

SEASCALE Village

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JOHN JONES

Parish News

Once again the Parish Council presented certificates for the best front gardens in the village. We will be doing the same for Christmas lights in houses, porches and gardens. The judging will take place during the week after the Parish Council lights are switched on.

The Parish Council arranged two visits to the waterworks in the village to see the new schemes. The people who attended these visits were impressed with the improvements.

Congratulations to the Mother and Toddler Group who would like swings on the beach. They have started fundraising themselves.

The Highways Agency has informed us that there will be a Public Inquiry into the detrunking of the A595 south of Calderbridge. This is good news. The date is to be announced.

Sadly we've noticed that now the darker weather is here some dog owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. Please don't let our standards slip.

Improvements to Arch Hill area are still ongoing – we hope to have better news in our spring newsletter.

IMPORTANT NEWS

The January Neighbourhood Forum – on 27 January at 7pm in Bootle Station Village Hall – will be important to us all. It will be a consultation on the future of the Acute Health Service in West Cumbria. It's your chance to listen and ask questions – don't waste this opportunity.

Eileen Eastwood, Chairwoman

Contact for contributions to the next Seascale Newsletter is the Editor, Lois Holman, tel: 019467 28941. e-mails to: loisholman15@aol.com

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Mayor will be switching on the lights on 12 December. Festivities start at 3pm in the Sports Hall and finish with refreshments in the pavilion. But before we can do this Tony Holman will need to organise putting up the lights and Christmas tree. The last three years have been brilliant – volunteers have turned up and made the work so much easier. We intend to put up lights on 4 and 5 December starting at 9am, so hope to see you there! *Please ring Tony on 28941.*

Sports Hall

Now winter is here don't forget you have a local Sports Hall.

We have new lights installed this year and this has brought about a great improvement, especially for the Badminton Players.

Our charges are still the same – £4.50 for 1 hour for 5 people or less, and £6.00 for 1 hour with 6 people or over.

Contacts are:

Mrs Jenny McClemens	tel: 28201
Mrs Eileen Eastwood	tel: 28653
Mrs Myrtle Harvey	tel: 28915

Committee Members are Mrs Pat Kirkham, Mrs Linda Platt, Mr Alan Bell, Mr Bernard Dickinson and Mr Walter Worsnop.

*Eileen Eastwood
Chairwoman*

Local Transport Consultation Document

Copies of the local transport document will be placed in the Post Office and Library for villagers to comment on.

Parish Council



Seascale Mobex

Seascale Mobex has been running now for six months and it has proved to be very popular with the youth of Seascale and the surrounding areas. We have an integration of four different groups aged between 11 to 18 years.

Activities include Community Arts projects, conservation through the John Muir Award and Community Volunteers (ASDAN), level 1 and 2.

So far 33 have been accredited with Responders First Aid, 40 have passed the course of Drugs and Alcohol Awareness and 24 are going for their Duke of Edinburgh award. There is also available the LANTRA Award which teaches bushcutter, strimmer, pathclearing etc which could possibly lead to maintaining community areas or even future employment.

In addition to this, eight meet on a Thursday for the LinC courses that aim to give the skills and confidence to work with groups, or to make things happen in the community. Established by Mobex in 1995, these training courses lead to a Level One and Two Open College Network qualification.

Mobex meet every Friday at 5pm at the Windscale Club. All are welcome, especially parents who have an hour or two to help. For further information please contact:

Jim Skivington, Mobex, Ground Work West Cumbria
tel: 01946 816568

Vicky Borrino Tel: 019467 29023

Seascale Parish Council is happy to accept donations for adverts placed in the Seascale Newsletter. The expected rate is £10 for a quarter-page, and pro-rata for larger advertisements.
Contact: Eileen Eastwood on 28653.

Seascale Churches' Christmas Celebrations 2004

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

6.30pm

United Village Carol Service at the Methodist Church

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER

6.30pm

United Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm

The Crib Service at St Cuthbert's

5.00pm to 6.00pm

Informal 'Drop In' Communion at the Methodist Church

11.30pm

Midnight Communion at St Cuthbert's

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am

St Joseph's

10.00am

All-Age Christmas Worship at the Methodist Church

10.30am

Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's

5.00pm

Evening Prayer at St Cuthbert's

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS

What are Neighbourhood Forums?

Good question – we're glad you asked us that!

Forums are public meetings at which anyone can attend and raise an issue that they feel is of local importance, with three tiers of local government, the County Council, the Borough Council and the Parish Council.

When possible, and it usually is, the relevant council can respond to these local issues and concerns. Forums facilitate community consultation and participation and, in a real sense, connect councils with both local communities and the individuals living in them.

In Copeland there are ten Neighbourhood Forums and your local forum is Bootle Et Seascale. This forum meets a minimum of four times per year and meetings have been held throughout the area. We advertise meetings via notice boards, the libraries, door-to-door leafleting, local radio, local papers and, if you are on our mailing list, through the post.

Information gathered and shared at forum meetings is feedback to the Local Strategic Partnership through the Community Empowerment Network. In many cases this information is used to inform the development of the Community Strategy for West Cumbria.

At many forum meetings a senior budget holder within the Public Sector will give a short

presentation on their work prior to answering questions from attendees. This is an opportunity for the public to put local government officers on the spot and get answers.

Forums also support community groups through the distribution of forum grants. This process can also help groups in the exchange of funding information and examples of good practice.

Neighbourhood Development officers working for Cumbria County Council organise and deliver the programme of forum meetings. They also provide information and advice on a wide range of issues, liaise with statutory bodies, help to identify funding opportunities for community groups, provide support for community groups, highlight community needs and issues and work closely with regeneration bodies.

Your Neighbourhood Development Officers are:

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Dave Smith: 01946 855022
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If you would like to find out more about Forum meetings, Forum grants or want to be added to the Forums mailing list then please contact either Marilyn or Dave as above.

**The next Neighbourhood Forum meeting in your area is on
Thursday 27 January 2005 at 7.00pm in Bootle Station Village Hall**

Church Help Lines

Should you or a friend need immediate help do remember this is just a phone call away.

Keep these numbers handy:

28542

28217

28425

Mother and Toddler Group

Trick or Treat Halloween Fundraiser

We would like to thank all the people who gave donations to the Trick or Treat fundraiser for the children's swings on the Beach Play Area and the new playground at the school.

A big thank you to the children and parents who took part – we managed to raise just over £200.

On the day the Christmas lights are switched on (12 December) we are holding a raffle to raise funds towards swings on the Beach Play Area.

Any donations or fundraising ideas are welcome – please contact *Barbara Simcock (tel: 27970) or Tina Bayliss (tel: 28815).*

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The Office of Fair Trading (OFT), Help the Aged and Neighbourhood Watch are increasingly concerned about international fraudsters targeting older people in the UK via 'Canadian Lottery' telephone and mail scams. People respond to an unsolicited mailing or phone call telling them that they have entered into a prize draw. Their names are added to a 'sucker list' which is made available to numerous direct marketing and telemarketing operators.

Victims then receive an unsolicited phone call from Canada congratulating them on winning the big prize in a National Lottery such as the Canadian, Australian or Spanish. The victim is told that before they can claim the prize, they must send money to pay for taxes and processing fees.

Thousands of older people in the UK have been targeted and the OFT is aware of some cases that go potentially into six figures. The prize does not exist, and they never receive any winnings in return for their cash.

Anyone who has been a victim of this crime or is worried that an elderly relative or friend has been targeted can call a telephone reporting line which has been set up by the OFT to collect evidence which the Canadian authorities can use to prosecute the fraudsters.

The number is: **020 7211 8111** & the website is www.oft.gov.uk/consumers/scams/scams+canada.htm

Be cautious. If you have any doubts about a caller – hang up.

Never send any money in order to receive a prize.

Do not give out private financial information or any other personal information.

Canada does not have a national lottery like the UK.

HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

There are a number of key behaviours that people can look for to spot a scam:

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. **You are often asked for money up front** to release your 'win'.

You are asked for your bank account, credit card details or other confidential information.

The caller is more excited than you are!

The stranger who calls wants to be your best friend.

You must reply straight away or the money will be given to someone else.

Unfortunately, scams are on the increase and Seascale has had a fair share over the last few years. Throughout Cumbria unscrupulous criminals passing themselves off as roofers, gardeners, and property improvement businesses have ripped off householders for large amounts of money. Often using false names and addresses they leave distressed, bewildered and frightened people with little or no chance of redress.

Neighbourhood Watch has been aware of this and last year formed Scamwatch. Trading Standards pass on information immediately of any scams operating in Cumbria and people are alerted via e-mail. Anybody wishing for this information please e-mail me at: victoria@borrino.co.uk

On a last note can I point out that the notices stating 'Doorstep Callers Not Welcome' available at Seascale Pharmacy, are not aimed at local charities or reputable traders. They have been supplied by Cumbria Trading Standards to try to stop the vulnerable being bullied and conned by rogues Cold Calling.

Vicky Borrino

SEASCALE CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club has had one of its most successful years ever by winning the Cumbria Cricket League Second Division championship for only the second time in the club's history (the last time was in 1979 with the author of this article the only remaining member of that side!)

The Club's recent success is a great tribute to captain Steve Brown, who has led a blend of youth and experience; Steve is also a highly respected spin bowler and topped the league bowling averages with 46 wickets at an average of 10.8. Our opening bowler, Clayton Lee, also finished in the league averages for the first time in his career. The top place in the batting averages eluded the club, but the next four places were Seascale's, headed by 'Mr Dependable' Mark Farries. Paul Knott and Stephen Brown (junior) also finished creditably in the batting averages but perhaps the most exciting batsman to grace the Seascale team is Robin Sparshott, who smashed the league record by becoming the first batsman in the league's history to score a double century. For that achievement Robin will be presented with the John McEuan memorial trophy at the League AGM; at the same event 13 year-old Daniel Lee will be presented with the Joe Lister memorial trophy for best player under 20.

The club has successfully entered two teams in the West Cumbria Midweek League this season and, although these teams have not enjoyed the same success as the weekend team, they provide vital support to the club.

The club also runs successful junior teams at Under 11 and Under 13 age groups which are entered in the Cumbria Junior Cricket League. Many people have commented about the Under 13 team who play on Sunday mornings in 'blue' rather than the traditional whites. The Under 13 team have finished a creditable mid-table playing against teams from much larger

clubs than ourselves. My particular praise is to the Under 11 team which finished top of their league, and second overall in the county after a well contested final against a strong Cockermouth team. It is worth mentioning that two of our juniors represented the county – Daniel Lee at the Under 13 age group and Adam Brown at Under 11. The junior season finished with a well contested double wicket competition and trophy awards for the season (including two new trophies kindly donated by Seascale Youth Centre). The trophy winners were as follows:

Under 13 Player of the Year: Mark Hartley

Under 11 Player of the Year: Tom Hogg

Junior Players Player of the Year: Matty McEwan

Double Wicket Competition Winners: Daniel Lee and Jack Graham

This report would not be complete without mentioning the 'unsung heroes' and without Denise Brown our Saturday afternoon games of cricket would be much less enjoyable. Denise gives up her free time to make sure teas are prepared and provided for all our home matches and we all owe her a debt of thanks.

New players are always welcomed at the club, and winter nets are not too far away; anyone (senior or junior) who is interested in playing should contact *Andy Lee (tel: Seascale 28292)* or *Steve Brown (tel: Seascale 28352)*.

John A Jones - SEASCALE



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CALDER HOUSE & SEASCALE FUN DAY GROUP WISHES TO SAY **THANK YOU..**

...to all those who supported the Fun Day on 10 July 2004! Whether you bought a raffle ticket, helped at a stall, brought a stall along to raise money for your cause or danced the night away at the 'Carnival Night at The Copacabana' we thank you for taking part. A total of £1440 was raised which ensures that future events will happen.

We had three fabulous cabaret acts, a stunning array of costumes and fancy dress, and were hosted in great style by Steve and Andrew of Calder House Hotel. Andrew and his kitchen staff truly outdid themselves with the sumptuous tropical buffet. The food was, quite simply, spectacular. So were the fireworks, watched while sipping a cocktail or two! Next year's event is in the planning stage and the theme will be the 1940s! The band is booked – Glen Miller style of course! And though we are not sure how Andrew will cope with powdered egg and rations we are confident he will come through with something appropriate!

The serious bit...

The Fun Day Group (Steve Ainley, Chairperson aside) wishes to thank the aforementioned

Steve Ainley and Andrew Gainford for their massive contribution to the event, both day and night, and to the long-term running of the group. The daytime event was well attended with bars open and food served. The night-time event was a sell-out. From the ticket costs, which were £16.50, the fun day group was charged £8.50. The balance went back into funds. The money the group was charged for was to cover food and direct costs. The group has never been charged for gas, electricity, setting up of tables (and changing them all with speed envied by Olympic runners!), staffing costs, rent for rooms for meetings and events, equipment hire for discos, storage for fun day equipment, use of the hotel grounds, phone calls and photocopying, for this or any event, and we would like to let them know that it is greatly appreciated and couldn't be done without them – well, not in such style anyway! We also wish to thank all the staff at Calder House – you are the invisible force that keeps it all going! From cleaners to bar staff, to kitchen and waiting staff, we know how hard you all work and you are all stars! Thank you!

Calder House & Seascale Fun Day Group

GWEN MOSSOP REMEMBERED

August saw the memorial service held to remember the life of Gwen Mossop (1918–2004), late of Victoria Villas in Seascale. Gwen was the last resident member of the old Mossop family of Wholehouse farm in Seascale, which in turn was the very last of the original Seascale families. These early farming families included the Jackson's, Kitchen's, Leech's, Mossop's, Porter's, Sharpe's and Sherwen's.

Gwen Astill met and married her husband Matthew Mossop in Barrow in Furness (1940) during the last war while they were both working for the railway. Their daughter Dorothy, now living in the USA, was born in Barrow – whilst their son Roger, now resident in Hampshire, was born after they had returned to live in Seascale

at the family home of Victoria Villas.

Matt and Gwen played a major role in helping the "Atomics" or the new residents of Seascale settle into village life in the late 1940s. Matt was the long-time secretary of the parish council and Gwen was a member of the staff of the late lamented Scawfell Hotel. They were well known for participating in the many social activities that were then available in the village, whilst Gwen also took a leading role in the running of village Brownie Packs from 1950 to 1981.

Her husband Matt died in 1994 but Gwen continued to live at Victoria Villas until she went to live with her son Roger in 1998 thus ending the Mossop-Seascale connection.

Barbara Ramsden



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New Lease of Life for 2nd Seascale Scout Group

It's hard to realise that it's only a year since I first wrote a piece for the village newsletter about the 2nd Seascale Scout Group. At that time, Paul and Janet had decided that the time had come for them to retire and that if new blood wasn't forthcoming, there was a real risk that after 52 years, scouting would cease in Seascale. Fortunately, new blood was forthcoming, and we have gone from seven cubs and six scouts to a group with an almost full Beaver colony, 10 cubs and a similar number of scouts.

We have got a Beaver Scout

Leader (Ruth) and assistant (Sara), Cub Scout Leader (Paul), Scout Leader (Stuart) and Scout Helper (Helen), and Group Scout Leader (myself). Without adults being prepared to give up their time to help run things, then there would be no activities for youngsters, so a great thank you to all the adults who have helped out on meetings nights and in so many other ways – we couldn't do it without you.

We've had the youngsters camping in Eskdale, and the scouts had a week's camp at 'Poacher' in Lincolnshire – they're starting to talk to

Polish scouts, so you never know where they may be off to next! The Beavers even went on a Harry Potter sleepover and there have been several county and district events which the sections have attended. The cubs have been down Florence Mine, on the Ratty, doing science at the visitor centre and thoroughly enjoying themselves. There are still spaces for any youngsters who want to come along – just give me a ring and I'll put you in touch with the relevant section leader.

We also take pride in being involved in our village – the fun day was just that, fun, and an opportunity to show that we are part of this village. We hope that you will see the scout section 'on Parade' at St Cuthbert's on 14 November, not just at the memorial. The Cubs and Beavers will be having their own commemoration during their meetings.

Don't forget, though, scouting isn't just confined to youngsters – adults need to be involved as well, and these days we do need two adults at every meeting. We still need assistant cub and scout leaders, as well as a support team such as group treasurer and secretary. If you think that you would like to give it a try then give me a ring – it can be great fun.

Graham Worsnop
Group Scout Leader
019467 28296

Register for HEART START

Heart Start is a British Heart Foundation scheme to teach the community how to keep people alive in an emergency. The course is free and will be held in the Windscale Club, lasting between two and three hours. One month will be during daytime and the following month it will be in the evening. Anyone is welcome, but you must register first, stating whether you wish to attend the daytime or evening course because numbers will be restricted. Every person will get a certificate. I emphasise that it is FREE and could save the life of someone you love.

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Scottish Country Dancing – *beginners please*

Classes for Adult beginners will be held in the Windscale Club on Wednesdays for 6 weeks in January or February 2005 from 7pm to 8pm. After preliminary instruction it is hoped that all the new beginners will join the Scottish Dance Club.

The Club was established more than 40 years ago. Since that time many people have come along to enjoy the music, the activity and the companionship. We are keen to recruit new members and hope the classes will make it easier for those new to this activity to be able to join in.

At present, plans for the classes are in the early stages. When all arrangements are made, notices will be displayed locally.

Will everyone interested please contact the Chairman Mr J. Young Tel. 019467 28155 or the Secretary Mrs B. Rhodes, tel: 019467 28268 for further details.

The Scottish Dance Club meets every Wednesday from September to May at the Windscale Club from 8pm to 10pm. Annual subscription is £1 and the weekly attendance fee £1.

We extend a warm welcome to men and ladies who wish to come and dance.

Seascale & District Horticultural Society

The Flower Show was a great success again this year with an impressive display of flowers, vegetables and handicrafts. Many thanks to all those who entered – their support and hard work are very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all those who came to the show to support us.

The only classes that weren't quite as well supported as in previous years were the children's classes, so we would like to encourage more children to enter next year. There are lots of different craft classes to interest all ages, but if there is any others you would like to see included we will be pleased to hear from you.

We are currently looking into the history of our trophies and would be interested to hear from anyone who knows anything about the people who gave the trophies and what their connections with the society were. Two in particular are the C.A.H. Mounsey-Heysham Cup and the Gwen Waugh Memorial Rose Bowl – if anyone has any connections with the families or has any knowledge of them please contact either myself or any other society member.

Lois Holman 019467 28941



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FARMING CRACK

Because of the continuing poor price paid to dairy farmers for the milk they produce, the rush – or should I say stampede – out of milk production continues. Many farmers have decided to give up producing milk and turn to some other enterprise which is more rewarding and less demanding. During the last few months another three producers in West Cumbria have given up, plus two more in the Furness area, including one of the biggest in the north of the country. The number of dairy cows in this country is now the lowest for over five years. How long can this continue before we have to import milk from other countries? What time and distance would be involved before it got to the doorstep? Bull calves from the dairy herd are now again worthless so they are having to be destroyed as soon after birth as possible. Farmers do everything possible to ensure the health and welfare of their animals and they find it sickening and depressing to see healthy stock destroyed in this way. I took two three week old calves to the market recently; they made £5 each. They cost about £1.50 per day to feed, plus the cost of the ear tags, which is compulsory, plus the cost of transport to Carlisle – I reckon that comes to quite a loss. This month DEFRA will be introducing a charge of about £5 each to take them away.

In the last newsletter I said Herdwicks are sometimes difficult to keep in a field. Every time they get out they always try to head east to get back to the fells at Wasdale where they originally came from. One evening we had two of them, with their lambs, escape from a field and were last seen heading towards Panope (up Hallsenna Lane). At 8 o'clock that night someone phoned to say that two sheep and their lambs were running up the middle of the road at Coffin Corner, half way to Gosforth. Sure enough, they were the same ones! It is unbelievable that they could have travelled so far in such a short time. I was telling a fell farmer about this and he said when lambs get

to a certain age the lambs and their mothers are turned back out on to the fells. It is instinct with them to try to get back on to the fell they know at this time of the year. Is that not amazing? How did they know which way to go? Could they see the fells of Wasdale from our fields? I very much doubt it. They must have built-in homing devices like pigeons.

The sheep I told you about in the last newsletter, that had been bitten by an adder, survived but regrettably went blind. The lady who wrote the poem about the lambs getting into her garden won a top prize at Gosforth show with a photo of one of them eating her garden hedge, entitled "The Organic Hedgecutter".

What do you think about the clocks altering for winter? They say it is because farmers want light mornings but I do not know a single one that would agree with this. Give me the light evenings any time.

Wildlife

Also in the last newsletter I wrote about disappearing hedgehogs because of the increased numbers of their main predator, the badger. One lady from Seascale phoned me to say that she regularly had 23 hedgehogs visiting her garden. She had marked them and given them all names. That kind of shot my theory to pieces, but I suppose the badgers would mostly be in the countryside, not in the urban areas where she lives.

Returning from work one day this summer a lady found her husband running around the house with a rolled up newspaper. Asked what was going on he replied that he was swatting flies, as instructed in the last newsletter. So far he had killed five, three males and two females. She asked how could he tell the sex of a fly and he replied, that's easy, two were on the phone and three on a beer tin.



The Organic Hedgecutter!

by Ken Mawson

The owl is one of the few British birds whose feathers are not waterproof, so they can only hunt for food when the weather is fine. With this autumn being such a wet time it has been a disaster for them, especially the barn owl. Lots of them have been found dead from starvation. In this area they are already fairly scarce. In the old days most farms had resident farm owls living in their hay barns. They catch a lot of mice and young rats, so they are a good thing to have around. The biggest problem was that they nested on top of the hay. Every time the farmer wanted to put more hay into the barn he used to have to remove the nest complete

with eggs and place them back on top of the hay, which was a bit of a nuisance. To overcome this, boxes were fastened up in the rafters for the owls to nest in. We have an owl box in our barn, but sadly it has not been used for quite some time. Barn owls, tawny owls and little owls are the only ones seen in this area. They are beautiful birds and it would be tragic if they were to disappear. (The Wildlife Trust said that you could help by keeping a stock of dead mice or chicks in your freezer to feed them on, if you fancy that.)

To finish on a lighter note: a mother of a three year-old girl was telling her friend that they were flying to Cyprus for a holiday. The little girl burst into tears and said she would have to stay at home because she didn't know how to fly...

K.M. & K.M. Mawson

(For sheep ask
for Richard)

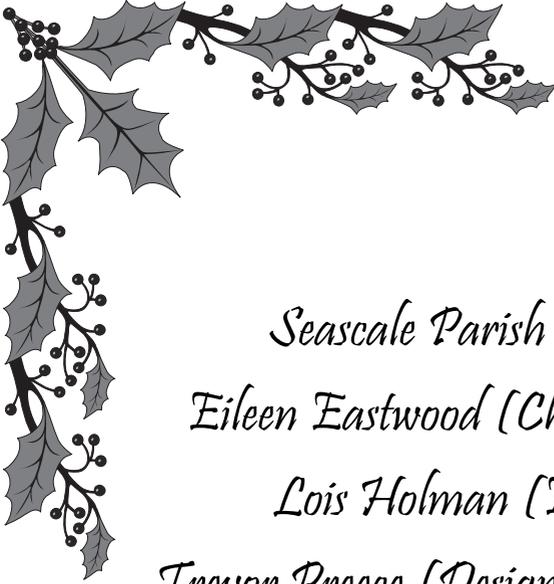
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and its surroundings

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