club is enjoyment so don't be shy. Any of the following contacts will be only too pleased to give you more details.

Chairman	Jimmy Young	019467 28155
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Scouting

I must start this with an apology – I forgot to thank the Neighbourhood Forum in the last newsletter for their generous grant. In recognition of the time which leaders put in, not just each meeting night and activity day or weekend, but also planning and training, the Forum agreed to help with the costs of leaders' uniforms and for specialist training to allow us to take the members on to the hills and on to water in boats of various sorts. The grant also was to allow us to purchase poles and pulleys to allow us to carry out more pioneering activities that we have been able to do for some years (how many can remember the aerial runways which used to be built for fun day activities?). A big "Thank you" to the Neighbourhood Forum.

We are happy to see so many children at Beavers; we currently have 24 Beavers (our maximum quota!) allowing us to have three lodges. We work toward challenge badges all year round and are very pleased that all the Beavers leaving us to go to cubs have all achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award which is the highest award available in the Beavers Scout Section. Parents and Beavers should be very proud, as Leaders it shows us that our Beavers attend regularly and hopefully this reflects that they all enjoy themselves.

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed the sunshine by going on a Beach Scavenger Hunt and a fitness evening at the beach playground – which for the evening was a army assault course! We learned about the country code and some of our Beavers were seen at the beach clean. We would like to thank all our parent helpers without them we could not go out and enjoy the great outdoor and achieve our Emergency Aid 1 badge. This term we are looking forward to more nights out, with an athlete night with cubs and scouts, woodland walk and more trips to the beach.

The cub pack, like the other sections has continued to grow and we now have a pack of 23 cubs, and we welcome Sarah as an assistant leader. The cubs have had another busy year working towards a variety of badges including cyclist, astronomer, book reader, naturalist, local

knowledge and athlete. We have had two cubs complete their martial arts badge – the first to do so from Seascale Cubs. Later this summer the cubs will be joining the district trip to Carlisle airport which will complete the work they have been doing towards their air activities badge. They recently participated in the district cub 'back to basics' day at Calderbridge where they were able to try out a variety of activities, with the orienteering/compass work base being the most popular. I think I can safely say the one event all the cubs are looking forward to is our group camp which this year will be held at Ennerdale.

The Troop (10½-14½ years) continues to grow, now being up to around 20 members, with a new patrol making three patrols. The troop held an Easter camp at the Ennerdale Bridge Scout Campsite. Activities included building a swing bridge and a rope bridge. The scouts learned just how tricky it can be trying to cook on an open fire. The bedtimes of 1:30am then 9:30pm on the two nights tells the story of how tired out they got.

Other recent activities have included a trip to the Windscale Rifle Club; after which we received a letter of praise for the skill, enthusiasm and most importantly, behaviour of the Scouts. We also spent a day of Woodland Management at La'al Ratty. Scouts were shown how to safely use an axe and saw, and used their new-found skills to clear and burn piles of wood and undergrowth. We closed the half-term with a BBQ on the beach, where again they learned how tricky it is to light and cook on a fire. Just beating the tide, they managed to produce edible stone-baked sausages and burgers.

The new District Explorer Scout Unit has started in our area, based on ourselves, Gosforth and Beckermet/Calderbridge. This caters for over 14s – contact explorers@westernlakesscouts.org.uk for more details.

We are currently in the middle of planning the group camp which will be in the middle of July – good weather has been booked. The troop will be hiking around Ennerdale and we hope to be able

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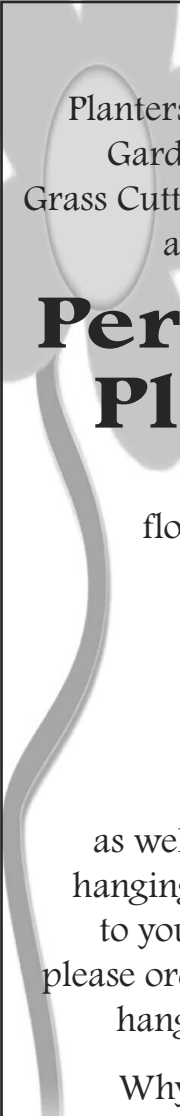
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There are district trips for Cubs to Carlisle Airport and Museum (and hopefully a sit in the Vulcan bomber which was active in the Falklands war) and the Scouts to Wet 'n Wild. We will be supporting the Seascale Groundforce Cycle track opening event – many of our members have been spotted enjoying the track. Could this result in our first Scouts' Street Sports activity badge (yes there is one).

During the last term or so, we have had to say farewell to both Tracey and Karen – the pressures of farm life and personal commitments mean that they can no longer be regular leaders, but we do hope to see them as sectional assistants whenever they can manage it. Fortunately, we have been joined in Cubs by Sarah, so we still have two leaders for each of Cubs and Beavers. Two is really the minimum that we need for each section, so if you are interested in joining the adventure, do let me know. Both Cubs and Beavers now have waiting lists, and the troop is heading towards 20 members – not bad considering that we only re-opened in September. This reflects the national picture, where there are 30,000 youngsters waiting to join groups – it is a shortage of adults which is stopping them.

Our Bag2school (or in our case, Bag2scout) collection in April raised us almost £139. We managed to collect 349kg of items this time, compared with 232kg in December – together, the two collections netted just over £200. Thank you to everyone who helped with that – your cast-offs came in very useful. This illustrates how donating your old cloths, etc. to Scouts, rather than taking them to a charity shop, helps to generate real income for this extremely worthy local cause. Our next has been booked for Wednesday 14 October, so we'll be able to help you clear your summer wardrobe out and make space for the Autumn and Winter collections.

Don't forget if anyone has any queries about the group – or want to know if we can accept your child or even if you want to join us, you can contact us on info@seascalescouts.org.uk as well as by phone on 28296.

Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader



Top 10 Jobs in the garden

July

- 1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt.
- 2 Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm.
- 3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise.
- 4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering.
- 5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows.
- 6 Treat apple scab.
- 7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up.
- 8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs.
- 9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if a spring feed was not done.
- 10 Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry.


August

- 1 Prune Wisteria.
- 2 Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits.
- 3 Deadhead flowering plants regularly.
- 4 Watering! Particularly containers, and new plants – preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater.
- 5 Collect seed from favourite plants.
- 6 Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready.
- 7 Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries.
- 8 Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners.
- 9 Keep ponds and water features topped up.
- 10 Feed the soil with green manures.

September

- 1 Divide herbaceous perennials.
- 2 Pick autumn raspberries.
- 3 Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals.
- 4 Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them.
- 5 Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway.
- 6 Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible.
- 7 Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering.
- 8 Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn.
- 9 Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting.
- 10 Give evergreen hedges a final trim.

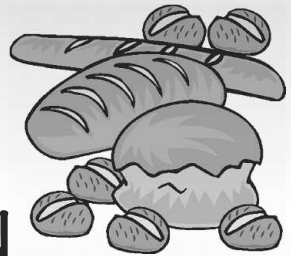
October

- 1 Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly.
 - 2 Cut back perennials that have died down.
 - 3 Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns.
 - 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into the greenhouse.
 - 5 Plant out spring cabbages.
 - 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts.
 - 7 Prune climbing roses.
 - 8 Order seeds for next year.
 - 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas.
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We would like to encourage more children to enter this year. There are fun craft classes to enter, so have a go. Prizes to be won!

Notes for Exhibitors:

Entries for all classes are FREE this year.
Last year's exhibitors should have received the 2009 Schedule.

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Elaine Harrison, Organiser



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The meetings always conclude with coffee and a chat and normally finish at around noon. There is a modest charge for each weekly session (usually £1). Any men wishing to join should just turn up on a Tuesday at 10.30am. They will be made very welcome.



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Though most of these number systems fell out of use by 1910, many are still in use and the word yan continues to mean "one" in some northern English dialects. The practice may also have given rise to the notion of counting sheep to lull oneself to sleep, possibly because the numbers were also a source of children's rhymes (such as "eeny, meeny, miny, mo").

(courtesy Wikipedia)

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