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Included with this newsletter is a summary of the Parish Council's formal response to the MRWS consultation. The full response can be viewed on the village website www.gosforthvillage.net.

If you are interested in finding out more about how the Parish Council operates, members of the public are welcome to come along to meetings, held monthly on the second Wednesday in the Supper Room of the Public Hall.

The minutes of these meetings are available for viewing at www.gosforthvillage.net and copies are also held in the Library, giving information about issues parish councillors are 'working on'.

Currently these include:

- ◆ Gosforth/Seascale Cycleway – this has now been officially recognised as designated route 727. Children from Gosforth and Seascale Schools are working on artwork for the cycleway signage. There will be an updated progress report in the next parish newsletter.
- ◆ Bleng Forest Project – see update on page 9.
- ◆ Purchase of the car park from Copeland Borough Council.
- ◆ Broadband – involvement to ensure our rural area will benefit from super speed Broadband.
- ◆ Production of a Guide Book, including a list of essential services, primarily for the use of visitors to our village and surrounding area.
- ◆ Traffic Management Plan – including speed restrictions through the centre of the village.
- ◆ Footpath from Gosforth Village to Boonwood.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those individuals, groups, organisations and businesses who played a part in the success of

the Jubilee celebrations in the village. It seems obvious that so many of us enjoy opportunities to get together as a community, supporting all aspects of village life and generally having a good time!

Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter are welcomed – please contact the editor if you would like to contribute to future publications. The October issue is scheduled to appear on the weekend of 6/7 October. Closing date for contributions will be 13 September.

The New Community Police Support Officer for our area is PCSO 5239 Ben Rogerson. He can be contacted by telephone: 0845 330 0247 or email: Ben.Rogerson@cumbria.police.uk

Christian Aid. The total collected from recent house to house collection in Gosforth Parish was £1,660.01, well up on last year. Thanks from local organisers to all who collected and donated.

The Annual General Meeting of Seascale and Bootle Patient Participation Group is to be held on Wednesday 26 September at 7pm in Seascale Health Centre. In accordance with the group's constitution, the Annual General Meeting shall elect 8 members who must be patients of the Practice, a chairperson and a secretary. Any patient can nominate him/herself. Please contact the practice manager at email: lisa.drake@gp-A82024.nhs.uk or tel: 019467 28101 to make nominations.

Gosforth's Jubilee Celebrations

Monday 4 June 2012



Photos: Dave Culley,
Peter McKenzie and Trevor Preece

PRIZES WERE AWARDED FOR THESE CATEGORIES

Best decorated residence
The Simpson family, Meadowfield

(a special prize was awarded to Dylan and Charlie Biggins who decked their Meadowfield home with their own hand made decorations)

Best decorated business – Bradbury House

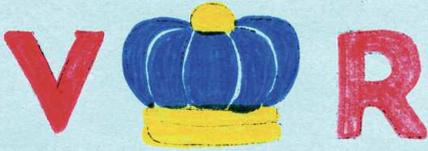
Best decorated pub – The Lion & Lamb

Best float in the parade – Gosforth Nursery

Best individual in the parade – Freya Gray
(starring on the front cover!)

Vintage Car – Mr & Mrs J. Meeks





JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA

FRIDAY 18th JUNE 1887

IN THE PARISH OF GOSFORTH

Gosforth Parish Jubilee (the first of the Jubilee celebrations in the county) was held on Friday June 18th, in magnificent weather. No trouble had been spared by the committee to make all as complete as possible, and thanks to the generous way in which the parishioners responded to the calls for funds, provisions, and voluntary help, the festival was a complete success.

The field chosen was Fletcher Close, in which by kind permission of Mr J. Armstrong, a course was marked out with stakes and ropes, a stand erected for the band, and tents kindly lent by the various innkeepers placed end on to one another forming one large tent for the children's teas. The band stand and tents were decorated with flags lent by the Gosforth Good Intent Lodge of Oddfellows, and from the principal flagstaff floated the White Ensign. The Union Jack was flying from the Church, and in the centre of the ground, and the Red Ensign at the winning post.

Punctually at one o'clock the Holmrook Band met the assembled children of the parish (about 300). A procession was then formed.

The numerous flags of all colours carried by the children gave a very pretty effect to the procession, which marched through the village as far as the Post Office, and then turning, formed a double ring round the village square with the band in the middle.

A Jubilee Hymn and the National Anthem having been sung the procession marched to Kellbank and across the field to the Church, the children giving up their flags as they passed in. Miss Shaw played the National Anthem as a voluntary. The Special Thanksgiving Service was used, the prayers being read by the Rector and Mr Threfall, and the lessons by Canon Bell. Jubilee Hymns composed by the Bishop of Exeter and the Rev. H.D. Rawsley were sung. A most eloquent sermon was preached by Canon Bell from the text, 'A Jubilee', LEV XXV ii. The service closed with the National Anthem.

Service over, an adjournment was made to Fletcher Close, which was by this time

profusely decorated with the children's flags tied to the posts marking the course and stuck in the hedges. Sports were at once commenced.

Shortly afterwards a free tea was provided in the school-room for all parishioners. A large Jubilee cake was placed on the cross table. It was very tastefully ornamented, bearing the words 'Gosforth Jubilee, 1837-1877. God Save the Queen', and reflected great credit on the confectioner, Mrs Jos Dixon, Gosforth. The Rector, when cutting the cake, said he was exceedingly well pleased with the large attendance of parishioners, who had responded right royally to the invitation of the Committee, and congratulated them upon the success of the celebration. Tea was afterwards served to the children in tents erected in the field adjoining the school and kindly lent by Mr Sisson, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Barnes, and Mr Benn.

After tea the prizes were presented to the successful ones by Mrs Parker. A fire balloon was then sent up, and the children scrambled for sweets. A large number of bags of sweets had previously been distributed. Shortly afterward the band played 'God Save the Queen', and three hearty cheers were given for Her Majesty. A vote of thanks to the Rector was proposed and carried with much cheering. The Rector in turn thanked the committee, and all those who in various ways had given cordial voluntary help.

A welcome contribution to the funds was brought in by the sale of Lemonade, a vast quantity of which was consumed without harm to anyone.

About 7.00pm, a large ring having been staked out, the all weights wrestling commenced. There were about 50 entries.

The young folks then adjourned to the School-room which had been swept and garnished; and dancing at 6d per head was kept up until nearly 2 o'clock. More fun and more funds. Supper was provided.

By kind permission of the Rev. R.F. Steward, about 16 loads of wood were collected out of the Newton Woods and conveyed in carts to Gallow Banks, where on Tuesday, June 21st, a bonfire was piled up, 30ft high and 20ft through. Immediately upon receiving the signal from Black Coombe at 10 o'clock matches were thrown into the pile, and the dry wood catching at once, the flames rose in less than a minute nearly 60 ft into the air, and burnt furiously until every particle was consumed. The Queen's health was drunk and three hearty cheers given, followed by a dance.

God Save the Queen C.A.P





GOSFORTH CELEBRATES

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 1977

Timetable

10.30 onwards	Judging of best decorated house competition
12.00 - 12.30	Jubilee Parade to assemble at Wellington
12.30 - 1.00	Judging of floats and fancy dress parade
1.00	Parade, headed by Nick Telfer and the Alliance Brass Band, leaves Wellington and proceeds to the Village Playing Field.
2.00	Parade arrives at Village Playing Field
2.30	Opening of Jubilee Festivities at the Pavilion by the Reverend Bowers
Sports begin	The sports are expected to last until approximately 6.00 p.m and will include Cumberland & Westmoreland Wrestling.
3.00 onwards	Children's teas will be served. Please bring tickets already distributed.
7.30	'It's a Knock-out'. Competitors welcome.
8.00 - 9.00	Barbequed supper
9.00 - 1.00	Dancing at the Public Hall to 'The Happy Wanderers'
10.30	Bonfire in field adjacent to Playing Field

Village Societies will provide refreshment stalls and sideshows for your enjoyment during the afternoon's festivities.

Facilities will be available on the Village Playing Field for pre-school children.

There will be a total of £70 prize money for winners of the Jubilee Parade.

The Jubilee Committee hopes that everyone, either as a participant or a spectator, will enjoy some, if not all, of the items listed.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the very generous help which has been given by many individuals and groups in the village, and without which the Jubilee celebrations would not have been possible.

This help has included donations of money and other gifts as well as the use of equipment and vehicles and also the ready willingness of many people just to do anything asked of them.

Tom Davies, Chairman, Jubilee Committee



OUR FRENCH COLLEAGUES VISIT THE WEST LAKES

WEVA, the twinning between the Western Lakes Villages centred on Gosforth had a very successful and enjoyable visit from our colleagues from St Martin d'Auxigny in central France from 25 to 29 April. In total the group numbered 31, which included 16 musicians of their town band, l'Indépendante. They had an age range of 5 to 75. The members of the group were hosted, as usual, by local families, which this time numbered 17.

The programme of events included a visit to Florence Mine and a full day trip to Carlisle, with l'Indépendante playing on the band stand in the middle of Carlisle as a precursor to the start of the Pirelli rally. The music was very well received by the many passers by!

On the Saturday the more energetic members enjoyed a walk up to Styhead pass, while some of the less energetic had a low-level walk nearer to Wastwater. Saturday night saw the traditional end-of-visit meal, this year at Calder House Hotel in Seascale. The evening ended with a jazz session involving both French and English musicians.

The next event will be a shared supper on Bastille Day, 14 July where photographs and videos of the visit will be shown and preliminary information given on our planned return visit to St Martin d'Auxigny in late August next year.

More information is available from Graham Hutson on 25477 or our weva-cumbria@spodbox.com

GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL TWENTY YEARS ON

When Gillian Jackson grabbed me after the Parish Council meeting last week and asked/bullied me into writing this short piece, I had no idea what to call it. But, if 'Twenty Years On' was good enough for Dumas, it's good enough for me. (Actually, it's nineteen years but that doesn't have the same ring to it.)

I left Gosforth at the end of 1993 and, although I have only missed one Gosforth Show since then, my visits have never coincided with a Parish Council meeting until last week. And, since I vividly remember my time on the P.C., I felt I couldn't miss it.

The first thing I joined in Gosforth in 1984 was the Public Hall committee which meant I that spent many hours sweeping up after functions and putting away the tables which were then, as some of you will remember, very heavy, solid ex-Army tables with steel legs that needed a good kick to fold them up again. So I got to know the Supper Room very well and I suppose I shouldn't have been too surprised that when I attended the Parish Council last week, I knew most of the people there as well.

Mike McKinley was in the chair and there were

my old friends David Gray, Alan Jacob, Graham Hutson and Gillian Jackson and three more I did not know. I was warmly welcomed by Mike McKinley and sat down to listen.

My first impression was slightly despondent. The same people there after nineteen years? Was that a good thing? But as I listened to Mike McKinley saying how glad he was there were new young members on the Council now, I cheered up because it was clear the system still worked. It wasn't just the 'old gang' still running things. It was continuity, the right sort of continuity – experienced councillors who had seen problems come and go; had met challenges and problems and solved them the best way they could and had enough sense to know when they needed new blood.

But I was surprised how some topics for discussion had changed very little since my time, including the car park. I remember vividly the struggle we had to get that out of the Copeland Pay & Display system while today the problem is how many Copeland disposal containers can we find room for. A footpath up to the Red Admiral was another topic still going strong as well as the perennial problem of Copeland and the County seemingly swapping responsibilities whenever they feel like it.

And then there is the matter of nuclear waste disposal. I was heavily involved in that twenty years ago and here it was again. All I shall say on that topic is that I have read the Gosforth Parish Council response and I congratulate whoever wrote it. It is clear, concise, well-argued and unbiased. It asks very important questions and makes telling points. I have no status in the matter whatsoever but I cannot refrain from putting in one comment. When in doubt, ask: 'Who authorised this? When? With what authority? Who agreed it? When? In what document?' and make them prove it. And, always remember that the awesome words: 'The Minister has said' or 'the Department has agreed' have no legal force whatsoever.

Finally, when the chairman came to Any Points raised by the Public present, I had the privilege of being 'the Public'. I won't discuss the points I

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Mr D. Ancell 25232

Mrs C. Gallery-Strong 25114

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Mr I. Rae 25393

Mr C. Walton 25526

Mr R. Wright 25296

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Mr D. Polhill 24327

raised, although I did enjoy the laughter when one member present was found to be using a diary for the wrong year. But my lips are sealed...!

I am very glad I attended last week. I only spent ten and half years in Gosforth but it got under my skin. It was the happiest time of my life and you'll see me again at the Show this August. And, having been on committees now for some sixty years (they shove you on them early in the Army so you can do all the work), I can say that the Gosforth PC may not be a committee of geniuses but it is far, far better than many others. They can't work miracles but they keep on trying. I am proud to have been one of them. *Norman Murphy*

BLENGDALE CROSSINGS

Good news for the Blengdale Crossings project team this month. All three funding applications have been successful which means that the physical work can now start in the forest. We'd like to thank the Copeland Community Fund, Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust and the Rural Development Programme for England for supporting the project.

As you may remember, we are planning to install two new bridges over the River Bleng and Scalderskew Beck and to improve access and create new destinations within the forest.

The Lake District National Park Authority is responsible for the new bridges and (weather permitting!) will install them during the last two weeks in August. Alongside them, the Forestry Commission will be leading the work to upgrade the paths in the forest and to create the new picnic area and viewpoint.

Visit our website for more information on the project:

<https://sites.google.com/site/blengdalecrossings>

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our project. Please send any comments to our email address: blengdalecrossings@gmail.com or care of Chris Walton, 79 Meadowfield.

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PARISH COUNCIL 2011-12 BUDGET

It is sometimes asked 'Where does the Parish Council get its money, and on what does that money get spent?'

Parish Councils were set up some 120 years ago in what was by today's standards almost a feudal society, to act as a tier of local government at parish level. They have had a chequered history in terms of their status – in 1952 they were on the brink of being abolished – and what they could or could not do. Five years ago Government considered that the best way to organise local government was by elected Unitary Authorities together with Parish/Neighbourhood Councils – much to the chagrin of County and District councils who were to be abolished. More recent times have suggested that 'Localism' and the associated function of Parish councils (including Neighbourhood and Community councils) can bring greater benefits to local communities, and at much lower costs, than was previously thought possible. The last two Governments have recognised this, encouraged this process, and given greater powers to Parish Councils. For the foreseeable future it would seem Parish Councils are here to stay.

Originally Parish Councils were financed by what was known as 'the Penny Rate', which guaranteed for most parishes with small

populations that they could do virtually nothing. Later the principle of the precept was introduced, whereby the Parish Council requests the Principal Authority (in our case Copeland District Council) to provide a sum of money (the precept) to be administered by the Parish Council to enable it to undertake services for the benefit of its parishioners. This is done by making an addition to the local Council Tax.

For Gosforth last year (2011-12) the precept set was £19,310, which represents approximately 70p per week per household. The Council is also able to apply for grant funding for specific projects and it was by this route that the splendid new Play Area was provided. The council has to comply with a stringent set of accountancy rules regarding its spending. It has to set a budget, monitor spending, subject itself annually to independent and internal audit, and demonstrate that it has not acted outside its powers.

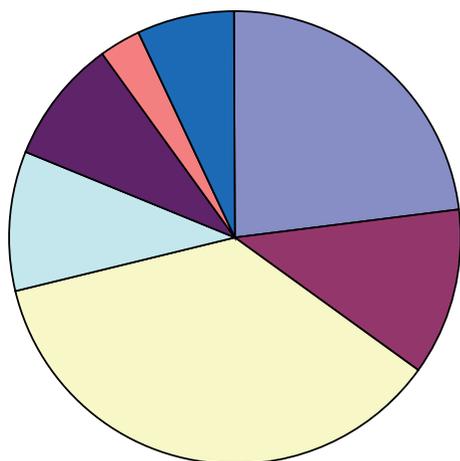
At any time any parishioner can question the council on any aspect of its activities including finance. All council meetings are open to the public. Under the Freedom of Information Act any member of the public can see any council documents (with the small exception of those which may contain personal or sensitive information) by making a written request.

Admin includes a salary for The Clerk. Councillors are NOT paid.

General includes items such as Insurance, maintenance of the Website etc.

Village Care includes grass-cutting within and around the village as well as the children's Play Area.

Grants are made to support the Playing Field, The Public Hall and maintenance of the Churchyard.



- Admin
- General
- Carpark
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- Grants
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DRIGG YFC

JACK AND THE AMAZING MULTI-COLOURED BEANSTALK

At Drigg YFC we have thoroughly enjoyed creating our production of Jack and the Amazing Multi-coloured Beanstalk. Our cast included members in the full 10–26 YFC age range, the majority of whom are junior members (aged between 10 and 16), and a strong backstage crew made up of members, club leaders and advisory members, with everyone playing a vital role.

We selected the script back in January, mainly for its appropriate number of characters to accommodate all the members that were keen to take part in the club – if people wanted a part we ensured that they got one! The club members and director/producer, Helen Sibbald,



set about altering the script to make it their own. Rehearsals started and so did the fun! We rehearsed three times per week, the backstage crew worked tirelessly on scenery, costumes and props and the first round at The Civic Hall in Whitehaven, on 8 February, was soon upon us!

We were pleased to come 2nd in the Northern District of Cumbria Finals, with Dan Buchanan also receiving the trophy for Best Actor, and elated to be crowned Cumbria County Champions a fortnight later at The Theatre By The Lake, Keswick – an accolade that has eluded our club until now! Dan was recognised once again for his excellent portrayal of the baddy, Baron Smug, when he received the best actor accolade at the event too. To be placed 2nd and for Chelle Buchanan to be presented with the



best actress award at the Northern Area Finals at The Spa Theatre in Bridlington was the icing on the cake, not least because it secured us a place at the National Semi Finals at The Majestic Theatre, Retford on 25 March. The members performed fantastically at this event and came a fabulous 3rd Place, meaning they had produced a pantomime that was within the best six in the whole country! A massive achievement!

Residents of Gosforth and the surrounding area had the opportunity to see the award-winning production on 10 April when Drigg YFC did their charity performance at Gosforth Public Hall, raising money for Bradbury House as well as club funds. A packed house thoroughly enjoyed the final performance, showcasing local young people's talents. Everyone's generosity on the night led to Bradbury House receiving £300 to support their residents. A huge thank you to all those who attended and supported our amazing young people!

Well done to all members, advisory members, parents and friends of Drigg YFC who were involved with the production and supported it in whatever way. Here's to the drama competition in 2013!

Helen Sibbald, Advisory Member of Drigg YF





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GRAHAM HUTSON

Graham Hutson and his family have lived in Gosforth 37 years, moving here only three weeks before his son was born. His son now owns the Red Admiral Restaurant and Hotel. They were one of the first families to move in to Denton Park while it was being built 34 years ago and have lived in the same house ever since.

Graham has been a member of the Parish council for over 30 years, being chairman from about 1984 until handing over to Mike McKinley four years ago. His chairmanship included the period of the NIREX investigations in the Parish, being particularly involved with ensuring that the NIREX management was aware of the great depth of nuclear expertise in the immediate area and that the technical and environmental concerns of the parishioners were appreciated.

Other significant memories of his chairmanship were the Parish Council taking over responsibility for the car park and toilets, resulting in the removal of "Pay & Display" on the car park and the toilets remaining open, and the provision of a footpath from Wellington to the entrance of Denton Park.

He has worked in the nuclear industry at Sellafield for all that time, although part-time for the last three years mainly as an R&D manager, then as an Intellectual Property Rights (patents, copyright etc) consultant for about the last 15 years. One of his most enjoyable aspects of this employment has been interaction with other nuclear experts worldwide, mainly through the International Standards Organisation (ISO) and the International atomic energy agency (IAEA).

Graham was a governor of Wyndham School for 22 years, until it was transformed into an Academy. His primary responsibilities were administratively in finance and educationally in science.

Other activities have included active participation in the Royal Society of Chemistry, both in the Cumbria Section and promoting membership and professional qualifications,



having been an assessor for admission to Chartered Chemist for many years.

He was an active member of Gosforth Round Table until age necessitated elevation to Gosforth 41 Club.

Graham has been a committee member of the West Lakes Branch of the University of the Third Age for the last three years and is the Leader of the Discovery of Science & Technology Group.

Graham hopes to continue to be a proactive contributor to Gosforth and the neighbouring communities.

TRUE

On Saturday 10 November, at 7.30pm, True, a new play by a local playwright and actress with a Cumbrian setting and a very broad appeal, will be performed in Gosforth Public Hall. Through a series of monologues True explores the relationship between a mother and daughter. The play forms the first half of the performance and then followed by a film based on the final scene of True made on location in the Lake District by local film makers.

Tickets are available from
Ann McKenzie on 019467 25700.
annatfellside@yahoo.co.uk



WHO ELSE COULD SELL SAND TO SAUDI ARABIA?

...enterprising Keith Singleton,
of Nethertown's thriving
horticultural nursery

In the March edition of the Seascale Parish Magazine I wrote about the entrepreneurial spirit shown by Mark Corr in launching the Strand's microbrewery in Nether Wasdale. Another fine example of this spirit in our area, albeit on a much larger scale, is Keith and Mary Singleton's horticultural nursery and restaurant at Nethertown. The project began in 1968 and was the realisation of Keith's ambition to own his own business. Originally he wanted to go into farming, but had insufficient capital to do this at the time, so instead decided to enter the horticultural trade. From an initial crop of pansies sold from local market stalls in the late sixties the enterprise has expanded to include a large plant nursery, a thriving compost business and an on-site restaurant. Keith and Mary now have a loyal customer base locally and nationally that spans three generations.

It was in these early days of their venture, which entailed the use of commercial composts, that Keith realised that a local supplier of such materials, based on the John Innes

formula and marketed at a reasonable price, presented a good business opportunity. A production facility was built in the early 1970s and operations started with West Cumberland Farmers

being the first trade customer. There was a ready market for the product which continues to this day and has become one of three cornerstones of the nursery enterprise. Keith is more than satisfied with the customer base that has been developed and just about matches his production capacity. He has been supplier of composts to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Edinburgh and their outstations for over 35 years, as well as Lambeth Palace and world champion growers of leeks, onions and giant vegetables. Many Gold Medal winners at shows around the country including Chelsea are avid users of Singleton Composts. They are supplied on a regular basis by Keith's own wagons.

The compost-making process is quite straightforward. Good quality topsoil is carefully screened to remove unwanted materials (stones, roots, metal etc), mixed with peat and gravel in appropriate ratios and then steam sterilised. Fertilisers are added to this mixture and the product is transferred automatically to plastic sacks and sealed. Keith remembers the early days when everything was mixed and packed with shovels which wore out in three months owing to the constant



shovelling on a concrete surface. He is rightly proud of the commendations he gets from his customers. When Keith told me the extent of his compost business and the fact that he delivered across the length of England and Scotland I asked him if he ever received orders from abroad. He loved telling the story about an order he received some 30 years ago for a large quantity of lawn sand to be delivered within 48 hours to King George docks at Hull for shipment to Saudi Arabia for the then King Khalid. This sand had to be the colour of yellow ochre. Keith obtained a suitable colouring material from a pottery at Stoke-on-Trent and was able to fulfil the order.

The King was obviously pleased as he added a tip of 20% of the value of the order and later ordered a further 3,000 tons of the material. Reluctantly Keith had to decline this one because it was far too big for his scale of operations. The word of this transaction must have reached Egypt because he subsequently received an order from the Potato Marketing Board there for a supply of peat. Keith queried the order and asked why they had not considered Irish or Russian sources for commercial peat and received the reply "because Mr Singleton you are an honourable man".

At about the same time as his compost business was getting started Keith erected two new greenhouses (with financial support from his parents) and was able to expand greatly the range of plants on his market stalls. This has continued to such an extent that of the total 4½-acre site two full acres are now devoted to plants, bushes and trees under glass, plastic or in the open air. A visitor in spring is presented with a vast array of plants and brilliant colours. These plants are sold on both a wholesale and retail basis with the retail plants being offered at a price somewhere between wholesale and regular market prices. Obviously these present a very attractive option for plantsmen and gardeners. The nursery is a second cornerstone of the overall operations of the site.

The third cornerstone of Singleton's enterprises is the restaurant "Good Companions" which opened 4½ years ago, replacing the original Good Companions in Main Street, Egremont, built by Keith and Greg 28 years ago. Keith tells us that the new one is proving popular both



locally and with visitors from outside the area. Highlights include a monthly 'Tastes of Thailand' banquet where astonished patrons get 12 courses of authentic Thai food, currently for just £18.95. He adds that conference and party bookings are increasing as local firms realise the value, facilities and super food provided.

Keith's family is at the heart of the business. "A rock," as he puts it, "that without their steadfast loyalty it couldn't all have been done." This is

PEAT HAS TO GO

Peat is a major problem facing the horticultural world. A campaign against its use was started by environmentalists in the early 1980s and has continued apace amid concerns about the loss of habitat for a variety of plants and animals that can't live elsewhere. Large scale mechanical extraction of peat and drainage of land in England and Wales to enable this operation has already exacerbated this loss of environment and continues to do so. The annual usage of peat in the UK is some 2½-3 million cubic metres. It is the government's intention to phase out the use of peat in composts over the period 2020-2030. Keith, aware of this problem, has already formulated, tested and marketed his own soil conditioner to replace peat in composts as have other large-scale producers. To date the main materials used by producers have been garden and nursery wastes, coconut fibre, bark and seaweed. Keith only uses materials that he sources and carefully screens. Stones, metal, plastics and strong weed-killer resistant to breakdown during composting have been found in products based on garden wastes collected in brown bins. Looking to the future Keith realises the importance of maintaining the high quality products that his customers have come to expect.

further illustrated by the allocation of managerial duties across the site which incidentally now provides employment for a total workforce of twenty. Keith's wife Mary and daughter Louise run the nursery, son Greg manages the compost business and chef/manager/daughter-in-law Pairin (Thai) with her dedicated staff of chefs and servers run The Good Companions. Keith adds, "Even the three grandchildren (Songlak, Alex and Jasmine) play their part in the success."

And what of Keith himself, now age 73? He laughed when I suggested that he was the "general dogsbody" but in fact he works very hard on a range of other ancillary tasks associated with all three arms of the business. He devotes much of his time to plant propagation, is an early riser and regularly works a 12-hour day. He is very fit for his age and jokingly boasts that he has no time to be ill.

Retirement? Not a chance – he so enjoys his life and work. *Ken Smith*

JOHN INNES COMPOSTS

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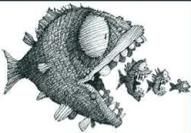
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GOSFORTH ART EXHIBITION

Our Society was set up many years ago and some of our members have been attending since the '70s. There have been various venues and we have now returned to Gosforth Village School where it first started.

We are holding our fourth exhibition this year at the usual time of August Bank Holiday. Over 60 artists from all over Cumbria entered original artwork with varying prices, which gave all a chance to own a piece of original art. Our Group likes to promote original artwork, to give others the chance to own a piece of totally unique art for a reasonable price.

We provide delicious homemade refreshments and also have artists at work, including graphite drawing demonstrations, acrylic artist working on large canvas, pastel tuition and a table full of watercolour paint items including the new water colour sticks using water brushes. People of all ages have been amazed to see artists at work and learn new techniques. We have enthused people at our exhibition who have gone on to become members.

This type of exhibition is a challenge with many working together to create an exciting weekend with artists at work, demonstrating watercolour, acrylic, pastel and other media. Visitors will have the opportunity to try painting, along with a little tuition if required.

The aim of the exhibition is to showcase the Gosforth Art Society, members artwork and to add to funds which enable the Group to raise enough funds to have professional art workshops. We have workshops periodically throughout the year. This gives members a chance to have tuition that they would normally have to travel, pay accommodation and fees to attend.

The Gosforth & District Art Society has been exhibiting members' work for sale at Muncaster Castle for several years and also with Lakeland Habit and The Hobby Shop in Gosforth. Many original works can be viewed and purchased throughout the year at these places.

Jakki Barratt, 019467 25838jakki@karletta.co.uk

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Plus – Theatre-by-the lake Trips TBA (probably 2 in autumn)

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Saturday AM train/minibus connections

The 09.07 from Barrow, 09.35 from Millom arrives at Seascale at 09.58.
 The 08.37 from Carlisle, 09.45 from Whitehaven arrives at Seascale at 10.06.
 Seascale 10.10
 Gosforth 10.15
 Nether Wasdale 10.25
 Wastwater YHA 10.30
 Wasdale Head 10.45

The minibus will wait if a train is delayed.

Saturday PM minibus/train connections

The minibus will NOT wait for passengers who are late even if they have reservations.
 Wasdale Head 17.10
 Wastwater YHA 17.30
 Nether Wasdale 17.35
 Gosforth 17.45
 Seascale 17.50
 Trains depart from Seascale for stations to Barrow at 18.02 and stations to Carlisle at 18.16.

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Clothing textiles, cans, plastic, cardboard and paper skips are taken to Lillyhall to a site run by Cumbria Waste Recycling which is an arm's length company of the County Council and then dispatched to various specialist centres around the UK.

Cardboard is sent to Cheshire where it is cleaned by removing the dyes, then most of it is exported to China although some remains in the UK, the percentage remaining depending on the prevailing market prices.

Paper is sent to the Shotton Mills in North Wales. It is reprocessed there to a fibrous state and reused in the UK.

Mixed glass is sent to a Sheffield site for reprocessing and then exported to Spain and Portugal where it is further reprocessed before reuse.

Cans are sent to a metal reprocessing multi-national company based in Hartlepool where it is processed. The resultant metals remain in the UK

Plastic bottles are sent to a plant near Rochdale where it is reprocessed. The output from this is then reused in the UK.

Clothing and textiles are separated at Lillyhall into that which could be reused and the remainder sent for shredding so that they can be reused in the manufacture of different materials.

Copeland Borough Council maintain weight

tickets for every skip taken from each recycling site and can demonstrate an audit trail for each batch of recycled waste right through to its reuse.

On occasion skips are found to be contaminated or are subject to vandalism to the extent that they have to go to landfill. Thankfully these are rare occurrences.

Kerbside collections of waste for recycling are collected by Copeland Borough Council crews, and then delivered to Cumbria Waste Recycling at Lillyhall. From here it follows the same routes as explained earlier.

Not only can Copeland Borough Council demonstrate its compliance with its recycling policy but they also obtain a small financial benefit from this operation through diverting materials from landfill. This results in a saving on landfill tax and the Borough Council receives a share of the final sale of the recycled waste. The only cost to Copeland are the monies paid to the contractors to collect the skips. This means that we are all on the happy side of the balance sheet.

David Gray

Villagers may be interested to know that the children at Gosforth Nursery are encouraged to be involved in recycling. As a registered charity the Nursery has a 'Rag Bag' facility for recycling clothes, textiles, shoes and bags which is then turned into cash for the group. In addition they collect empty ink cartridges (Canon, Hewlett Packard & Lexmark). All these items can be put into the recycling bank at any time – it is outside the nursery building, down the path between Bradbury House and the Scout Hut. Battery recycling is available in The Village Store.

Gillian Jackson

2ND GOSFORTH BROWNIES

Gosforth Brownies meet in Gosforth one evening each week during school term time. At present we have 16 Brownies who regularly attend our meetings.

During the Summer Term we try and get out and about as much as possible. We have been to Drigg Beach for a treasure hunt, Seascale Beach looking in the Rock Pools, we are going to the Bleng for a picnic and have a variety of themed evenings lined up on the School field (thank you to Gosforth School and Mr Corran for letting us use the field) including an Olympic Games night and to end the term a giant water fight night (which always goes down well with the girls). We have also had a hostess evening when the girls made table decorations and invitations and then held a 'tea and cake' evening, inviting their friends and relatives to come and be 'waited on' to enable the Brownies to earn their Hostess Badge.

We have just taken part in the 'Giant Sleepover' to raise funds for UNICEF and get into the

Guinness book of records. The girls enjoyed crafts, games and toasting marshmallows followed by sleeping in Santon Bridge Village Hall.

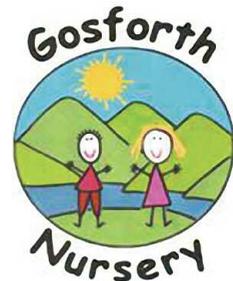
The girls have great fun at every meeting. However, at present we are up to a full capacity of girls owing to there only being two adult leaders. We have two fantastic young leaders but we desperately need some more adults to train to become leaders so that when Sue (the Brownie Leader) completely retires there will be leaders to fall into her (and my) shoes. Otherwise, sadly, Brownies will have to close and that would such a shame for Gosforth and the girls present and future.

Sue and I have a great time with the girls and find it very rewarding and a lot of fun. So if anyone is interested in becoming a leader, please, please get in touch with either Sue Webb 019467 25003 or myself.

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EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Gosforth

- 14-15 July – Saturday & Sunday.** West Cumbria Game Fair. 10am-5pm. Armathwaite Hall Country House Hotel, Bassenthwaite, Keswick CA12 4RE. Traditional game fair including shooting, fishing, archery, working dogs, taste of game, educational county activity demonstrations. www.armathwaite-hall.com
- 15 July – Sunday. Messy Church.** 11am-1.30pm, Methodist Church schoolroom, includes free lunch. All children & their parents/carers welcome.
- 19 July – Thursday.** LDNP Planning Surgery with Simon Fawcett in the Supper Room at the Public Hall, 12noon to 1.30pm. All welcome to drop in.
- 20 July – Friday.** Holmrook Reading Room coffee morning, 10:30am to 12noon. Daisy Thompson: 24771.
- 20 July – Friday.** GADS Social Evening, 7.30pm in the Horse & Groom. GADS needs new members but you may not know how to join them – come along and meet them, bring a friend too!
- 25 July – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery (Science and Technology) Group. "The Use and Misuse of Antibiotics in the Community" by Dr John Macfarlane. 10.15am for 10.45am, St Mary's Room, Gosforth. Contact: Graham Hutson, 25477.
- 29 July – Sunday.** Hall Senna, Chris and Helen Steele's garden is open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme. 10am to 5pm. Plant stall, tea and cakes available.
- 29 July – Sunday.** United Benefice Service at Wasdale Head church for St. Olaf's Day. 11 am followed by lunch at the Wasdale Head inn.
- 30-31 July – Monday-Tuesday.** English Amateur Golf Championships, Seascale Golf Club. Admission free to spectators. 019467 28202.
- 18 August – Saturday. Gosforth Show.** The Show Committee welcomes photos of your families, people and events to build the Jubilee Jigsaw of Rural Life, which will be an exhibit at the Show. Contact Vera on 25213 or members of the Show Committee.
- 22 August – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery (Science and Technology) Group. Strands Micro Brewery visit, with lunch. Noon, Strands Inn, Nether Wasdale. Contact: Graham Hutson, 25477.
- 25-27 August – Saturday to bank holiday Monday.** Gosforth & District Art Society 4th Open Exhibition. Over 50 Cumbrian artists' work. 10am-5pm, Gosforth Village Hall.
- 25-27 August – Saturday to bank holiday Monday.** Family Fun Weekend, Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway – 01229 717171 for more details.
- 27 August – bank holiday Monday.** Black Combe Country Fair, behind Millstone's, Bootle. 11.30am start.
- 30 August – Thursday.** Return sailing by the Balmoral between Whitehaven and Douglas, Isle of Man. 10.30am. <http://www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk/ndisp.htm?port1=whitehaven&port2=>
- 4 September – Tuesday.** Holmrook Reading Room Magic Day: afternoon show for children and evening for adults. Tickets from Dave Marsden: 24632.
- 4 September – Tuesday.** Gosforth 10k Road Race – contact Bob Quayle 25617.
- 26 September – Wednesday.** Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery (Science and Technology) Group. "A Short Story – The Flying Boat Factory on Lake Windermere" told by Judith Shinglers. 10.15am for 10.45am, St Mary's Room, Gosforth. Contact: Graham Hutson, 25477.
- 26 September – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "The Wild Oceans Project" about sustainability seafood and conservation around Cumbrian shores, by Lindsay Sullivan. 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Church Hall. Fiona Galloway: 019467 841313.
- 29 September – Saturday.** Eskdale Show. Eskdale Showfield, next to King George IV.
- 29-30 September – Saturday & Sunday.** Taste Cumbria Food Festival, Cockermouth (www.tastecumbria.com).
- 7-9 October – Friday to Sunday.** Broughton Festival of Beer around Broughton-in-Furness (<http://www.broughtonfestivalofbeer.org.uk>). Minibus service between many pubs each day, including Foxfield for train connection. Coincides with a Beer 'n' Bangers Festival in South Western Lake District (<http://www.beernbangers.com>).
- 17 October – Wednesday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "British Moths", by Dr Roy Hilton. 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Room. Fiona Galloway: 019467 841313.
- 18 October – Thursday.** Holmrook Reading Room Slide Show by Bob Steele "Return to Everest Base Camp". Tickets from Dave Marsden: 24632.
- 27 October – 3 November – Saturday to Saturday.** Halloween Week at Muncaster Castle.
- 28 October – Sunday.** Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Conserving Wildlife Day at Dalegarth Station. Displays and activities. Information from Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway@ 01229 717171
- 10 November – Sunday.** A new play "True" by local playwright and actress. 7.30pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Ann

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Bookings Secretary: Daisy Thompson (24771)

Coffee Morning – Friday 20 July. 10:30 to 12:00. All welcome to sample the cakes and have a craic.

Magic Day – 4 September. Afternoon show for children and evening for adults. Tickets from Dave Marsden on 24632.

Bob Steele slide show – 18 October. "Return to Everest Base Camp". Tickets from Dave Marsden on 24632.

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14 November – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. "Bats in Copeland", by Neil Robson. 7.30-9pm, Seascale Methodist Church Hall. Fiona Galloway: 019467 841313.

24-25 November – Saturday & Sunday. Annual Ulverston Dickensian Christmas Festival (<http://dickensianfestival.co.uk>).

26 November – 29 December. Christmas at the Castle. 01229 717614 or www.muncaster.co.uk

REGULAR EVENTS

Beavers. Every Wednesday during school term time, 5.30pm. Gosforth Scout Hut. Contact Jackie Harper 019467 27211.

Blengdale Runners. Every Tuesday, 7pm, starting at the Gosforth Hall Inn. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome. Contact Bob Quayle 019467 25617 for details.

Brownies. Meet one evening each week in Gosforth during school term time. Contact Lisa Wilford 019467 25425.

Cubs. Every Monday during school term time, 5.30pm. Gosforth Scout Hut. Contact Jackie Harper 019467 27211.

Drigg Young Farmers. Every Tuesday 7.30-9pm, Gosforth Methodist Church. Contact Julie Jenkinson 01229 718723.

Gosforth & District Art Society. Meet every Monday, 7pm, Gosforth School Hall.

Gosforth Baby & Toddler Group. Meet Tuesdays during school term time, 10-11.30 am, St Mary's Room. Open to all parents/carers and children under school age. All welcome.

Gosforth Goslings. Meet 3rd Monday of each month, St. Mary's Church, 2.15pm. A short informal service for Under 5's and their families/carers. All welcome. (No service in August).

Gosforth Indoor Bowls. Meet every Wednesday, 2-4pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Equipment provided. Contact Judith Duckett 019467 25659

Gosforth Library. Opening times – Monday 9.30am-12 noon. Wednesday 3pm-6.30pm, Friday 10am-12 noon, Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm.

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For any other information on the Reading Room please contact our Secretary Dave Marsden. dcr.marsden@btinternet.com or 019467 24632.

Gosforth Mothers Union. Meets monthly, usually on a Wednesday. Venues vary – contact Ruth Schofield 019467 25300 for more details.

Gosforth Parish Council Meetings. Second Wednesday of each month. 7pm in Supper Room, Gosforth Public Hall.

Gosforth Pre-School Music Group. 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, 10am, Gosforth Nursery. Contact 019467 25800 for details.

Gosforth Women's Institute. 1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Contact Benita Livesey 019467 25381.

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

Health Visitor monthly 'Drop In' session. 3rd Friday of each month, 9.30am, Gosforth Nursery. Contact 019467 25800 for details.

Holmrook Reading Room Music Club. Thursdays from 7.30pm. Bring your own instrument and a desire to be better at jazz improvisation. Peter Smith: 01946 822489.

Line Dancing. Every Monday. 7.30pm, Windscale Club, Seascale. £2.00 donation to charity. Contact 019467 28449 for details.

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

Open Mind West Lakes U3A. Third Thursday every month. Gosforth Public Hall. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt: 019467 28759.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery Group. Fourth Wednesday every month. St Mary's Room, Gosforth. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt: 019467 28759.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A History Group. First Wednesday every month. Drigg Village Hall. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

Open Mind West Lakes U3A Art Appreciation Group. Second Thursday every month. St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. 10.30am for 10.45am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

Over '60s Lunches. Strands, Nether Wasdale. Monday to Thursday, noon to 2.30pm. One course £5, 2 courses £7, 3 courses £9. 019467 26200.

Rainbows. Every Monday during school term time. 5-6pm, Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sarah Millard 019467 25365.

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

Scouts. Every Thursday during school term time, 7pm. Gosforth Scout Hut. Contact Jackie Harper 019467 27211.

West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers meetings. Second Wednesday every month. Harrington Fishing and Sailing Club, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Details: 019467 28938.

Yoga. Every Tuesday during school term time, 5.30-7pm. Suitable for beginners and people who have already done some yoga. Contact Sue 01946 861133.



...some of those who joined in the village Jubilee celebrations on Monday 4 June. He asked them for their thoughts on this momentous occasion.

"I wonder if the Queen thought whilst attending her Diamond Jubilee 'where have all those years gone?'"

It seems no time since we were standing in Gosforth Square watching the floats and fancy dress parade at the Silver Jubilee in 1977. Seeing Kathleen Sim winning first prize dressed as Queen Victoria. Then on to the playing field with Norman Coupe dressed as a jester teasing everyone including the boys in the pillow fight competition. The day was sunny and there was a great atmosphere.

Memories of the Golden Jubilee in 2002 are intermingled with the Millennium celebrations which started on New Year's Eve with a candlelit procession from the village car park to St Mary's Church. Over 200 people met holding lanterns or candles in jam jars to process to church for a short service.

For both celebrations there were parades through the village to the playing field. Floats, fancy dress, banners and then games, competitions, food and a great feeling of fellowship. The Golden Jubilee culminated in hundreds of red, white and blue balloons let off into a bright blue sky.

Then in what seemed to be a blink of an eye it's the Diamond Jubilee. Again, a procession from Wellington. Leading the way was the Astley Youth Band, trained and led by Toby Hobson, ex Gosforth School pupil. Following them were vintage cars and various organisations.

At the Church the floats from Gosforth Nursery and School joined in. Walking through the village were Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, W.I., church members, Mothers Union, Gosforth Goslings and mums and dads with decorated prams!

Once again at the playing field there was a

wonderfully friendly atmosphere and a tantalising smell from the Rugby Club BBQ; the band playing, races and Cumberland & Westmoreland wrestling competition.

Memories of glorious celebrations, all welding our great village together, making it the friendliest, liveliest community in which to live!

Hazel Roscoe

JUBILEE SMILES

Smiles. That's what I saw when looking at the photographs of the different events held by Gosforth groups and organisations to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. These started in May when Gosforth Show ladies committee held a concert. There followed a Mad Hatter's Tea Party from GADS, a Strawberry Cream Tea at the Nursery and a Pudding & Wine evening organised by the WI. The schoolchildren held a street party and games day which many local residents attended.

In the run up to the Village Parade there was a Big Band concert, a performance by the La'al Big Band, a photographic exhibition in St Mary's Church and a children's art exhibition and competition, showing the creative talent of the youngsters in the Nursery and school. The churches joined together for a service of Village Praise.

The whole village had decorated their houses and businesses and many joined in the parade, led all through the village from Wellington to the playing field by a brass band.

Everyone had joined in to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee – how lovely it was to see young and old joining in a lovely example of community spirit. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. Well done Gosforth!

Ann McKenzie

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