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CUMBRIA COAST RAIL USERS' GROUP

As the new Chair of CRUG I would like first to introduce myself.

My name is Jim (Mitchell) and I live in Seascale – if you have already encountered me then hopefully you will have found me to be an approachable person who focuses on getting business done whilst keeping my own quirky sense of humour.

What is CRUG? A group of people who share a common interest in the coast rail route and campaign to have a rail service which reflects this century and promote the specific interests of all those who want / need good rail services in west Cumbria.

After 15 years of effort from CRUG and others, Sunday and later evening services have returned to the central stretch of this line (Millom to Whitehaven) along with a few additional trains overall. Harrington humps have been introduced at some stations to ease boarding problems of mismatched platform to carriage height and information display boards – though far from ideal – have also been improved.

Whilst the coast route may be a trip of scenic beauty for tourists, it is also an essential transport means for many, especially those without cars. Now, more than ever, with the initiative to expand West Cumbria tourism, wider environmental awareness and the continued search to improve our 'local' economy a renewed drive to further improve the quality and quantity of rail service and meet the needs and aspirations of future generations is needed.

By now the rail service (and I use that phrase advisably) will have



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www.seascaleparish.com
First Wednesday of the month, except Aug., 7pm, currently in the Methodist Church Hall, then in the Library as soon as is possible.

- ▶ transferred from Northern to Public ownership – which is exactly where it has been for twenty years plus. “Oh no it hasn’t – OH yes it has!”

Both the terms of the Franchise and the terms given to Rail Track who remain responsible for the physical infrastructure (trackwork, bridges, signalling etc.) originate at the Department of Road and Rail – which I am reasonable sure is a Government AKA public owned body.

Now what?

Surprise! they all change hats, receive new shirts and carry on as before but the service for us on the coastal line will probably get worse – the sanctioning of a new rail link between Blackpool and London recently granted will add trains to an already overloaded main line and their recruiting trained drivers (at a greatly increased salary level) will surely draw many who currently work our line (and I sincerely say good luck to them) but finding and training recruits will take time, and meanwhile without extra funding and a clear directing drive all the existing track and signalling system limitations will remain.

Who will magically step forward to fix and maintain the new information system that is supposed to be up and running already?

Replacement bridges are needed across the rivers to remove permanent speed restrictions and new trackwork to minimise single line working which is overdue and impacts on Cumbria’s future.

So on behalf of CRUG I invite you to join us and play a part, however small, in creating a newer vibrant and effective ‘voice’ for those who already use, want to be able to use or simply value a quality operating railway down the coast line of Cumbria. Moreover one which is not reliant on one or two individuals but rather draws on, represents and serves all parts of our communities.

You can find us in the Methodist hall on the second Saturday of the month at 13.05.
On Facebook at CRUG (Cumbrian Coast Rail Users’ Group) which has not long been created.
Or by e-mail to jim1.mitchell@btinternet.com
Our AGM will be on 14 March in the Methodist Hall and all are welcome to join us there.

Jim Mitchell

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GOSFORTH VILLAGE VE DAY 75 CELEBRATION AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

On 8 May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and

We encourage you to come along, bring your picnic, deck chairs (drop off in morning), gazebos (if weather is wet) and enjoy the entertainment. Groups from the village will be showcasing what they offer – you will see demonstrations from Moky Fit, Pilates and a short play from GADS. We will also have a performance from Miss Cindy Hoten (www.misscindyhoten.com) and Solway Aviation Museum will be with us with a 1940's display. We hope to add more events to this list – we are just waiting for confirmation from various groups. The Lion & The Lamb will be putting on a BBQ, Mawson's Ice-Cream Van, Gosforth Bakery, GeeGee's Bar and Shake Waffle and Roll will all be on the playing field.

millions of people took to the streets to celebrate peace, mourn for their loved ones and hope for the future, but not forgetting those still in conflict until 15 August.

On Friday 8 May 2020 Gosforth Village will be celebrating Victory in Europe Day. This is a national celebration and the bank holiday will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May.

The day of celebrations is still being planned but we have had lots of interest from local groups and organisations who would like to take part. We are planning on starting our day at 10.45am by laying wreaths on the four Commonwealth war graves in St Mary's Churchyard. This will be followed by Gosforth School Choir performing outside Bradbury House. We will then parade through the village (starting point Bradbury House) up to the playing field, pausing briefly at the War Memorial. The parade will see groups such as Girlguiding, Scouting, Drigg YFC, Gosforth School, WI, Rotary, Gosforth Nursery, Army Cadets, Egremont Veterans Club and Wasdale Mountain Rescue take part, plus decorated vintage and iconic British vehicles. Anybody is welcome to join the parade; we are encouraging everyone to bring along a photo of a relative or friend who has served or is serving in the armed forces to carry with us in our walk as a mark of honour. There will be a road closure in place whilst the parade goes through the village.

Once at the playing field we hope for a good old-fashioned family picnic in the park themed day.

At 2.55pm in line with National plans, The Last Post will be played followed at 3pm with Battle O'er and the Nation will toast to the heroes, and at 6.55pm outside St Mary's Church The Cry for Peace around the World and Ringing out for Peace will take place.

The day will be 1940's themed so it would be lovely to see you all in appropriate dress where possible. Music from the 1940's will be played throughout the day so some singing and dancing may be on the cards! Looking forward to seeing you all outside Bradbury House for 10.45am.

We are encouraging local businesses to decorate their shop fronts in red, white and blue. We would also like as many houses in the village to be decorated in red, white and blue.

Don't forget we are still needing knitted or crocheted poppies; there is a pattern available in Gosforth Library. Any completed poppies can be handed into the library or Gosforth Bakery by middle of April.

The event is being funded by fundraising such as coffee mornings and sponsorship from Robinsons+Co, Prima Uno, Jayva UK, Platinum Live, A Plant and a Marquee donated by Drigg Parish.

Gosforth Taxis have kindly offered to pick up anyone who is elderly and feels it is too far to walk to the event. They will also take the elderly home from the event running every 40 minutes. Please contact Dawn on 019467 25308.



IN SEASCALE

With full support of the Seascale Parish Council, Shackles Off is taking the lead in organising the VE 75 celebrations in Seascale. It is a unique chance to bring everyone in our village together, in peace and common friendship and we have carefully thought about how to include all age groups. At the time of writing the details are still being finalised, but here is a rough plan.

We will decorate the Windscale Club in a wartime theme for the entire weekend and staff will be wearing wartime dress. We have several of the village groups involved within the parade march and are hoping that Jason Rushworth will have managed to set up the new Seascale-Sellafield Royal British Legion section by then and can also be part of it. We encourage as many villagers as possible to come and join the parade, or line Gosforth Road. There will be bunting in several places along the foreshore shops, beach front and Castle area. We would like to encourage as many houses and shops as possible to decorate their properties in red, white and blue.

Fundraising events have/will be taking place and the Windscale Club is donating the proceeds of its raffles to the event. Any money left over will be donated to the new local Royal British Legion.

▶ Gosforth Hall will continue the VE Celebrations on Saturday 9 May, with a hog roast and live music. Please look out for details on posters or join our Facebook page Gosforth VE Day 2020.

If anyone would like to offer any help planning the event, is a member of a group that would like to perform on the day, has a trade stand they would like to bring along, or can volunteer help setting up and packing up please contact Rachel Rowe via email: rachelunsworth79@yahoo.co.uk

See you all on Friday 8 May, Rachel

Thursday 7 May – Cindy Hoten will be singing wartime songs in The Windscale Club Function room at 7:30pm – all are welcome.

Friday 8 May – 10.15am Meet at the school to parade down behind the Seascale Fire Engine, through the village to the Castle area on the sea front. That followed by an event on the foreshore with stalls, food, music, dressing up, displays, lots of fun and old-fashioned games. **6pm** – Tea Dance up at the Windscale Club.

Saturday 9 May – 7pm VE 75 At Windscale Club. All ages family party with food, a mixture of music through the ages, games, wartime fancy dress.

How Can I Help?

We have lots of offers of help, but we would very much welcome more! Please get in touch using the contact details below if you would like to help in anyway big or small. Specific things we need are:

People to help on the day-setting up on the beach front in the morning.

Cake baking

People/groups to make bunting

Villagers to decorate the outsides of their houses/gardens

Help with decorating the Windscale club in a wartime theme

Mandy Taylor

Shackles Off 019467 27887

admin@shacklesoff.org.uk or via Shackles Off

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DRIGG & CARLETON PARISH VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Drigg & Carleton Parish will be celebrating VE Day on Sunday 10 May, with a small get together.

Drigg Parish Hall 12:00-15:00

Further details and how you can take part will be advertised locally soon.

Contact Fiona & Janet via: www.drigg.org.uk

EVENTS CALENDAR

in and around Drigg, Gosforth & Seascale

- 5 March – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group.
- 12 March – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group.
- 13 March – Friday.** Ravenglass. Fish & Chip Train. Take an evening journey from Ravenglass to Dalegarth and enjoy the views of Eskdale Valley at dusk. Upon arrival at Dalegarth Station you will be served a Fish and Chip supper, made freshly in our café, before returning down the valley to Ravenglass. Dogs not permitted. See website for details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 17 March – Tuesday.** U3A Out & About Group. A visit to Laurel & Hardy Museum and Buddhist Temple, Ulverston. Further details available from U3A. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 17 March – Tuesday.** Drigg Village Hall. 7pm. Drigg Local History Group. 'St. Bees Man' – speaker Chris Robson. Members £1. Visitors £2.50. Under 16 FREE.
- 19 March – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 10.15am for 10.45am. U3A Open Mind. Director of Photography & Cinematography Peter Tyler. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 19 March – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group.
- 21/22 March – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. Join in the fun and meet The Gruffalo for the first time at the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway! See website for details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 25 March – Wednesday.** St Mary's Room, Gosforth. 10.15am for 10.45am. U3A Discovery Group. '150th Anniversary of the Periodic Table'. Speaker Phil Barratt, West Cumbria U3A. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 26 March – Thursday.** 7pm Gosforth Public Hall. GADS Youth Theatre Group. Last session of the term.
- 28 March – Saturday.** Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team HQ, Gosforth. 11am-3pm. Open Day. Team equipment and vehicles on display, demos, team members to talk to, (and Jess), refreshments.
- 28 March/19 April.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Teddies Go Free. Every child travels free when accompanied onboard with their teddy and an adult with a valid Calling All Stations pass (one free child per full paying adult). No other discounts apply. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 31 March – Tuesday.** Kellbank 7.30pm. GADS Plays for Pleasure
- 3 April – Friday.** Seascale Methodist Church Hall. 10am-12noon. Hospice at Home Coffee Morning.
- 4 April – Saturday.** 2pm Calderbridge Village Hall. Rotary Club Annual Pensioners Party. Refreshments and Entertainment. Due to limitations invitations are necessary; these are available from the Rotary contacts or David Gray on 019467 25318
- 8 April – Wednesday.** Dacre Church. U3A Out & About Group. The Upfront puppet theatre show by Unthank. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 9 April – Thursday.** Ravenglass. Steam to the Hills. Organised by the Lake District National Park. Take the train from Ravenglass to The Green and then walk back over Muncaster Fell with a Lake District National Park Ranger. This will be available to book directly with the LDNP on their website in February.
- 11/12 April – Saturday/Sunday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Easter Fun with Peter Rabbit. Hop into action and meet Peter Rabbit! Take the train to Dalegarth and join in with lots of Peter Rabbit activities throughout the day. Peter Rabbit himself will also be appearing throughout the day so keep your eyes peeled for him! This is included as part of your standard day ticket. See website for details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 16 April – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group
- 17 April – Friday.** St Mary's Church Cleator. 7.30pm. Whitehaven Male Voice Choir. In aid of AGE UK West Cumbria. Admission £5. Tickets available at the door or from Rotary members.
- 19 April – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 10.15am for 10.45am. U3A Open Mind Group. Mary Fair's Wonderful Photographs of farming, fishing, sports, pastimes and hunting in Eskdale and Cumberland from Tully House collection by David Simpson. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 21 April – Tuesday.** Drigg Village Hall. 7pm. Drigg Local History Group. 'Life and Warfare in the Viking Age' – speaker Terry Harvey-Chadwick. Members £1. Visitors £2.50. Under 16 FREE.
- 22 April – Wednesday.** St Mary's Room, Gosforth. 10.15 for 10.45 am. 'The Materials in your Mobile Phone'. Speaker Steven Wilson, Whitehaven U3A and RSC. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 23 April – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group
- 24 April – Friday.** Ravenglass. Fish & Chip Train. Take an evening journey from Ravenglass to Dalegarth and enjoy the views of Eskdale Valley at dusk. Upon arrival at Dalegarth Station you will be served a Fish and Chip supper, made freshly in our café, before returning down the valley to Ravenglass. Dogs not permitted. See website for details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 30 April – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group
- 2 May – Saturday.** Nether Wasdale May Festival. 1pm. Children's fancy dress at 1.15pm prompt. Traditional day out with Maypole Dancing as well as Tombola, Raffle, Ice Cream, Lucky Dip and the famous 'all you can eat' teas £4.00. All welcome.
- 7 May – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group
- 7 May – Thursday.** Gosforth. 9.30am. U3A Out & About Group. Leave for visit to Sizergh house/gardens/chapel. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 8/10 May – Friday/Sunday.** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Gala: It's Still a Lot of Fun – celebrating 60 years of preservation. Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway Preservation Society. We have a great timetable planned and are expecting a couple of visiting engines - to be revealed soon! See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>
- 14 May – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group
- 21 May – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 10.15am for 10.45am. U3A Open Mind Group. 'Wainwright & Me'. Speaker David Powell-Thompson. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213
- 21 May – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 2pm. U3A Out & About Group with Wasdale Local History Group. Amy Bateman (British Photographer of the Year - Life) Farming and My Photography.
- 21 May – Thursday.** Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group
- 27 May – Wednesday.** St Mary's Room, Gosforth. 10.15am for 10.45 am. U3A Discovery Group. 'The Reforesting of Hardknott Fell'.

Speaker John Hodgson, Leeds University. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213

27/28 May – Wednesday/Thursday. Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Eskdale Family Walks. Enjoy a free 90-minute walk guided with a Lake District National Park Ranger. Find out all about the Eskdale Valley and the environmental work supported by us at the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. No need to book, just be at Dalegarth station for the time below to enjoy these free walks! Time: 12.15pm and 14.15pm. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>

28 May – Thursday. Ravenglass. Steam to the Hills. Organised by the Lake District National Park. take the train from Ravenglass to The Green and then walk back over Muncaster Fell with a Lake District National Park Ranger. This will be available to book directly with the LDNP on their website in February.

29 May – Friday. Ravenglass. Fish & Chip Train. Take an evening journey from Ravenglass to Dalegarth and enjoy the views of Eskdale Valley at dusk. Upon arrival at Dalegarth Station you will be served a Fish and Chip supper, made freshly in our café, before returning down the valley to Ravenglass. Dogs not permitted. See website for details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>

4 June – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group

11 June – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7.30pm. GADS Spring Play. Tickets on the door.

12 June – Friday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7.30pm GADS Spring Play. Tickets on the door.

13 June – Saturday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7.30pm GADS Spring Play. Tickets on the door.

13/14 June 2020 – Saturday/Sunday. 10am. Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Young Engineers Day Out with Peter's Railway. An exclusive day out on the Railway for all young engine enthusiasts! Find out how engines work with the author of Peter's Railway as your guide. Then into the Museum where you will then be read a Peter's Railway story. See website for more information and restrictions. Price: £17.00 per adult, £9.50 per child (5-15 years). See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>

18 June – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 10.15am for 10.45 am. U3A Open Mind Group. 'Britain's First Black Policeman'. Speaker Ray Greenhow. For further details see website or contact Chairman, Vera Lowrey, on 019467 25213

18 June – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group

20 June – Saturday. Gosforth Public Hall. 1.45pm. Come and celebrate 100 years of Gosforth WI. Dress up and enjoy Afternoon Tea. Entertainment by Eileen Lithgow. £5 entrance.

25 June – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group

2 July – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group

3 July – Friday. Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids Go Free (Promotion). Kids Free Fridays are back for 2020! Just bring along an adult with a valid Calling All Stations Pass and get FREE child entry (one free child per full paying adult). No other discounts apply. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>

9 July – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group

10 July – Friday. Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. Kids Go Free (Promotion). Kids Free Fridays are back for 2020! Just bring along an adult with a valid Calling All Stations Pass and get FREE child entry (one free child per full paying adult). No other discounts apply. See website for further details <https://ravenglass-railway.co.uk>

16 July – Thursday. Gosforth Public Hall. 7pm. GADS Youth Theatre Group (last session before the summer holidays)

REGULAR EVENTS

Badminton – Seascale. Ladies Wednesdays from 6pm. Mixed Thursdays 7pm. Beginners very welcome. Seascale Sports Hall. Details from 019467 28435

Blengdale Runners. First Tuesday each month from Gosforth Car Park at 9:30am; other Tuesdays from Seascale Car Park. Absolute beginners welcome – we will train you up to run 5k or further... eventually. If there are no races or events we sometimes run from Seascale beach at 9:30 on Sundays too.

Children's Craft Club. Meets every Wednesday during term-time for children in the infant classes, from 5pm to 6pm, at Seascale Methodist Church Hall. Call Jackie on 29785 or Allison on 21935.

Depression Support Group. Day Centre, Bradbury House, Gosforth. Third Tuesday every month at 7.30pm.

Depression Support Group. Bailey Ground ice cream parlour, Seascale. First Tuesday morning each month 10.30am-12.00noon.

Drigg Young Farmers. Tuesday nights, 7.30-9pm in the Methodist Hall at Gosforth. Membership age = 10-26 years. If you would like to join or find out more about Drigg Young Farmers please contact us on the club mobile 074961 26771 or email driggycf@yahoo.co.uk

Fishing Club. Holmrook Reading Room. Contact David on 24632 for details or to join.

Fitness Classes. Tuesdays 6-7pm, Seascale Sports Hall. Tuesdays 7.30-8.20pm Beckermet School. Thursdays 7.15-8.05pm Kettlercise, Seascale School. £4 a class. Contact Gill 07511 995184.

Flo Jazz. Third Friday every month, Florence Mine Art Centre, Egremont. 7.30pm for 8pm start. All welcome to listen or contribute.

Freestyle Fitness Yoga. Tuesdays 6pm. Gosforth School. £4 each.

Gardening Club. Holmrook Reading Room. Contact Henry Stewart on 24652 for details or to join.

Gosforth and District Art Society. In Gosforth. Every Monday but with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. 6.30-8.30pm, Gosforth Village School. Contact Marlene Partridge. marlene.partridge@btinternet.com

Gosforth and District Art Society. In Seascale. Every Thursday morning 10am to 12am in Seascale Methodist School Room but with breaks for Easter, summer and Christmas. Contact Marlene Partridge. marlene.partridge@btinternet.com

Gosforth Brownies (2nd Gosforth). For girls aged 7-10. Meet term-time Mondays 6.00-7.30pm in Gosforth Scout Hut, next to the school. Contact Samantha Milliner at sam.milliner@hotmail.co.uk or register interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk

Gosforth Guides (1st Gosforth). For girls aged 10-14. Meet term time 6.00-7.30pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. Contact Abi Waller at abi.waller@hotmail.com or register interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk

Gosforth Karate. Wednesday classes. 4.45pm. One free taster class available. to book call 01946 694751 or visit www.eskk.co.uk

Gosforth Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Scouts Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm, contact Dave Marsden 24632. Cubs Wednesdays 6.15pm to 7.30pm, contact Jackie Harper 27211. Beavers Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm, contact Kathryn Ketchen 25912. In the Scout Hut next to the school.

Gosforth Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club. Every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm in Gosforth Village Hall. New members welcome, spare bowls available. Flat soled shoes preferred.

Gosforth WI. Monthly meetings are held in the public hall on the First Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm March-October, 2pm November-February.

Holmrook Reading Room Bookings. The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen, facilities for people with disability, in fact

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everything you would need for a great party. See if it is available for your next event? To book the room please contact David on 019467 24632.

Holmrook Reading Room Table Tennis Club. Meets on a Wednesday – 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome, young or old. Contact David on 019467-24632. Other times can be arranged.

Holmrook Reading Room Fishing Club. Fish on our Reading Room stretch of water. If you want to join this club, or simply want some more information, please contact David on 019467 24632.

Holmrook Reading Room Playground. Come and see for yourself.

Holmrook Reading Room Wild Flower Meadow. Enjoy a walk or just sit and relax in the peace and quiet of the meadow. Supervised children are welcome.

Jam Side Up Jazz Jam Session. First Friday every month. The Kellbank Hotel, Gosforth. From 8.30pm. www.jamsideup.net or 01967 28619 for more details. Admission free.

Keep Fit Classes. By Kay Wayman. Every Monday Monday at 9:50 to 10.50am and Thursdays 6-7pm. Santon Bridge Village Hall. £6. 019467 24226 or 07707 408799. Or just turn up.

Line Dancing. Every Monday. 7.30pm, Windscale Club, Seascale. £3 pp donation to charity. Contact 019467 28849 for details.

Messy Church. Run jointly between St Cuthbert's and Seascale Methodist Church and meets on the third Saturday of each month in school term in the Methodist Church Hall at 2pm to 4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Moky HIIT/Core Blast. Seascale Sports Hall. Monday 10-10.30am. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

MokyZEST. Seascale Sports Hall. Monday 10.45am. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

MokyHIIT/Core Blast. Gosforth Public Hall. Thursday 5.45-6.15pm. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

Moky HIIT Class. Seascale Sports Hall. Friday 10.00am-10.30am. Contact info@mokyfit.co.uk, 01946 721166 or 07724 240179

Mucky pups Baby and Toddler Group. Thursdays 10-12 during term time, Drigg Village Hall. Friendly group with baby zone, craft activities, messy play, ride-ons, dress-up and more! £2.50 for first child, 50p for additional children.

Open Mic Night – Strands, Nether Wasdale. First Wednesday every month. 9pm start. Live music by various singers and groups.

Open Mic Night – Florence Mine, Egremont. Third Wednesday of each month. Great atmosphere, all gear provided. Just turn up.

Open Social Run. First Sunday every month, 9.30am. Seascale beach or cinder track, starting from car park. Organised by Blengdale Runners and open to all who can run 3 miles or more any speed.

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Pilates Class (mat based). Mondays, 6.30pm (beginners/intermediate) 7.35pm (intermediates). Gosforth Public Hall (Main Hall). £5 per week or £25 for 6 weeks. Contact Amy on 07510 104508 or amyflsher@hotmail.com (note 1 not I). Now also qualified to teach Pilates to ladies at all stages of pregnancy and postnatally.

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

Saturday Coffee Morning. Seascale Methodist Church Hall, 10-11.30am.

Scottish Country Dancing. Windscale Club, Seascale. Every Wednesday from September to April at 7.30pm. Beginners very welcome.

Scouts/Cubs/Beavers. 2nd Seascale Scout Group. Every Thursday night in school term time. St Cuthbert's Hall. Beavers (6-8 years),

5-6pm. Cubs (8-10 years), 6-7.30pm. Scouts (10-14½ years), 7.30-9pm. Contact: 28296 or info@seascalescouts.org.uk

Seascale Art Group. Monday mornings (except Public Holidays) 10am-12noon in the Games Room at the Windscale Club. Call in.

Seascale Golf Club Quiz Night. Every second Tuesday, 23 October 2018 to 21 May 2019, starting at 8pm. Cash prizes and raffle. £1 per person, max 4 per team.

Seascale Knitting Group. Fortnightly meetings on Wednesdays 6.30-8pm at the Windscale Club. £1 per session. For more information contact Penny Cater penelope_cater@btinternet.com

Seascale Men's Keep Fit. Tuesday, 10.30am. 45-minute session in the Sports Hall. Target range is 55-85 years. Work at your own rate and set your own goals. One free session available. Alan Bell, 24250 or John Calvert 28936.

Seascale Parish Council Meetings. First Wednesday every month. 7pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. No meeting in August unless there is urgent business.

Seascale Tea and Chat. Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Seascale WI. Seascale Methodist School Room. Mondays 7pm every month except January. Details from Allison Hanshaw, 21935, ajhanshaw@outlook.com

Seascale Women's Outlook. Alternate Tuesdays in term time at 8pm in the Methodist Hall. All ladies welcome. Contact Glenda on 28404 for programme. Table Tennis Club. Wednesdays. Holmrook Reading Room, 6.30-7.30pm. All welcome to turn up or contact David on 24632.

Shackles Off Baby Group. Mondays, 11am-1pm.

Tuesday Chat. First Tuesday every month. 2-4pm. Drigg & Carleton Village Hall. Special events and entertainment. All welcome.

West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers meetings. Second Wednesday of every month at the Clubhouse at Curwen Hall Park Track starting 7pm. If you are interested contact Tom Jones on 019467 28938.

West Lakes USA. Membership is £5 which covers membership of all West lakes USA groups. For further information www.usa.sites.org.uk/west-lakes. Contact: Vera Lowrey 25213 or Membership Tony Bagnall 25595.

West Lakes USA Open Mind. A General Meeting on the third Thursday every month at Gosforth Public Hall 10.15am for 11am start.). Contact: Vera Lowrey 25213 or Alan Bell 24250.

West Lakes USA Art Appreciation. Second Thursday every month at St Joseph's Church Hall Seascale 10.30am. Contact: Jean Taylor 28713.

West Lakes USA Discovery Group. Fourth Wednesday every month at St Mary's Church Hall 10.15am for 11am. Contact: Graham Hutson 25477.

West Lakes USA Discussion Group (House Meeting). Third Tuesday of the month 10.45am until 12 noon in a private house contact Graham Brassington 25794.

West Lakes USA History Group. First Wednesday every month at Drigg Village Hall 10.15am for 11am start. Contact: Mary Holbrook 25466.

West Lakes USA Reading Group (House Meeting). Fourth Thursday every month at Gosforth 10.45am until 12 noon in a private house. Contact: Jean Taylor 28713.

West Lakes USA Singing for Fun. First Thursday of the month at Seascale Methodist Hall at 2.15pm. Contact: Xandra Brassington 25794. To attend you will need to join the Open Mind Group of West Lakes USA for £5.00 per annum. Contact is Xandra Brassington: 019467 25794.

Wild Flower Meadow. Holmrook Reading Room. Phone 24632 to be involved. Supervised children welcome.

A SAD NOTE FROM TRUDY, BUT READ ON...

Seems like such a long time ago but the recent General Election felt especially difficult for me this time around, despite being well practised. My dad had been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease some months earlier and by December we had to face up to the reality of his incredibly brave but losing battle. Polling day, 12 December was spent by his bedside after yet another emergency call-out and admission to A&E, and on 7 January, we lost him.

My dad retained his fighting spirit until his very last breath; he longed to be back in the garden chopping wood and fixing things – it's what he did best. He provided my mum, brother and I with everything a family could wish for; a determined and unbeatable attitude to life where solutions were the priority to every challenge and failure was unthinkable.

Sadly, MND just wasn't fixable.

I would often call Dad after my day in Parliament – his wisdom kept me company as I walked. Whatever the subject of the day, he had a method of disseminating the challenge and found a way forward – he is the reason I say we need more engineers in the Commons, to focus on problem-solving and progress, not process.

Dad's determination to secure new nuclear will be the legacy I continue to fight for. And his common sense, positive approach to life will, I hope, shine through in me. He was a passionate Brexiteer, frustrated beyond consolation that we failed to honour the result of the 2016 referendum and so on Friday 31 January, on what would have been his 68th Birthday, I reminded Boris of the promise I made to my Dad, to finally leave the EU. I raised a glass in No. 10 Downing Street at 11pm and felt a small sense of satisfaction, marred by raw sadness that he missed the moment.

Possibly the only good I can take from losing such a special person in my life is that I have seen first-hand, across many different hospitals and during home visits, the brilliance of our health service. My dad received medical care from five different hospitals and the professionalism and compassion was exceptional. But the care he received during his final few days at West Cumberland Hospital's Intensive Care Unit went

beyond all our expectations. No words could amply express our gratitude, but I shall make it my mission to champion the commitment and dedication of those working at WCH.

At my recent skills fair, I was pleased to welcome the NHS, Lakes College and UCLan's Medical School to showcase the breadth of courses available, on our doorstep. My daughter has followed the Lakes College / NHS nurse cadet collaboration route and she looks forward to beginning her nursing degree at West Lakes Science and Technology Park, just a field away from her placement hospital. I've had the pleasure of following her journey and enthusiastically encourage anyone interested in a medical or healthcare career to look into these brilliant, local opportunities. We can't run our hospital without staff – we all depend on the service, please do share the opportunities available with anyone you feel might benefit and get in touch with me if you need any further information.

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SEARCH DOGS IN MOUNTAIN RESCUE

by Gosforth Trainer Penny Kirby



Jess, my dog, “graded” last October so is now a fully fledged search dog and has begun going out on searches.

Search dogs were first introduced to the UK in 1964, when Hamish McInnes ran a training course in Scotland, having been inspired by an avalanche dog-training course in Switzerland the previous year.

Derek Connor was the first dog-handler in the Wasdale team in the 70’s.

I started training in 1982 with Ben, Ian Forsyth had Prince from 1991 to 2000, then there was Paul McCracken with Blisco from 1995 to 2008 and Steve Walter’s Rosie qualified in 2005, she worked until 2014, with a two-year break as a result of injury.

I was introduced to the world of search dogs by an existing team member and dog-handler, Dave Riley, quite by chance. I was sitting next to him at a team dinner and he asked if anyone had a dog they would like to train for search work. I had Ben who was already two years old but I was interested so went on a training weekend where some of the experienced handlers played some finding games with him. I drove home, having been told “he had potential” – and that was it, I was hooked! Dave Riley has a lot to answer for!

We encourage dogs to use their incredible

scouting capabilities to pick up a person’s scent in the air, follow it in to find the person and return to the handler to let them know they have found. Dogs have been known to pick up on 0.001 parts per million and from a distance of 1 mile (across water), and amazingly from people buried in snow at a depth of 5m. A German Shepherd dog has 200 million olfactory cells over 170 square centimetres, and humans have 5 million over 5 square centimetres. Dogs can cover a much bigger area of ground than human searchers, get into difficult areas where it might be dangerous for us, and are not limited by darkness or mist in the way humans are. It is estimated that in some conditions, a dog is equivalent to 20 human searchers.

Training – this involves people who are prepared to act as “bodies” for the dogs to find. In the early stages, they need to interact with the dog at precisely the right moments, to encourage the dog to bark when they are found and reward the dog by playing with them. As training progresses, the dog learns to go back to the handler, to “indicate” by barking that they have found someone, and take the handler back to the body, and to work large areas. By the time the dog gets onto the callout list, they need to be able to work 2-3 hours without a break, and will often work longer, for instance, all night. It is not so much the physical effort this takes, but the mental concentration on the dog’s part. They “find” by quartering the ground, directed at a distance by the handler, searching for air-borne scent. This is made up of minute particles of skin, hair, clothing, oils and bacteria. They need to ignore sheep and other distractions. And all dogs and handlers are different, and the relationship between them is different to another partnership, so there can be no hard and fast rules as to the best way to train the dog.

Training a dog from puppyhood takes on average 3 to 4 years and there are currently 11 operational air-scenting search dogs in the Lake District, and 1 trailing dog, which can follow a ground scent.

Although dog-handlers are already members of

a team, they can be asked to travel to other areas, both within and outside the Lakes, consequently dog-handlers are often searching areas they have never been to before. So we might have a navigator with us so we can concentrate on working the dog and not on navigating.

Over the 36 years I have been involved I have had 4 and a half search dogs, the half currently in training. See below – now a graded search dog!

In that time I have been on many searches on my own and with a navigator. Some memorable times:

With **Ben** – being mistaken for a sheep rustler at night in Eskdale – with no prior warning, a hand on my shoulder from behind as I tried to creep through the farmyard without waking the farm dogs and family up – a bit unnerving!

Another time – Finding two people camping in the upper Esk on the other side of river, so I had to cross the river as well, only to find they weren't who we were looking for, so I had to cross back again to resume my search. (I have spent a lot of time in the upper Esk at night!)

Bivvying overnight near Lingmell Col with team members when it was deemed too dangerous to try and extricate people from Piers Gill in the dark – I was tempted to rent Ben out as a hot water bottle.

Helping myself and my team-mate get off Broad Crag one winter's night, struggling to find the descent route in snow, mist and darkness. Ben tried several routes, coming back up to us when he wasn't sure. When he happily disappeared down into the darkness, tail up, we followed. He was right.

Lockerbie, 1988 – Ben and I spent 6 days in and around Lockerbie, having two days off for Christmas part-way through. He kept going throughout, despite being buzzed by Chinook helicopters, sleeping alongside my bed in strange surroundings, being fed a rich diet of dogfood and numerous treats from the wonderful WI who fed us and lavished affection on the dogs, and coping with unwanted attention from the media. We did take some time off afterwards



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and later returned to Lockerbie for a special service. All the dogs were there and behaved impeccably. I still feel very privileged to have been able to help at that time and have special memories of the people I met there.

Mif – she drew the short straw – I became pregnant while I was training her so she moved

Overlooking Wasdale with Jess. photo by J Hellier



On a Scottish winter course.



down the “pecking order” in the family, but she and Ben, who was less active by then, provided endless amusement for the baby by splashing around in rivers and lakes. I still managed to get out on some searches.

Pippi – she took a long time to get the confidence to play with “bodies.” Later on in training, I asked them to use fish skin as tit-bits, to encourage her to spend time with them once she had found them – very committed “dogs-bodies!” One day I was about to start a rock-climb on Great Gable with some friends, when we got a call for a lady who had gashed her leg badly. It was quite close to us so we were first on scene. Without direction from me, Pippi quietly sat herself behind the casualty against her back, I think to give comfort.

On another occasion, not a call-out, I was with some friends making an ascent of Crinkle Gill near Bowfell. We stopped for some lunch when we emerged from the gill. Pippi was playing with a big flat stone, she pushed it onto a large patch of snow, then with her front paws on the stone, and her back legs trying to keep up, she not so gracefully headed off down the slope, a hundred yards or more. She was able to stop when the snow ran out. They say dogs don't like being laughed at..... sorry, Pippi.

Ollie – Of all my dogs, he perhaps had the strongest “work ethic” – indeed he was a workaholic and had his own ideas of how to search – usually at variance with mine. On one training weekend in the Howgills, we were working a large area of fellside, when the watching assessors apparently said to each other

– “at what point should we tell her that the dog is going to Tebay and she's going to Sedbergh?” (in opposite directions.)

On another occasion training near Devoke Water, I could tell from a distance he had something in his mouth – it was a goose egg, miraculously unbroken. I retrieved the egg, stuffed it inside my jacket to keep it warm and set off up the hillside to where I thought the nest might be. Pippi found the nest with another three eggs in it and I returned the egg and we beat a hasty retreat.

I was on a search with Ollie when he picked up the scent of somebody on the far side of Scales Tarn, Blencathra, at night and in winter. He took off across the frozen tarn, my heart in my mouth at the thought of him disappearing under the ice, no amount of shouting and whistling would distract him from the task in hand. He found two people camping on the far side – again not who we were looking for.

Pippi and Ollie together – for a short time, until Pippi retired, both dogs would come out on a search and they developed their own system – Pippi did the barking while Ollie did the leg-work, it was a superb partnership which worked really well, and if one found the “body”, the other had to be in on it as soon as possible.

Jess – sometimes licking faces instead of barking at the body, which is tough if you're the body and you've been asked to “play dead” and not move. We haven't had to resort to fish-skin yet. She became a fully graded search dog last October. At the time of writing we have only been on one search.

On different occasions on night searches I have been mistaken for a glow-worm, a helicopter (a very quiet one obviously), car headlights and an hallucination? Many searches finish without the dog getting the “reward” of finding anyone, the missing person or people are not in our allotted search area, as happened on the search with Jess – sometimes team members will help out by being a “body” on the way off the hill, even at the end of a long night.

Search dogs do save lives, and lessen the trauma and risk of hypothermia to many more. But I couldn't have done it without help from many, many people – to all the “bodies” and my fellow trainers who have helped over all these years – thank you.

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Councillor David Gray kindly funded the purchase of a new flagpole for the village with installation paid by the Parish Council.

Cllr Gray has donated the flagpole to the village in memory of his late wife Glenn Gray. Glenn was involved for many years with GADS as wardroom mistress and also as midday supervisor and crossing patrol at Gosforth C of E School. Image 1 below shows Cllr Gray raising the Union Jack on 09/01/2020 (Duchess of Cambridge's Birthday) which is one of several designated days in the annual calendar for flying the Union Flag on public buildings.



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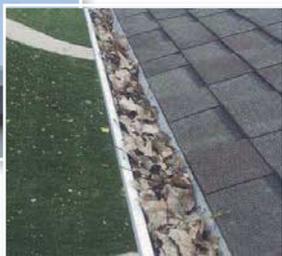
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SEASCALE DOG WALKING MEET-UPS

In November 2019 local lady Zoe O'Hanlon decided to set up a Facebook group to help dog walkers in the area arrange meet-ups for their dogs, and for the owners to socialise. It is also a useful tool to share any relevant information for local dog owners, such as jelly fish, adder and palm oil sightings, dog related events, lost and found dogs etc.

The first group walk meet up was arranged on Seascale Beach back in November 2019 with well over 20 dogs plus owners from as far as Whitehaven and Waberthwaite joining in. A great time was had by all who attended, the dogs all behaved themselves and it was considered a resounding success. A second meet up was arranged for 19 January with approximately 23 people and dogs in attendance. Again a great time was had with new friendships made both human and canine. How lovely it is to see someone relatively new to the village doing something positive to help people within the village. Not only has a third event been organised, also small groups of participants have been meeting up and new friendships have been made. There is another group meet planned for 16 February.

The online community is active also and I think will go on to become a valuable resource for local dog owners whether they attend the events or not. Obviously a group dog walk is not for everyone, as not all dogs (or people) will cope with such an event. Anyone is welcome to join the Facebook group and interact with members. It



will hopefully become a useful place to share relevant information, especially coming into the warmer months which will bring potential hazards such as adders, jellyfish etc.

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Three hydro power generators are now installed and at varying stages of completion and commission. The Hydro is up and running in Netherbeck in Wasdale whilst Whillan Beck in Easdale and Crosby Gill in Duddon, are almost complete and ready for testing. Construction of a new Visitor Welcome and toilets building at

Wasdale Lake Head car park is on schedule, weather permitting, to open in the Spring – complete with a bespoke system which best helps maintain the quality of Wastwater.

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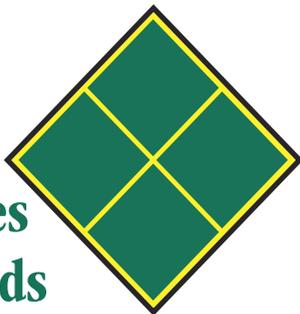
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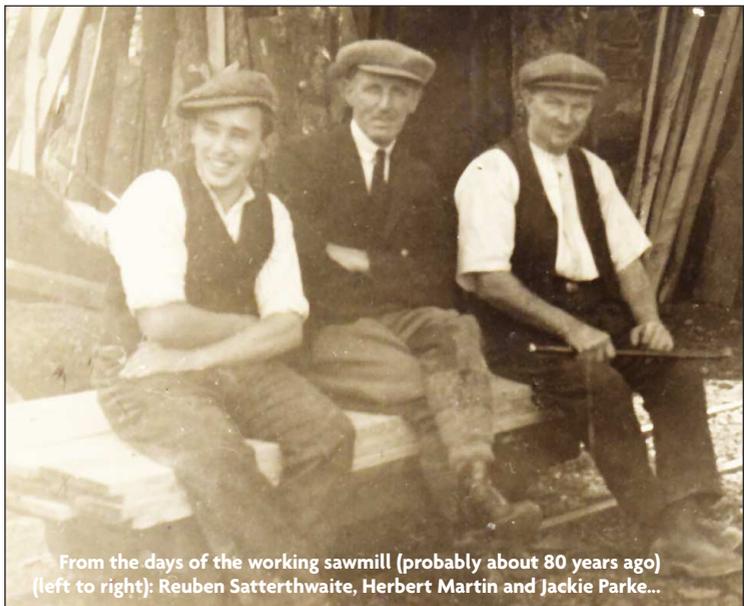
THE SAWMILL, WASDALE

In our Spring 2019 issue, Tethera magazine contained an

article entitled “Water, Water Everywhere” about the restoration of the waterwheel at the Wasdale Sawmill. While a major project in its own right, the waterwheel was only one cog in an ambitious project now nearing completion.

There is evidence that there has been a mill on the site since the 1700s. Initially a corn mill but, at least since the 1880s a sawmill, which continued to operate albeit on a small scale until only a few years ago when Eddie Drinkall passed away. Until 1963 the Sawmill was powered by water but when electricity was made available courtesy of a deal with the UK Atomic Agency this became the power of choice and the wheel fell into disrepair. With no major investment by the Estate owner the sawmill buildings which, apart from a small traditional stone building, largely comprised steel girders and roof trusses covered with tin sheets had also fallen into a dilapidated state.

Purchased in May 2016 by the Manduell family who farm and operate the holiday park and campsite at Church Stile, close by in Nether Wasdale, an ambitious plan was hatched to breathe new life into the Sawmill. In summer 2017 a planning application was lodged with the National Park to restore and extend the Sawmill buildings and waterwheel to create a riverside café and farm shop. Although a complex planning application, the Manduells received a huge amount of support and encouragement from locals and visitors alike, as well as positive guidance from the National Park planning officers. Despite this it was almost a year before permission was granted. The delay was, in part,



From the days of the working sawmill (probably about 80 years ago) (left to right): Reuben Satterthwaite, Herbert Martin and Jackie Parke...

due to concerns at the Environment Agency that eels might struggle with the waterwheel if they took the wrong route when swimming up or down river!

Building work commenced in late 2018. As is often the case with intricate projects it soon became apparent that it would take longer than originally envisaged. The traditional stone-built element was restored with a new slate roof replacing the tin sheets. The original building design with vaulted ceilings and north facing roof lights was retained to reflect the industrial heritage of the building within the Lake District National Park World Heritage Site. All original steel girders and roof trusses were restored with new ones made to replicate the originals for the extension. With the mill race renovated and the stone riverbanks repaired the floor has been raised. The sides of the building to the river are largely glass as well as glass over the mill race which runs through the heart of the building.

Wherever possible locally sourced or produced goods have been used in the construction and local tradesmen engaged. The main contractor on site has been John Slater of RJ Slater & Son



And today the current owners of The Sawmill: (left to right): Julius, Kirsten and David Manduell.

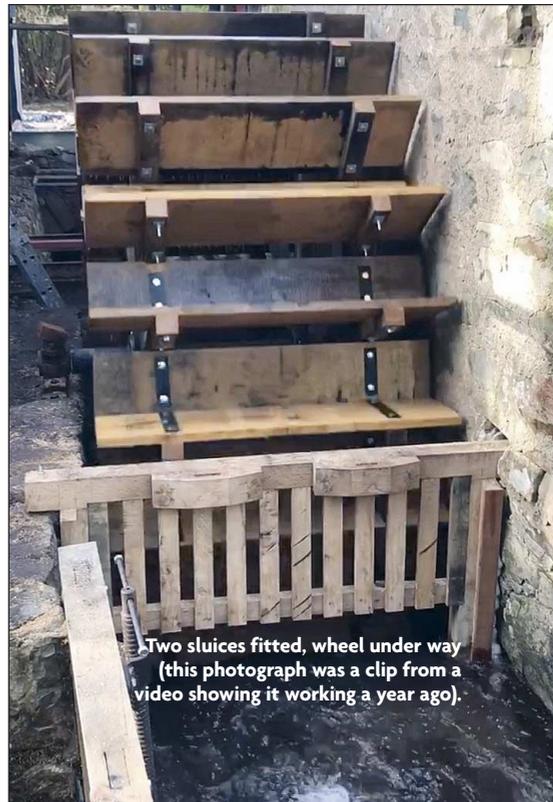


The Sawmill plans to offer an evening bistro menu three nights per week. Details to be confirmed.

As one of the owners, Julius Manduell, suggests – “if you want to relax by the river enjoying a bite to eat or glass of wine with a waterwheel gently turning in the background, the ‘new’ Sawmill will be a must!”

(Seascale) ably supported by JP Jenkinson (steel works - Haile), D Crayston (Electricals – Haile) JD Moore & team (water wheel & joinery – Gosforth), A Hale & Team (plumbing – Calderbridge), Reg Taylor & Son (slate roofing – St Bees), Ryan Fitzsimons (North West Pro Tiling – Whitehaven), Billy Finn (Decorating - Whitehaven) and URS of Barrow (cladding). The building design and planning was handled by Kim Tullett of Ambleside.

Now nearing completion, with the shop and café still to be fitted out internally, the result will be a wonderful and unique addition not only to Wasdale but also West Cumbria and the Lake District in general. Known simply as “The Sawmill”, the riverside café and farm shop are due to open their doors to customers on Friday 17 April and will be open seven days a week. The farm shop will stock a wide range of goods which will be sourced locally from within the National Park and Cumbria as far as possible. The café intends to offer a full breakfast and lunch menu, or simply pop in for tea or coffee and freshly baked cakes and locally made ice cream. There will be a farmhouse Sunday roast and, during the summer,



Two sluices fitted, wheel under way (this photograph was a clip from a video showing it working a year ago).

WHAT'S SAID IN THE TAXI, STAYS IN THE TAXI!

25 Years of Gosforth Taxis



If Shaun Pennington hadn't broken his ankle when he was studying at Newton Rigg back in the early '90s, Gosforth Taxi company might never have been created!

"I was laid up for many months because the break just wouldn't heal properly, and it's still dodgy today. I find it more comfortable to drive automatic cars." Shaun told me with his usual good humour. "I got real fed up with not being able to work or get about and started to think of how I could earn a living now that farming was not an option. I saw a hole in the market for a taxi to service the area, but I didn't have any capital. My parents lent me the money to buy my first car, which was a Rover Montego 1.6 petrol. It had 10,000 miles on the clock and within two years I'd notched up 100,000 miles!" 31 March 1995 Gosforth Taxis was born.

Shaun's wife Dawn sat opposite me at the kitchen table in their house on Gosforth Road in Seascale. She shook her head as Shaun was talking. "He worked seven days a week, day and night, for two years to build the business. But he was able to pay back the loan his parents had given him in just one year."

Shaun continued, "I was burning out mind and that's why in 1997 my mother joined the company and started driving just one day a week so that I could have a rest. As the business grew, she drove a lot more, but a few years ago had to retire at the age of 74 because of the insurance, although she's still very much involved with the business."

The Gosforth Taxi company's clan! Left to right: Dawn, Hartley, Audrey, John and Shaun Pennington.



“I remember my first airport run to Manchester.” Shaun began to laugh, “I had never been to any of the airports before. In fact, I had never driven that far and really not out of Cumbria before! It was a 3am drop off, and I was so anxious that I didn’t sleep that night. This was before satnavs so I had to rely on the AA map and signposts. It was a bit hair raising but I got there and the passenger made the flight in plenty of time.”

Shaun laughed. “I was so tired that I drove a little way from the drop-off zone, stopped and put the seat back and had a sleep. When I woke, I got out of the car to stretch and the door slammed and locked me out of the car! I had to walk back to the airport to get help. Someone advised I call the AA but I wasn’t a member, so when I called, I explained I couldn’t pay over the phone because my wallet was locked in the car! Thankfully they came out anyway and it took them just a few minutes to get into the car! I learned a valuable lesson that day and have been an AA member ever since!”

In 1996 Shaun recalls a horrendous journey to the hospital. “It was a really bad winter that year and the police and the Mountain Rescue were



Shaun went for a play in the snow between the two Bleng bridges!

out rescuing stranded drivers all over the place. I got a call from a guy who was desperate to get to Whitehaven hospital because his wife was seriously ill and not expected to live much longer. I was very unsure if I could get him there in the snow and ice, but I said I would give it a go. I let some air out of my tyres to get more grip on the icy roads and I was able to raise the suspension on that car, which really helped. I risked everything to get him there, cars were skidding all over the place, and it took us three hours because of all the abandoned cars and crashes! But we made it just in time for him to be with his wife before she died.” I was beginning to realise that Shaun has a very big heart and is always eager to help others.

Dawn and Shaun have been married for 17 years



Shaun’s upgrade motor.

now and she began to laugh at the memory of how Shaun proposed.

"It all went a bit wrong really," said Shaun. "I had planned a big romantic proposal while we were on holiday abroad." He shook his head as the stress of it all came flooding back. "First, Dawn lost her passport the night before we

were due to fly out, so we missed our flight and I had to buy another flight for the next day. Then when we got there the hotel had sold our room because we were late which meant we had to stay in a hostel instead. And then when we got to the restaurant where I was going to go down on one knee and propose, Dawn got food poisoning, from garlic prawns!" Shaun groaned. "She has never eaten them since!"

This all happened in 2000 and if they'd been superstitious, they might have gone their separate ways thinking there were too many signs against their union. But no, these little setbacks didn't put them off and on 14 September 2002 Dawn and Shaun were married at Muncaster Castle. "I remember it was extremely hot that day," said Dawn, "but it was a beautiful wedding, we had 250 guests and I didn't know any of them, except my own family!" She threw Shaun a look.

In 2007 Dawn came on board as a driver and in 2008 they moved the business to their current location in Seascale.

Then I opened Pandora's box by asking if there had been any celebs in the taxis?

They both laughed and Dawn started to reel off the famous names;

"Cilla Black when she came up to a wedding in St Bees. Oh, and Russell Watson, he was a lovely guy. And the celebrity chef Jean-Christophe Novelli was a frequent customer during the Whitehaven Festival – he's also very nice. Actor Max Branning from East Enders, he was alright too. But then there was Robbie Williams during his bad-boy period and we were told, in no uncertain terms, not to talk to him! Of course, there's Trudy Harrison who is a customer. And years back there



John looking like he's doing some work!

was the world number one darts player Eric Bristow when he came up to do an exhibition match." Shaun was beginning to flag.

"I was on camera once too, about 10 years ago, when the BBC came up to film a documentary on the Wasdale Mountain Rescue. I was told to just talk normally while driving and they would film me talking about the area. I don't think they understood a word I said because it was broad Cumbrian!" Shaun laughed.

Then we got talking about the things that have been left in the taxi. "Sometimes you have to be a bit of a detective to find out who's left it. There've been lots of phones for example, and other things that I just can't mention!" "We also have to know when to turn a blind eye," said Shaun, "Why's that?" I ask. "Well sometimes passengers are not with who they should be, if you know what I mean," Shaun winked. But he wouldn't be pushed into breaking confidences, his lips are well and truly sealed on that score. So, reader, if you've been one of these indiscreet passengers then relax, your secret is still safe with Shaun. What's said in the taxi, stays in the taxi.

Dawn and Shaun are looking at investing in a specially equipped minibus to enable them to become the provider in the new "Village Wheels" scheme. This is a timetabled service for the community and connects them to neighbouring villages. It's an online booking service and will take smartcard payments. "People have to apply for this service and we are happy to help them fill out the forms and get registered." Said Dawn.

Congratulations to Gosforth Taxis on your 25th anniversary on 29 March this year from everyone at Tethera.

Vivienne Tregidga



New Mercedes E220 estate – an addition to Gosforth Taxi's fleet as Tethera goes to press.



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Look at this folks. A new addition to our community. Worth a mention and an explanation here in Tethera. It's quite a meaningful block of wood which became part of Seascale's Anthology in 2019.



Why it was made, what does it represent, what is it made of, and who made it?

First things first, why was it made? It was made to support the retired Royal British Legion Standard as it takes up as its new permanent home as a faculty of the Church of England and subsequently the property of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd, her heirs and successors.

What does it represent? It represents the folding up of the old Gosforth and District Royal British Legion and to bear three plaques with the names of the old soldiers who marched behind that old Standard each year on Remembrance Sunday in Seascale from 1948 up until last year. No longer with us, but their names live on...

Joe Farrer – Royal British Legion Treasurer from 1980 to 2014.

H R Rushworth – Royal British Legion President from 1948 to 2014.

Rod Kimber – Royal British Legion Standard Bearer from 1974 to 2019.

What is it made of? It's made from an off-cut of oak – used in the renovated and recently restored Eskdale Water Mill. But no ordinary oak either, oh no lads and lasses; this off cut of oak grew as part

of a mighty tree who's acorn fell in Eskdale many hundreds of years ago, giving us this truly local memorial to our old soldiers.

Who made it? It was made by local quality Joiner – J D Moore of Gosforth. Not only that but they made it for 'free' for the Church and Legion, not taking a single penny for their labours or parts. To which I would like to put on record my eternal thanks to them from the whole community.

Now with the passing of one great old legion, it's time to get some in. By which I mean a new legion is being discussed for our area with new recruits, a new Standard and a new name: Seascale and Sellafield Royal British Legion; It needs you. So if you were in the old Gosforth and District legion you just need to change your membership number over to the new one, and if you haven't been a member before then now's the time to join up. We just need 15 people to form a new branch. You do not need to have been in the armed forces to join, support, and help our local ex-forces community. The branch wants a cross section of people making decisions to enhance our local veterans' lives. The RBL is no longer just a first and second war organisation. We can link people up to a welfare officer, and there will be great banter for those who would prefer that as well.

Each year we will deliver the Poppies to Gosforth, Seascale, Drigg, Santon Bridge area and Sellafield site. Each year also we will hold an annual charity dinner to raise money to help and assist a local veteran from our community. We'll meet three times a year so not too taxing on your time and annual membership to the Royal British Legion will run at around £18 a year, so not to taxing on the purse either.

So what you waiting for. Let's help our local heroes. Email me to join on mail@jasonrushworth.com



The sons and grandson of the three names that appear on the new oak block for the Royal British Legion Standard in St Cuthbert's Church. Left to right:

James Kimber – son of the late Rod Kimber – the last Standard bearer of the old RBL.

John Riley Vicar of this parish

Alan Farrer – son of the late Joe Farrer – the last Treasurer of the old RBL

Jason Rushworth – grandson of H R Rushworth (Roy) – the last President of the RBL

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION






**Royal British Legion
New Seascale and Sellafield Branch**

Did you serve or support those who did?
 Would you like to help other veterans in our professional community here on site and surrounding villages?
 Do you miss the camaraderie of forces life and want to help others?
 We are recruiting volunteers to help form a new branch of the Royal British Legion.
 We will hold an annual fund raising dinner, inviting members of the Armed Forces past and present to raise funds for the branch to help local veterans around here.
 The new branch is being formed with you in mind, with a chance to meet new friends from the ex forces community and build friendships for life. You don't have to have been an armed forces member to volunteer, just have a desire to support the Armed Forces families past and present through the Poppy Appeal.
 Email your interest to join to:- mail@jasonrushworth.com



A double thanks to those who bought the latest version of the 'Atom Kids' book. Printed now for the 5th time and sold at cost plus a £1 on top to raise money – this time for the Seascale Library – to keep it going. Secondly thanks to those folks from the Gosforth and Seascale libraries who have been borrowing the book – quite a few library stamp dates are on the first page already. This is me handing the cheque over to David Halliday the chair of the Seascale Parish Council. Seascale library has some

amazing plans for a new community space, that they plan to build there when more funding comes in. I wish them well and thank you from me to you, for buying and borrowing the 444 page "Atom Kids." And remember folks – use your libraries, in this modern digital age they need you more than ever. (Atom Kids is the social history of Seascale as contributed to and edited by Seascaliens past and present).

Jason Rushworth

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2ND GOSFORTH BROWNIES



We've had an eventful year at Brownies and are now entering 2020 by welcoming new members who are transferring from the Seascale Unit, which sadly has had to close.

Over the year we've been busy raising funds for charities, and this year chose Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team, St Bees RNLi and Breast Cancer Now. We held a couple of coffee mornings and raffles in the library, making cakes, decorating shopping bags and selling them. We then visited the new WMRT Base and Lifeboat Station to look around and present them with cheques. We also researched and learnt about many other charities in the UK and throughout the world, and all gained our Charities Interest Badge.

It all seems such a long time ago, but in the summer we roasted marshmallows on a beach BBQ followed by ice cream in the parlour at Seascale. We've had nature trails in the Bleng Forest, pirate treasure hunts, a treasure trail in

Cockermouth, shot arrows at targets playing archery at Westlakes

Adventure, made fairy wands and tiaras with Helen's Herbs, entered the sunflower growing competition held at the library (Little Owl won her category!), tried yoga, origami, made soup, visited the Lake District Wildlife Park, and climbed high and flung ourselves off the tops of towers at Clip and Climb in Maryport.

Both Tawny Owl (Diane) and Little Owl (Sarah) have worked hard to gain their Assistant Leader and Young Leader qualifications, and we had little ceremonies for them both to say their Girlguiding Promise.

In December we went to see Father Christmas and fed his reindeer at Kielder Winter Wonderland, and we had great fun on the snow tubes too. January brings a new term and our



annual trip to see GADS Panto – then we will be busy gaining more badges, making costumes and learning a dance for when we take part in the village VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations in May.

Talking of VE Day, if anyone has any old photographs of anything to do with Guiding in the village, could they please get in touch with

me? We are having a display of 'Guiding through the ages' (particularly during wartime) at the event. Does anyone know anything about 1st Gosforth Brownies (as we are the 2nd)?

If you are interested in joining Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, you can register your interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk
Samantha Milliner



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1ST GOSFORTH SCOUT GROUP

We always seem to pick the worst weather for our camps and sleepovers. We've just come back from a weekend at Ennerdale with the Cubs, where strong winds and heavy rain were forecast. The Cubs didn't seem to mind though. We still managed to do some fire lighting, go for a walk (some people even paddled in the lake! Brave Cubs), build dens in the forest, make pancakes for breakfast, play games and learn lots of new songs. Our Cubs seem to like singing at the moment. The campsite flooding on Sunday morning caused lots of excitement, and a puddle fight, and we all went home ready for a good night's sleep.

The rest of the group has been busy too. The Beavers had their own Gruffalo sleepover at Ennerdale in November, and have been dressing up and acting out plays, playing some new games, and learning about reusing and recycling things we no longer want. They also won prizes with their trees and herbs at the Gosforth Show. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Owl Sarah, who has moved away. We hope to see her sometime.

The Cubs have been working on their emergency aid badges, and have all reached stage 2, so should be able to put each other in the recovery position, treat burns and bleeding and other injuries. They've made slime, and built a huge Viking longship from cardboard boxes to celebrate "Up Helly Aa" by ceremonially burning it.

We've taken Beavers and Cubs to Irton Pike, to the county fun day at Penrith, where they did archery, climbing, caving in a bus, looked at a police van, team challenges, and so much more. We've held a Macmillan coffee evening, been ice skating, and had a Halloween party, with broomstick races and a spider's web.

The Scouts have



been to the district competition camp at Branthwaite, where they won a prize for their cooking, been karting for their Christmas treat, done some willow weaving and made things with paracord.

We're all looking forward to taking part in the VE day celebrations in Gosforth, going to Silverdale for our summer camp, and we're planning to have an adventurous weekend in May, camping locally and doing some canoeing or ghyll scrambling.

If you or your child would like to join us, give me a ring on 27211, or just come along and see what we do. **Jackie Harper**





2nd Seascale

During the Winter Months 2nd Seascale Scouts have been thinking about the summer and their biggest adventure yet. For big adventures to happen, a lot of fundraising is required. All three sections in the group have been bag-packing, craft making, cake and cookie baking, letter writing, and enterprising on stalls selling everything from key-rings to Christmas baubles and working hard to ensure that our adventure to Kandersteg International Scout Camp is amazing.

As a group we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of many who have helped with this and would like to thank all that have helped organise events, donated raffle prizes, given us donations and supported us by turning up to our various events within, and outwith, the village. Without all of this support we would not have been able to raise an amazing £7000 in six months. The money raised will go towards some of the great adventurous activities that the Scouts will be able to do while in Switzerland.

We would like to send special thanks to LLWR, Seascale Stompers, Seascale Parish Council, for their kind donations and to the following business for the donations of raffle prizes - Seascale Co-op, Fidz Bakery, Seascale Golf Club, Victoria Hotel (Drigg), Anne and Ed of Benn's Bars, Bower House, The Original Becky Bakes, SW & J Wilson. We have also been supported by: Seascale Tennis Club, 109 Club, Gosforth Show, Rotary Club of West Lakeland, Seascale Methodist Church, Tesco and Morrison's Whitehaven.

Events during the colder months

Beaver Scouts (6-8) love nothing better than getting outside and even during the colder months they have enjoyed activities outside including a Glow Stick Trail to find the Young Leaders. This activity highlights that our eyes become adjusted to the night light as when they try to use torches they can't see the glow sticks but as all Beaver Scouts love to play with a torch we also organised a night of Torchlight games where Beaver Scouts had to use their torches to find the animals within the school grounds.

Crazy Activity Day

All sections attended the District Crazy Activity

Day in December and we had a great time. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts embrace The City of Atlantis activities that had been organised, despite the cold wet December weather. One of the highlights of the Day was definitely the Dolphin Chariot Racing. Working together each group made a chariot from Pioneering poles and a chair, created dolphins and then raced it against other groups.

Back to Basics

The Cubs (8-10½) enjoyed, or perhaps endured, a weekend at Ennerdale during Storm Dennis. Despite the atrocious weather the Cubs learned to safely use knives for whittling. They also ventured into the woods and built dens, went on a nature walk, constructed ballista, and learnt how to use a map.

Enterprising Scouts

One of the favourite regular activities that the scouts (10½-14) do is *Trading Post*. Each of the five patrols starts with £50 and they must plan how they spend it on items from the shop and by hiring tools and equipment. They must then manufacture various goods, and then try and drive a hard bargain at the *trading post* in order to make as much profit as possible. Manufactured items range from cups of tea, to reef-knots tied in spaghetti, to free-standing flag-poles and camp gadgets. The winning patrol managed to grow their initial capital by an amazing 700%.

Wind and Rain Stops Play

The Scouts were gutted that February's storms put a stop to their planned *back-to-basics* camp. Hardy as we are, camping in storm-force winds and torrential rain is not the wisest of ideas.

We hope to camp in a few months when the older scouts will have a chance to tackle their expedition.

Join the Adventure

2nd Seascale Scout Group meets Seascale School on Thursday, caters for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and has links with the local Explorer Scout unit. To find out more, please contact:

Neil Henderson, Scout Leader

Info@SeascaleScouts.org.uk

Facebook.com/SeascaleScoutGroup

TWO-HEADED SHEEP ROAMING WEST CUMBRIA

Can you name something Sir Thomas Beecham once declared an activity no-one should ever try in life, but which, in actual fact is good fun, harmless, brings physical and social advantages to the participant and entertainment to many? Would you like to try it?

The activity in question is Morris Dancing and one local group is offering you the opportunity to find out more.

Two-Headed Sheep, mainly active between Whitehaven and Ravenglass and in the western valleys, came into being around ten years ago; and its members, instantly recognisable in their colourful hats, bluey/turquoise raggy jackets and often painted faces are to be seen on Monday evenings throughout the summer entertaining the patrons of local pubs, or sometimes on Saturdays and bank holidays at some of the agricultural shows and festivals. As well as recognising THS, you can also hear them as the crash of their sticks complements the cheerful whoops which are an essential component of many dances.

The origins of Morris are shrouded in the mists of time, but two popular theories are that it either began as a pagan fertility rite or was used like a mystery play by the mediæval church to bring the gospel to illiterate peasants. THS doesn't really know – and doesn't really care! They just enjoy the exercise and the camaraderie engendered by dances with an eclectic mix of traditions and bearing names including “Mrs Widgery”, “Cocking the Shafer”, “Ragged Crow”, “Enlist for a Sailor” and “Not for Bob”.

Anyone can have a go at Morris. With THS' emphasis on fun and entertainment, 12-year olds can run around madly, while others skip and those past their threescore years and ten walk more sedately through the routines. Musicians who play the recorder, accordion, guitar, banjo or any other portable instrument are always being sought too. All monies collected go to the Wasdale Mountain Rescue, in the fervent hope that no-one will ever need their services.

So where is THS on Monday evenings during the winter when pub gardens tend not to be frequented? They are in Haile Village Hall, practising hard (or not always so hard!) for their dance-outs in 2020 and would warmly welcome anyone who would like to find out a bit more with no strings attached. So, if doing something unrecommended sounds as if it could be your “thing”, please come along to Haile Village Hall at 8.00pm on any Monday evening between now and Easter (12 April); alternatively, ring Hilary (01946 82474) or Catherine (07914 218946)

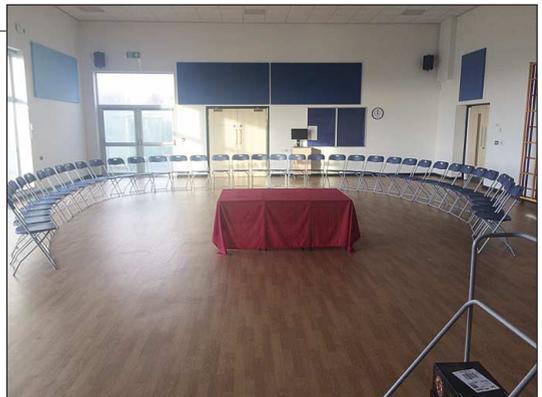
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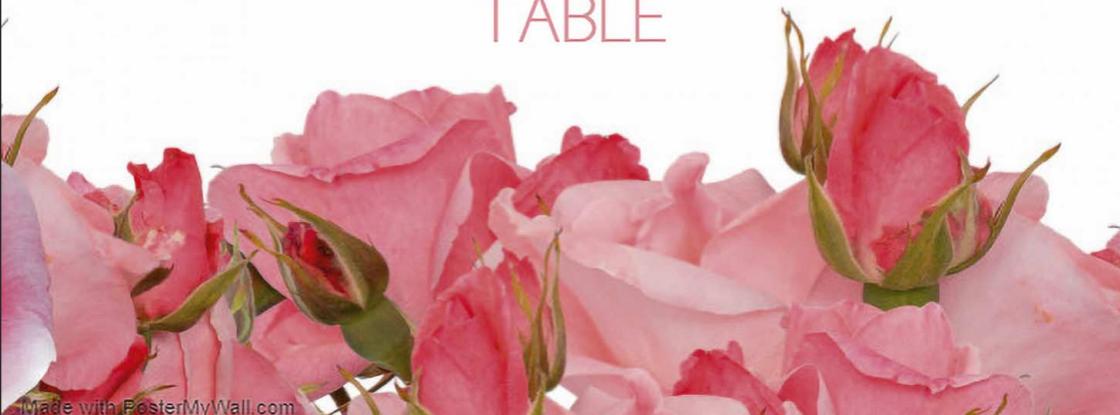


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WOODLANDS — UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

A huge thank you has to go out to Nancy Banks for her stewardship of the Woodlands Tea Rooms in Santon Bridge

for many years. Nancy created a fabulously successful business that has become a regular haunt for many local people as well as tourists.

Surely Nancy was going to be a hard act to follow? I was curious to find out who the new owners were and what their plans are for this little treasure.

I received a very warm welcome from Kelly McGrath and Paul Nightingale as we sat down with cups of tea for a chat in the shop.

It was obvious from their dialects that they are southerners. Kelly is from Hampshire and Paul from Maidenhead. Kelly has been working in Whitehaven for seven years at Faithful+Gould, and then three years ago she fell in love with Paul. "I met Paul when I was running an Advanced Motorbike course down south." The pair exchanged an affectionate look. Distance obviously couldn't deter this relationship from flourishing as Paul clocked up the miles visiting Kelly as often as he could, until eventually he moved here permanently.

They began actively looking to buy a business that would enable them to work together. "We were actually looking for either a guest house with a tea-room attached or just a tea-room, and then



we saw the 'Woodlands' with its good reputation," said Paul, "and we thought 'why not' ". Kelly interjected "we fell in love with the place instantly."

When I interviewed Paul and Kelly before Christmas Paul was still working part-time for a company down south. "I can do my job quite easily from anywhere so long as I have the internet. At the moment I still manage a large account for the company, but that will be coming to an end soon. Then I'm planning on offering local domestic IT services in my spare time."

I wondered if Paul will have time to do this as the Woodlands is a busy place and he is currently working at the Tea Rooms full time. "We inherited a wonderful team here," says Kelly, "and we were lucky that everyone wanted to stay on when we took over. We listened to the staff and on their recommendations, we invested in new equipment and hope this will ensure they will continue to enjoy working here." Just then one of the staff walked by and said, "Kelly and Paul are really lovely people, they've done an amazing job so far." I took that as a good endorsement.

But what are their plans for the future of the Tea Rooms?

"We want to increase our offering of homemade cakes, bread and food." said Kelly, "In the future we would like to create another kitchen in our home in Whitehaven so that I can increase our offering of dairy and gluten free cakes. "We can then provide a wider range of gluten free products and especially more of them bearing a lower risk of cross contamination." Kelly's mother is a coeliac and she knows how difficult it is for her to eat out. "I love baking and decorating cakes and I'm very experienced in catering for a coeliac. We are looking into gaining accreditation but we have already adopted a lot of their best practices. We've trained all the staff about cross contamination and the importance of working correctly."

Kelly and Paul also want to increase the outside catering side of the business, "It's important to us that the locals are kept happy and why we'll be increasing our themed evening events such as Valentines night and world food events like 'Mexican Night'. Our local customers are very important to us and they've all been very welcoming to Kelly and me," said Paul.

"That is why we are determined to buy as much as we can from local suppliers," explained Kelly



who has trawled all the artisan craft markets to find local suppliers. "There is so much talent in this area with local artists and knitters, vegan body products, candle makers and unique jewellery that we feel confident on being able to showcase their work while bringing something unique and special to our customers."

But it's not only people that Kelly and Paul are thinking about, it's also our four-legged friends, probably inspired by their own dog Jake, a 12-year-old rescued lurcher cross. "We always feel sad for dogs having to sit under the table while their owners indulge in delicious food, so we've determined that our doggy visitors will also have a wonderful experience. We've been in contact with companies who make cakes and biscuits specifically for dogs and our aim is to put on a 'Doggy Afternoon Tea' this summer. We'll invite local dog walking companies to join us so 'watch this space.'"

We then had a mad few minutes talking all things dog related with Jake looking on approvingly, although he didn't really understand our hilarity at some of the ridiculous ideas that we came up, far too silly to mention here...

I really enjoyed meeting Kelly and Paul who are full of enthusiasm and energy for their new venture, and I know our readers will join me in wishing them all the very best for a long and fruitful life at Santon Bridge. *Vivienne Tregidga*

WEVA'N ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE

As many readers of "Tethera" know (although some may not), WEVA (the WEstern VALleys of Cumbria Twinning Association) has been in existence for a dozen years or so. Over these last twelve years, annual visits have been made across the Channel in one direction or another, many memorable events have occurred and many lasting friendships made; but, unfortunately, not everything can last for ever. CJSMA (Comité de Jumelage de St Martin d'Auxigny), WEVA's French counterpart, has always been funded and supported differently from WEVA, which relies on membership subscriptions, fundraising events and the occasional donation.

In France, the administrative set-up allows local mayors to be really local (Gosforth, Seascale and Drigg, for example would each have their own mayor with real power to affect local issues) and this means that there was always funding available to support CJSMA. All CJSMA had to do was prove it was a viable group with democratically elected leadership and be affiliated to the *Mairie* (Town Hall). As it happens, the mayor of St Martin is a fervent anglophile who has visited our area several times. Sadly, however, small villages in West Cumbria are not the only places where groups and organisations find it hard to recruit committed people to lead them. It happened in St Martin. At CJSMA's AGM in May, no-one was found to assume the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer. An EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) was called for September, but fared no better. Consequently, it was with great regret that the decision was taken to dissolve CJSMA as an official *Association* (that's a French word too!) with immediate effect.

Although WEVA office-holders and committee members knew that dissolution was a distinct possibility, it was nevertheless a great blow when we knew for sure that the final metaphorical nail had been hammered into the metaphorical coffin. What now? What about WEVA? E-mails flew back and forth, WEVA committee meetings and the AGM were held as usual – and a way forward was found. Encouraged by CJSMA's former secretary's assurance that "*L'amitié ne s'efface pas d'un coup de vote*" (Friendship isn't destroyed by a vote) and a message from the *Mairie* that WEVA members

will always be welcome in St Martin, WEVA is not being dissolved. There are people in St Martin and district who will be only too happy to receive us as their guests. Consequently, a visit to France is being planned for August 2020 because WEVA has been officially invited by the *Mairie* to be in St Martin on Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August for the septennial *Comice* (untranslatable – think Gosforth Show/carnival/food fair/November 5th/village dance as-they-used-to-be and you're getting there). Suggestions for precise dates (4-6 days) will be very welcome. We honestly have no idea whether or not CJSMA's sad demise is related to the Brexit débâcle or not, but we do know that we would welcome new friends as well as established ones to come with us to discover the real France in a way which cannot be experienced by organised tours or tourist visits. We are not as tied as usual to deadlines this year, so if you're wondering, why not have a look at the website, e-mail us via westernvalleys2@googlemail.com or phone the chair on 01946 820426.

I leave you with two words of encouragement, the clever phonetics of WEVA, which sounds like the French for *Oui.Va.* (Yes. Go.) – please.

Rosalind Amey (WEVA chair).



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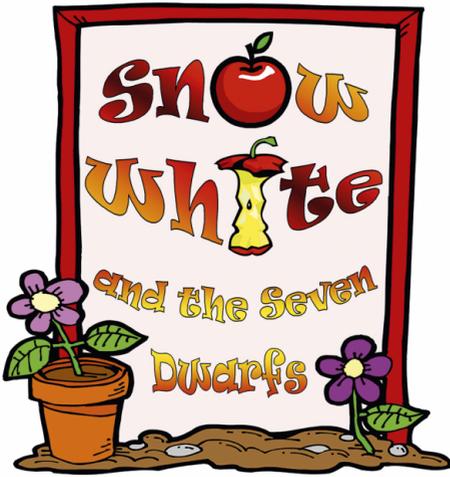
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by Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society

Snow White was a very enjoyable pantomime from the company. It was well directed by Karen Polmeair, and there were many enjoyable moments during the performance.

All of the main characters were well played – Andrew Turnbull played a good dame, Benita Finch was suitably wicked as the villain of the show, although she did occasionally drop her scowl and showed her pleasanter side! The principals were all well played, but sadly too many to mention by name. The Dwarfs were excellent, and I was particularly impressed by young Aidan Robinson, playing Grumbly, as he was a perfect grump. To be honest everyone suited the roles they were cast in. The young chorus sang and danced enthusiastically, and all had their own characters within the story.

I was very impressed with the scenery, built by



the crew. It was very colourful and very much in keeping with the plot. The continuity was good, and the scene changes were covered adequately; well done to the crew. Lighting and sound were generally good, with all the crew working well throughout.

On a slightly negative note I felt that, particularly the first Act had loads of spoken word, and perhaps two or three more musical numbers may have broken it up more? Just my opinion. Act Two had more music and seemed to move along quicker.

This was a very enjoyable production from the society, despite my little beef. The almost full audience clearly enjoyed the performance and it was a very pleasant way to pass the miserable January, Saturday afternoon weather. Very well done to everyone involved in the production. My wife Phyllis and I look forward to our next visit to a GADS production.

Ed McGee, NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association), North West 10



OUR PANTOMIME – SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS, BY ALAN FRAYN

Well it's all over now – oh yes it is – and a huge “thank you” to all who supported us by coming to see one (or more) of our performances. It was a big success once again and thanks to everyone who was involved on-stage, off-stage, back-stage, pre and post-production and helping out in the hall during the run, especially those who volunteered at the last minute. As director, I was delighted with every single member of the cast and their performances. For some of them it was their first GADS panto and what a difference they made. The dwarfs each developed their own little character within the plot and the chorus sang and danced their hearts out – well done everyone. I've no idea how our pantomimes can all be “the best one yet”, but that's what our audiences keep telling us and we'll do our best to maintain the standard next year.

This year we returned to a more traditional pantomime story but broke new ground in several other ways. We used online ticket sales for the first time, on the door we were able to take payment by card / phone and (best of all) we added a Saturday afternoon matinee to our run of performances. All three ventures were successful especially the matinee – it spread the audience load slightly away from the Saturday evening and gave us near full houses for all five shows. Less obviously to most, we hooked into the Hall's hearing loop system making the shows far more accessible and enjoyable for some of our guests.

This was also our first pantomime attended by local Noda representative Ed McGee and his wife. They enjoyed themselves at the matinee and Ed's



review (for Noda) is reproduced opposite. It's very positive, so thank you Ed.

As we explained this time last year the hard work for the production team starts early and we are already looking at titles and scripts for next year. Dates for auditions will be published on our website and we already have a programme of rehearsals starting in early November. Shows will be towards the end of January again – with another matinee of course – if the cast have the stamina for it.

Every year we seem to attract a few new members (especially youngsters) and this year has been no exception. We are also getting more new help in the off-stage crew – but always need more. So if you fancy getting involved in any way



at all, please get in touch.

Finally, I'd like to thank again everyone who took part in and supported this year's spectacle. The enthusiastic audience participation and great feedback we have received makes all that effort worthwhile. We look forward to seeing even more of you next year.

*Karen Polmear,
Director*

Plays for Pleasure

P4P takes a break during shows but resumed on the last Tuesday of each month beginning 25 February, then next on 31 March. We must take this opportunity to thank Debra and Geoff at Westlakes Hotel for allowing us to use their facilities (and bar!) for the past few years and for supporting our productions in so many ways – we wish them every happiness in their retirement. Our new location for P4P is the conference room at the Kellbank in Gosforth and we look forward to an equally successful partnership with Tom and the staff there. Our second P4P will be 'Joking Apart' by Alan Ayckbourn (on 31 March). These are light hearted comedy plays with plenty of parts for all. It would be great to see familiar faces and some new ones at The Kellbank for our first readings of the year. Ben Finch.

Youth Theatre Group / Summer Workshop

Youth Theatre Group also breaks for Panto (and school holidays / half term) but resumes on Thursday 27 February. Thereafter the YTG meet weekly during term time at 7pm in the Public Hall at Gosforth. Although numbers are limited, we currently have a few places in this popular group, so if you are on the waiting list or just interested, please come along to one of our sessions. Dates and more detail are on our website. In the summer holidays, our 14th summer youth workshop will be held in the week Mon 3 to Sat 8 August. This allows our young members (aged 8 to 18) to create and perform a show in a week. Numbers are limited to about 25 and participants don't have to perform to be a part of it. If you have any questions about youth theatre, you may

email yt@gads.org.uk or check out Facebook or our website. Natasha McGregor, YTG director.

Spring Play

Last year's Spring Play was "Lucky Sods" by John Godber and very successful it was too. We don't have a title for this year yet but we do have ideas and a Director. Rehearsals begin straight after Easter and performance dates are 4, 5 and 6 June. If you would like to get involved in any way at all, please contact us through the GADS website – www.gads.org.uk and on Facebook we are [gads1948](https://www.facebook.com/gads1948). Auditions will almost certainly be held in March and the dates will be publicised as soon as we get them.

VE Day celebrations in Gosforth

We are also planning a small piece of wartime related light drama to perform at the VE day celebrations in Gosforth on Friday 8 May. This will be based on tales and memories of local residents, so if you have a friend or relative who would like to share their memories, please get in touch.

And finally...

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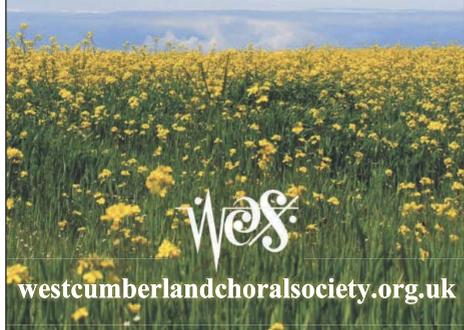
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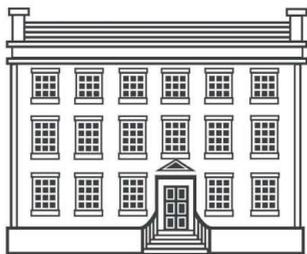
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Since my last article in September's Tethera I am pleased to report that "A Wasdale Lad" has, in spite of a few delays including another medical blip, progressed nicely and, as you are reading this article, the printing presses should be rolling, if everything goes to plan, the book being available in the spring.

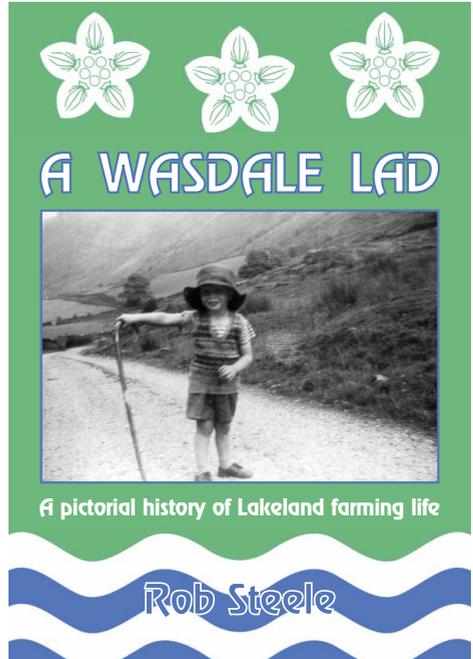
The official book launch is planned for this year's Wasdale May Festival on Saturday 2 May starting at 13.00 where there will be a book signing with 20% of takings being donated to the Wasdale May Festival funds.

The publisher has done a brilliant job of turning my rough draft into a publishable format as well as doing a lot of work on the photos to enable them to be shown at their very best.

I selected the pages opposite from "A Wasdale Lad" as I thought that Tethera readers would be interested as some of you might have gone on this trip, others might have read about it at Gosforth Show as I lent the original trip programme to the local history society and they displayed it in their tent last year. I can't see trips like this happening in these days of risk assessments and liabilities and I feel that this is our loss as school trips like this were a fantastic education. If anyone would like to know any more about this trip then please feel free to contact Rob Steele, the author of "A Wasdale Lad" as well as this article.

For anyone interested, "A Wasdale Lad" will also be available for sale through TRPublishing. The price will be £10 C.O.D. including local delivery by arrangement (within the Tethera distribution area), please contact us for further details – Seascale and Drigg trevor@trpub.net and everywhere else rob@pro-tector.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this and,

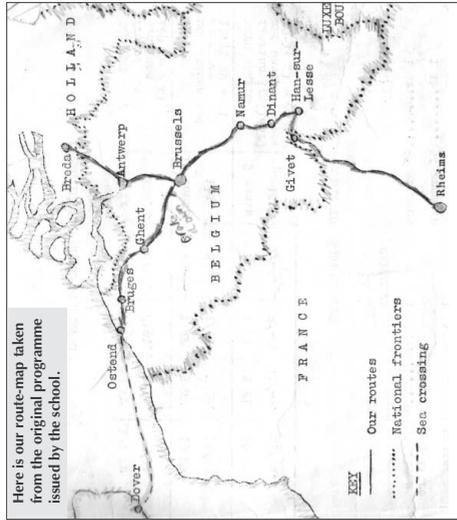


if you decide to purchase "A Wasdale Lad" then I hope that you enjoy reading it :-). Best Regards, Rob Steele, Originally Wasdale, Now Gosforth and sometimes Nepal.

Rob Steele

In 1967, Gosforth and Seascale Primary schools teamed up to offer their pupils a school trip to Belgium, Holland and France. I believe that the cost was £34; therefore I didn't mention it to my Mam thinking that it was beyond our reach, but she found

Here is our route-map taken from the original programme issued by the school.



out about it and asked me if I wanted to go! Mam would only have been earning a little over £5 per week and now had a mortgage to pay, as well as her normal day-to-day expenses. But she was insistent that if I was interested, then I should go.

Even to this day I still have no idea of where, or how, she found the money. This was to be my first trip abroad, and perhaps planted the seed for travel that was to be there for the rest of my life!

The trip set off from Seascale railway station on the evening southbound train on Thursday 23rd March 1967. We travelled overnight, making our way first to London, then the next day, on to Dover, where we crossed the channel to Ostend in Belgium. From there we had a hired coach, which took us to Brussels where we would be based for the next three nights.

On our first full day in Belgium we took a morning tour of Brussels, including the Atomium in the grounds of the 1958 World Fair, then in the afternoon visited Waterloo.

On our second full day abroad, first we went to Antwerp. Here we took a river cruise as well as visiting the cathedral, then headed over the border to Holland for a sightseeing trip in Breda before returning once more to Brussels.

The next day we left Brussels and went to Han Sur Lesse and then had an afternoon relaxing.

The following day we headed across the border into France, visiting Rheims and the striking cathedral there. After having a trip down the famous Champagne cellars, we returned to Han Sur Lesse.

The next day, the main event was a visit to the grottos at Han Sur Lesse. This, to me, was the highlight of the entire trip as I had never been down a cave before. From memory, we caught a small train which took us up to the entrance, where we walked inside the cave. We then seemed to wander through a lot of passages, seeing many stalagmites and stalactites, before boarding a small boat on an underground river and making our way out of the cave system. As we emerged

back into daylight there was a 'huge bang' which scared the living daylight's out of me, as I thought the cave roof was coming down! I then realised that it was a small cannon going off which was all part of the trip!

The next day we left Han Sur Lesse and made our way first to Bruges for sightseeing, then continuing on to Ostend for our last night abroad.

The following morning we spent sightseeing in Ostend before catching the afternoon ferry back to Dover and from there, back to London. Then another overnight train journey, arriving back at Seascale on Saturday 1st April.

It had all been very memorable and I am sure that this school trip, with my first taste of foreign lands, was to have an enormous influence on the rest of my life.



The Atomium at Brussels.



Johnathan Stanley at Waterloo.

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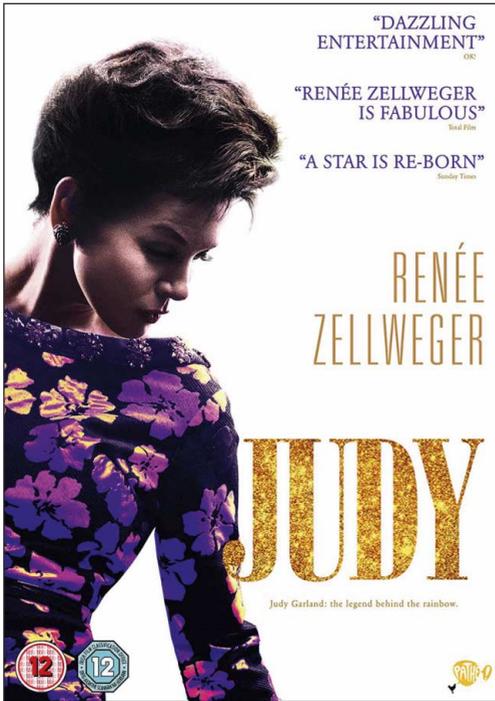
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GOSFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Gosforth Primary School booked their place in the England and Wales final of FIRST Lego League after winning the regional tournament.

Team Gosforth are one of three schools in the competition sponsored by LLW Repository Ltd – the others are Seascale Primary and Millom – and six volunteers from the company assisted the champions during their passage to the national final. Sarah Layzell, Assistant Head Teacher of Gosforth Primary, said: “I was in utter disbelief when it was announced we had won, and the children were so pleased, they couldn’t believe it.”

Hard on their heels were Millom, who finished runner up on the day, with the support of LLWR volunteer Becky Ruddy.

LLWR’s Tom Fletcher, a long-standing volunteer with Gosforth, said the win, at Lakes College, near Workington, was well deserved adding “the LLWR coaches could not be prouder.” “Team Gosforth put in a lot of effort, and team members proved themselves thoughtful, cheerful and conscientious along the way, thinking about big issues like accessibility and climate change as they addressed a local problem,” he continued.

Lego League comprises three strands: the project; the robot challenge and Core Values. Each is assessed separately, and then results are compiled to identify an overall winner. This year, the tournament theme was ‘City Shaper’, and the teams had to run a project about a problem faced by a local building or community space. Team Gosforth chose the problem of parking in their village and had worked hard since September to investigate the issue. They interviewed local businesses and councillors, completed questionnaires with

nearby office workers, conducted fieldwork and compared the costs and benefits of different solutions. In the end they put forward the idea of a delivery van that would enable continued access to shop services, whilst taking cars off the road. Meanwhile, the team also had to learn how to programme a robot to complete various city themed challenges.

Paul Pointon, LLWR Managing Director, said: “Lego League’s Core Values, Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Inclusion, Teamwork and Fun are exemplary, and getting involved has put us at the heart of our community. We’re proud to play a part in shaping the engineers and problem solvers of tomorrow. “We’ve shown our commitment with a £25,000 contribution, over five years, and we also utilise Lego League as a developmental tool for employees. Several of our apprentices volunteered this year, including three at Gosforth, and this can only be beneficial in their roles at LLWR.”

The national final was held in Bristol after Tethera had gone to press. LLWR volunteers assisting Gosforth during the season were Tom Fletcher, Leona Middlehurst, Danielle Boyd and apprentices Chloe Glaister, Amy Fox and Jade Murphy.

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| | 20 | Friday | | Egremont Farmer's Market | Free |
| | 21 | Saturday | | Kendal | 9.50 |
| | 27 | Friday | Tea trip | Wellington Farm, Cockermouth | 7.00 |
| April | 4 | Saturday | | Cartmel/Grange | 8.00 |
| | 10 | Friday | Tea trip | The Byre, Bootle | 5.00 |
| | 17 | Friday | | Egremont Farmer's Market | Free |
| | 18 | Saturday | | Carlisle/Gretna | 12.00 |
| | 24 | Friday | Tea trip | The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge | 5.00 |
| May | 2 | Saturday | | Solway Coast | 10.00 |
| | 8 | Friday | Tea trip | Woodlands, Santon Bridge | 5.00 |
| | 15 | Friday | | Egremont Farmer's Market | Free |
| | 16 | Saturday | | Keswick | 9.50 |
| | 22 | Friday | Tea trip | Herdwicks, Millom | 5.00 |
| | 30 | Saturday | | Mystery Trip | 10.50 |
| June | 13 | Saturday | | Appleby/Kirkby Stephen | 12.00 |
| | 19 | Friday | | Egremont Farmer's Market | Free |
| | 27 | Saturday | | Five Lakes | 9.50 |
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